



**The Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN**

Prelude 8:30am Peace Singers: Gesu Bambino

WELCOME

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 344 (Maroon): On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

10:30am SONG: Come on Ring Those Bells

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

6:30 Higgins family, 8:30 Westlund family, 10:30 Plath family

On this second week of Advent, we light the candle of peace. Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace, and the fruit of his presence is peace. Christ came to bring justice, wholeness and harmony to every relationship throughout all creation. He wishes to continually grant us peace in every situation.

The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace. (Psalm 29:11)

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. (Psalm 34:14)

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulder. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

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

(Light two purple/blue candles.) **Come, Lord Jesus. Come and bring us peace.**

**SONG: O Come, Desire of nations, bind, in one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease; And be Thyself our King of Peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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 comfort and hope, through Jesus Christ, the hope for 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.**

SONG: ADVENT KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

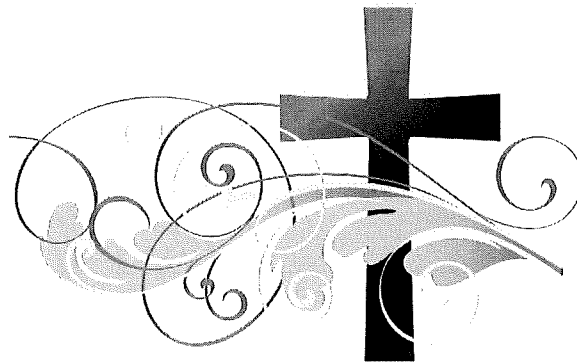
Lord, have mercy upon us. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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.



8:30am Baptism of Theodore Alec Westlund and Cohen Cameron Cassens

8:30am HYMN G684: I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry



Readers: 6:30pm Dick Higgins; 8:30am Mary Haag; 10:30am Phyllis Hecht

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (ESV)

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

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Peter 3:8-14

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (ESV)

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

6:30pm & 8:30am GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, HYMN G701 (Green): Advent of a New Creation

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.

▲ 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: Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,
"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (ESV)

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

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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.****

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Prepare the Way" (Mark 1:1-8)

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 347 (Maroon): Comfort, Comfort Ye My People, verses 1 & 4
10:30am SONG: One Small Child**

SERMON **“Comfort, Comfort My People, Says Your God” (Isaiah 40:1-11)**

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS **8:30am Peace Singers: Calypso Lullaby**

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 OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD’S PRAYER

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: When Love Crossed Over

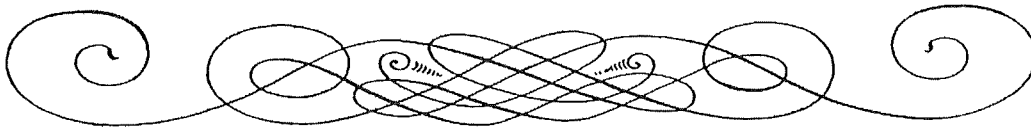
SONG: Do You Hear What I Hear?

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 383 (Maroon): A Great and Mighty Wonder, verses 1 & 5

10:30am HYMN: Angels We Have Heard on High



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December 10 – 11:30am Congregational Meeting

December 13 and 20 – Wednesday Advent Services.
11:30am, 4:30pm (Peace Center), 6:30pm

December 16th – Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10am-12 (noon), plus pizza party

December 17th – 10:30am Children's Christmas Service (in the Sanctuary)

No regular Sunday school—drop off students at 10am.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23: No Worship.

*Sunday, Dec. 24 services: 9:00am worship, Fourth Sunday of Advent

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study

*Dec. 24th Candlelight Services at 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm.

*Christmas Day, Dec. 25: 9:00am

*Communion at all Christmas Eve and Day services

December 30-31: Normal worship times.

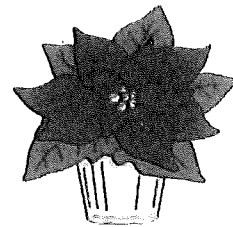
6:30pm, 8:30am, 10:30am (communion at all)

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study

January 7, Epiphany – Normal worship and Bible Study times

Sunday School Sings at 10:30am

Poinsettias



Peace members and visitors will again be enjoying beautiful decorations during the Christmas season. **This year we will need only 25 poinsettias to decorate our church for the Christmas season.** The cost of a plant is \$12.00.

If you would like to buy a poinsettia plant as a memorial, or perhaps to honor a special person in your life, or give a donation for a project or ministry such as **TTNG** (7 yr. Debt Free Initiative), **General Fund**, or **Other**, please fill out the form below and return to church along with your donation **by December 8th**. Your name and the name of the person in whose memory or honor you are giving a poinsettia or donation will be listed in the bulletin.

_____ Number of Poinsettias x \$12.00 = \$ _____

\$ _____ Donation to _____

TTNG (7 yr. Debt Free Initiative), Organ Repair, General Fund or Other

In Memory of _____

OR In Honor of

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