



The Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

6:30pm & 8:30am

HYMN 349 (Maroon): Hark the Glad Sound

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; 8:30am Weckwerth 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,²³ 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 blue candles and the pink candle)

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

**SONG: O come, Thou Key of David come, And open wide our heav'nly home
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.
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 Dick Higgins; 8:30am Melissa Weckwerth

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 7:10-14

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." ¹³ And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

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

EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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▲ HYMN: Sing We the Song of Emmanuel by Keith & Kristin Getty.

**1. Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold
God Most High in a manger laid
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious, Love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of heaven**

**2. Come we to welcome Emmanuel
King who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay, the Invincible
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son
O what wisdom to save us all
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall
Grace and majesty, what humility
Come on bended knee, adore Him**

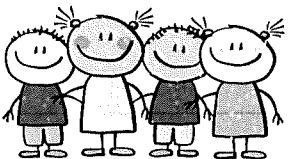
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 1:18-25

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

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed^[f] to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 392 (Maroon): God Loves Me Dearly

SERMON "God Is Always With Us" 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

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

AGNUS DEI, page 198

HYMN 357 (Maroon): O Come, O Come Emmanuel, verses 1-4, 6-7

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.**

HYMN: Sing We the Song of Emmanuel, verse 3

**Go, spread the news of Emmanuel
Joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads for your King has come
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark
Glory, shining for all to see
Hope alive, let the gospel ring
God has made a way, He will have the praise
Tell the world His name is Jesus**

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Midweek Advent Worship Services

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

Sunday, December 22nd

**ONE worship service, Sunday at 10:00am. No Saturday night worship.
11:30am Lunch and Congregational Meeting**

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.

January 4-5, 2025

Epiphany Sunday. Normal worship schedule