



**The First Sunday of Advent  
November 30, 2025  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, MN**

**HYMN 338 (Maroon): Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus** (*Sung to HYFRYDOL*)

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

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*6:30 Hochsprung / Baysinger; 8:30 Oberg family; 10:30am Schleuter 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. 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 Lee Uldbjerg; 8:30am Bennett Oberg; 10:30am John Lietz*

**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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.**

**SECOND LESSON: Acts 13:16-25**

<sup>16</sup> So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

“Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. <sup>17</sup> The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. <sup>18</sup> And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. <sup>19</sup> And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. <sup>20</sup> All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. <sup>21</sup> Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. <sup>22</sup> And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ <sup>23</sup> Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. <sup>24</sup> Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. <sup>25</sup> And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’

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 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

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

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

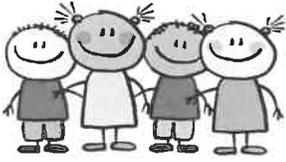
<sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup> And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great 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. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, <sup>17</sup> 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."

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

<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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." <sup>21</sup> And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> 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**

**HYMN 344 (Maroon): On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

**SERMON      Is God done with me YET?      Pastor Miller**

## **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.**

**PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS**

8:30am Solo violin, Bennett Oberg

*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**

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

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**HYMN 337 (Maroon): The Night Will Soon Be Ending**

**HYMN 333 (Maroon): Once He Came in Blessing**

**10:30am SONG: One Bread, One Body**

**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 1 & 7**

**1. Savior of the Nations, come, Virgin's Son make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.**

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

**10:30am: Christmas Has Its Cradle**

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **Midweek Advent Worship Services**

**Wednesdays, December 3, 10 17; 11:30am followed by lunch  
4:30pm (Peace Center)**

**Note: There is no 6:30pm Wednesday service this year.**

## **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Cookie Sale**

## **Children's Christmas Program**

**Saturday, Dec. 13 – 10:00-11:30am Christmas rehearsal + 11:30 Family Christmas party  
Sunday, Dec. 14 – Meet at 10:00am, 10:30am Children's Christmas program (Sanctuary)**

## **Sundays, December 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**

**ONE worship service each weekend.**

**Sunday at 10:00am. No Saturday night worship.**

## **December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am**

**Service of Lessons, Carols and Bells**

**11:30am Lunch, Congregational Christmas Gathering**

## **December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

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

## **December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day Worship**

**9:00am, with communion**

## **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.**