

Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 18, 2022
Peace Lutheran Church,
Hutchinson, MN

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 362 (Maroon): O Sing of Christ
10:30am O Come, Little Children

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP, Psalm 24

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

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
² **for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.**
- ³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?
- ⁴ **The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.**
- ⁵ **They will receive blessing from the LORD
and vindication from God their Savior.**
- ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.
- ⁷ **Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**
- ⁸ Who is this King of glory?
**The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.**
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- ¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.
- This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION

Through Jesus, we live new lives and understand our sins through his sacrifice on the cross. God's Word reminds us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and He calls us to repentance.

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We confess that we have not loved You with Our whole heart. We have failed to fulfill Your desire for us to love one another. We have not followed the paths You have given us, instead following our own. For our worrying and hurrying this Advent season, forgive us. For the way we make this a season of shopping rather than waiting, forgive us. For the comfort and joy we seek from places other than You, forgive us. Bring us good news of great joy, through Jesus Christ, the desire of all nations.

The good news of this Advent season is this: God so loved the world that He gave sinful and broken humanity a gift—Emmanuel, God with us. This is good news that shows God's love toward us! Because of Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross, death and resurrection, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! 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.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

6:30pm Lieder/Fromm family; 8:30am Wichmann family; 10:30am Jenkins family

On this fourth week of Advent, we light the candle of love. How great is the love the Father has lavished upon us! This is how God showed his love: He sent his one and only Son into the world as a baby born in Bethlehem.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. (1 John 3:1)

...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. (Luke 10:27)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

We light this candle in love, the love of our coming Savior, Jesus.

(Light all four Advent Candles)

Come, Lord Jesus. Come and bring us love.

We 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 you, O Israel!**



Readers: 6:30pm Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Gwen Wichmann; 10:30am John Lietz

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-17

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ “Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.”

¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, ¹⁶ for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste. ¹⁷ The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.” (NIV)

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

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name’s sake. ⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV)

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

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 384 (Maroon): Of the Father’s Love Begotten

10:30am SONG: It’s About the Cross

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 1:18-25

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. (NIV)

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

THE NICENE CREED

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.

Children's Message "God With Us"

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 383 (Maroon): A Great and Mighty Wonder

10:30am SONG: Hallelujah

SERMON "God Keeps His Promises" Matthew 1:18-25 Pastor Meyer

OFFERING PRAYER

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

6:30pm & 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Page 198, AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

HYMN 357 O Come, O Come Emmanuel, verses 2-7

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 374 (Maroon): Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

10:30am The Little Drummer Boy



Advent and Christmas Services

Advent, Wednesday, December 21st at 11:30am (followed by lunch) and 6:30pm

Children's Christmas Service, Sunday, December 18th at 3:00pm

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.)

Wednesday, December 28th, No noon Bible Study or Confirmation.

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.)