

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 338 (Maroon): Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (*Sung to HYFRYDOL*)

10:30am SONG: He Came Down

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

6:30, 8:30 Jill Lieder, 10:30 Sickmann 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 one blue/purple 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

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.



Readers: 6:30pm Jim Warnke; 8:30am Marion Fenske; 10:30am Heidi Sickmann

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴ From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
⁸ But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
⁹ Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people. (ESV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (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.

10:30am Away in a Manger

GOSPEL READING: Mark 11:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus^[a] sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

¹¹ And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. (ESV)

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

Hosanna
in the highest!

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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 "Who's the Boss?" (Isaiah 64:8-9)

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 343 (Maroon): Prepare the Royal Highway
10:30am Hosanna Rock**

SERMON "We are the Clay, You, O Lord, are our Potter!" (Isaiah 64:1-9)

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.



Welcome!

8:30am WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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HYMN 331 (Maroon): The Advent of Our King

HYMN 348 (Maroon): The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

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 349 (Maroon): Hark the Glad Sound, verses 1 & 4

**1. Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.**

**4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name.**

10:30am Go Tell It on the Mountain

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December 3 – PRAYZ team sings at 10:30am

December 3 at 2pm – Crow River Singers Concert

December 3 & 10 – 11:30am Congregational Meetings

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

Friday, December 8th – Package cookies at 12:00pm
Saturday, December 9th – Cookie Sale, 10am-1pm

December 16th – Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10am-12 (noon), plus pizza party
December 17th – 10:30am Children's Christmas program

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

September 22, 2023

To Peace Lutheran Church Congregation,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that a Nominating Committee has been seated and we are beginning the work of establishing the slate of candidates who will run for open seats on the Church Council and the Board of Elders. All elected positions serve two-year terms. The election will be held at the annual Voter's/Congregational Meeting on/about January 2024. The actual date for the meeting will be posted once it has been set.

The Church Council consists of a total of nine members; four officers, and five at large council members. The church council is the governing body of the Peace Lutheran Church congregation. The Church Council has the authority to enforce the Constitution and Bylaws, and develops policies as required to execute the goals approved by the Congregation.

There are five Church Council seats up for election this year. They are as follows: President, Vice President, and three At-Large seats.

The Board of Elders consists of ten male members of the Congregation who serve staggered two-year terms. The Board of Elders elects their own Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. The Board of Elders nurtures and encourages the spiritual growth of the Congregation and supervises, advises and assists the pastors in worship, preaching, congregational care, administration of the sacraments, and church discipline.

There are five Board of Elders seats up for election this year. Given that the Board of Elders elects its own officers, all seats up for election are At-Large seats.

The Nominating Committee asks you to prayerfully consider serving PLC in an elected capacity. If you are interested in doing so, please contact a member of the committee to express your interest.

Thank you and God bless you!

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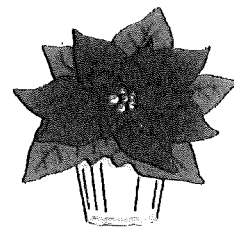
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Poinsettias



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

Given by _____