

The First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

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 Powell family; 8:30am Schleuter family; 10:30am

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. 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 Joann Keilen; 8:30am Bev Luke; 10:30am Anita Miller

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:3-5

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.” (ESV)

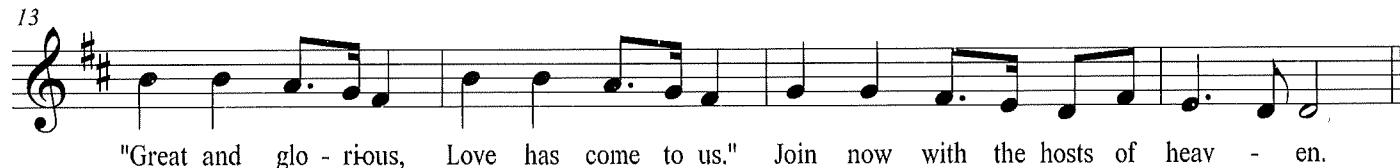
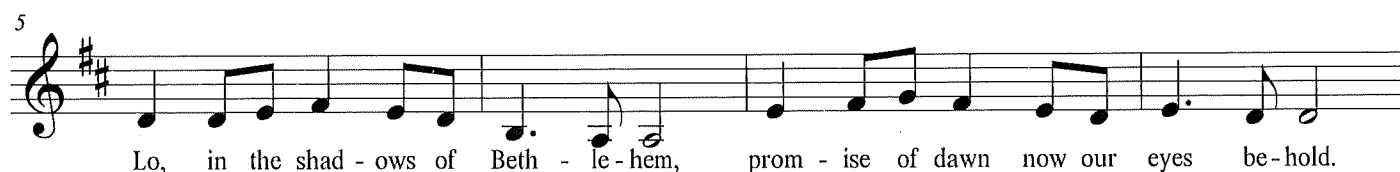
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. (ESV)

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

▲ **HYMN: Sing We the Song of Emmanuel by Keith & Kristin Getty.** *We will sing this twice.*



GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:5-23

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

⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸ Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense.

¹¹ And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.

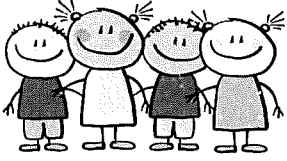
¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷ and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

¹⁸ And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years."

¹⁹ And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day

that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.” ²¹ And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²² And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. ²³ And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. (ESV)

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



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 332 (Maroon): Savior of the Nations, Come, verses 1-6

10:30am SONG: Away in a Manger

SERMON "God is Preparing a Way!" Pastor Weber

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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

8:30am Carol of the Bells, Hosanna Handbells

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

Welcome to worship at Peace. Holy Communion is for those who believe as we do in this Sacrament of the Altar. We believe it is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, in, with, and under the bread and wine, given for the forgiveness of our sins. If you have questions, please speak to the Pastor or an Elder.

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

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HYMN 618 (Maroon): I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

HYMN 333 (Maroon): Once He Came in Blessing

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 332 (Maroon): Savior of the Nations, Come, verses 7-8

**7. From the manger newborn light, Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.**

**▲ 8. Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our King.
Glory to the Spirit be, Now and through eternity.**

10:30am Go Tell It on the Mountain

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Upcoming Event!

Midweek Advent Worship Services

Wednesdays, December 4, 11 and 18; 11:30am followed by lunch
4:30pm (Peace Center) and 6:30pm (Sanctuary)

Saturday, December 7th, Christmas Cookie Sale

Children's Christmas Pageant

Saturday, Dec. 14 – 10:00-11:30am Christmas rehearsal + 11:30 Family Christmas party
Sunday, Dec. 15 – Meet at 10:00am, 10:30am Children's Christmas pageant (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 29th

ONE worship service, Sunday at 10:00am. No Saturday night worship.
Service of Lessons, Carols and Bells
11:30am Lunch, Congregational Christmas Gathering

December 24th, Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

December 25th, Christmas Day Worship

9:00am, with communion

Sunday, December 29th

ONE worship service, Sunday at 10:00am. No Saturday night worship.

Advent Candles

We will once again be asking families to light the Advent wreath at each worship service.
If you are interested, please contact Dr. Joan.