



First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN 338 (Maroon): Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (*Sung to HYFRYDOL*)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

6:30pm Schlueter family; 8:30am Broll family; 10:30am Paulson family

On this first week of Advent, we light the candle of hope. Hope is our assurance that God will finish all he has started. Hope is our confidence that he will do all he has promised. All the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He is our hope, today and forever!

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD. (Psalm 31:24)

We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and shield. (Psalm 33:20)

Hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us. (Romans 5:5)

We light this candle in hope, the hope of our coming Savior, Jesus. (*Light the first candle.*) Come, Lord Jesus. **Come and bring us hope.**

**Sing: O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us come before God in a time of reflection and confession.

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and
iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Gracious God and Savior. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, restore, renew us. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Come, Lord Jesus, come.



Children's Message

Readers: 6:30pm Corinne Higgins; 8:30am Paul Otte; 10:30am Phyllis Hecht

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

² In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

³ Many peoples will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the LORD. (NIV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 701 (Green): The Advent of a New Creation

1. Like children gazing 'neath the tree, At presents wrapped so wondrously
We ask with hope, "What could it be; This gift of God for you and me?"
We welcome with anticipation, The advent of a new creation.
2. "To you, from God, " we read the note, On giftwrap that the prophets wrote
With blue for hope, bright green for life; And priceless gold, red sacrifice.
We welcome with anticipation, The advent of a new creation.
3. The gift is Christ who brings release, From death and strife to perfect peace.
Our life and paradise restored, On Zion, mountain of the Lord.
We welcome with anticipation, The advent of a new creation.
- ▲ 4. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
We welcome with anticipation, The advent of a new creation.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 516 (Maroon): Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

10:30am SONG: When Love Crossed Over

SERMON “Constant Readiness” Pastor Asher

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I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: Hallelujah

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 348 (Maroon): The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

10:30am SONG: Do You Hear What I Hear?



Advent and Christmas Services

Advent Services, Wednesdays, November 30th, December 7th, 14th & 21st
11:30am (followed by lunch) and 6:30pm (no meal)

Children's Christmas Service, Sunday, December 18th at 3:00pm
Saturday, December 17th rehearsal, 10am – 12:00 (noon)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, with communion
December 24th at 5:00pm, 7:00pm and 9:00pm

Christmas Day, December 25th at 9:00am in the Sanctuary, with communion
(Note: No services at 8:30am or 10:30am. No Bible class or Sunday School.)

Saturday, December 31st at 6:30pm, with communion
Sunday, January 1st at 9:00am in the Sanctuary, with communion
(Note: No services at 8:30am or 10:30am. No Bible class or Sunday School.)