



The Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2022  
Peace Lutheran Church,  
Hutchinson, MN

## WELCOME

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 343 Prepare the Royal Highway  
10:30am SONG: Come on Ring Those Bells

### INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 146

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

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the LORD all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes,  
in human beings, who cannot save.

<sup>4</sup> When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
on that very day their plans come to nothing.

<sup>5</sup> **Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God.**

<sup>6</sup> **He is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them—  
he remains faithful forever.**

<sup>7</sup> He upholds the cause of the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.

**The LORD sets prisoners free,  
<sup>8</sup> the LORD gives sight to the blind,  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the foreigner  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,  
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD reigns forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

**Praise the LORD. (NIV)**

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

6:30 Perrault family; 8:30am Brusehaver family; 10:30am Kruse family

On this third week of Advent, we light the candle of joy. When Christ is in our lives, he brings the fullness of joy. He anoints our hearts with gladness. When Jesus was born, the angels said that His coming was good news of great joy for all people. Because Christ has come to us, we can live every day in the joy of the Lord.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! (Psalm 98: 4).

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! (1 Chronicles 16:10).

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22).

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice. (Philippians 4:4)

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

*(Light two purple/blue candles and the pink candle)*

Come, Lord Jesus. **Come and bring us joy.**

**SONG: O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 35:1-10**

The desert and the parched land will be glad;  
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup> it will burst into bloom;  
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,  
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;  
they will see the glory of the LORD,  
the splendor of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands,  
steady the knees that give way;

<sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts,  
"Be strong, do not fear;

your God will come,  
he will come with vengeance;

with divine retribution  
he will come to save you."

<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

<sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer,  
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert.

<sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool,  
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.  
In the haunts where jackals once lay,  
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

<sup>8</sup> And a highway will be there;  
it will be called the Way of Holiness;  
it will be for those who walk on that Way.

The unclean will not journey on it;  
wicked fools will not go about on it.

<sup>9</sup> No lion will be there,  
nor any ravenous beast;  
they will not be found there.

But only the redeemed will walk there,  
<sup>10</sup> and those the LORD has rescued will return.

They will enter Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy will crown their heads.

Gladness and joy will overtake them,  
and sorrow and sighing will flee away. (NIV)

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

**EPISTLE READING: James 5:7-20**

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup> But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. (ESV) This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 345 (Maroon): Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding**  
**10:30am The Advent of a New Creation**

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:2-15**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup> When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>6</sup> Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

<sup>7</sup> As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? <sup>8</sup> If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. <sup>9</sup> Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written:

“‘I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup> From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it. <sup>13</sup> For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. <sup>14</sup> And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. <sup>15</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear. (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**

**What to do While Waiting**

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 352 (Maroon): Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord**

**10:30am SONG: One Small Child**

**SERMON Pastor Meyer**

**What to Do While Waiting..... Patiently Endure! Text: James 5:7-20**

- 1. Why can we patiently endure? Because God is with us and Christ is coming!**
- 2. What shall we do as we patiently endure? Respond as people looking for Christ's return!**

## 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

### 10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**SONG:** Children's Song of the Nativity

**SONG:** Angels We Have Heard on High

**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 393 (Maroon):** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

**10:30am SONG:** Joy to the World



### Advent and Christmas Services

Advent Wednesdays, December 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:30am (followed by lunch) and 6:30pm

Children's Christmas Service, Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm  
Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> rehearsal, 10am – 12:00 (noon), and pizza party

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

Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm, with communion  
Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am in the Sanctuary, with communion  
(Note: No services at 8:30am or 10:30am. No Bible class or Sunday School.)