

The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026
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 Lietz family; 8:30am Black family; 10:30am Kruse 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.
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Readers: 6:30pm John Lietz; 8:30am Gwen Wichman; 10:30am Kim Kruse

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

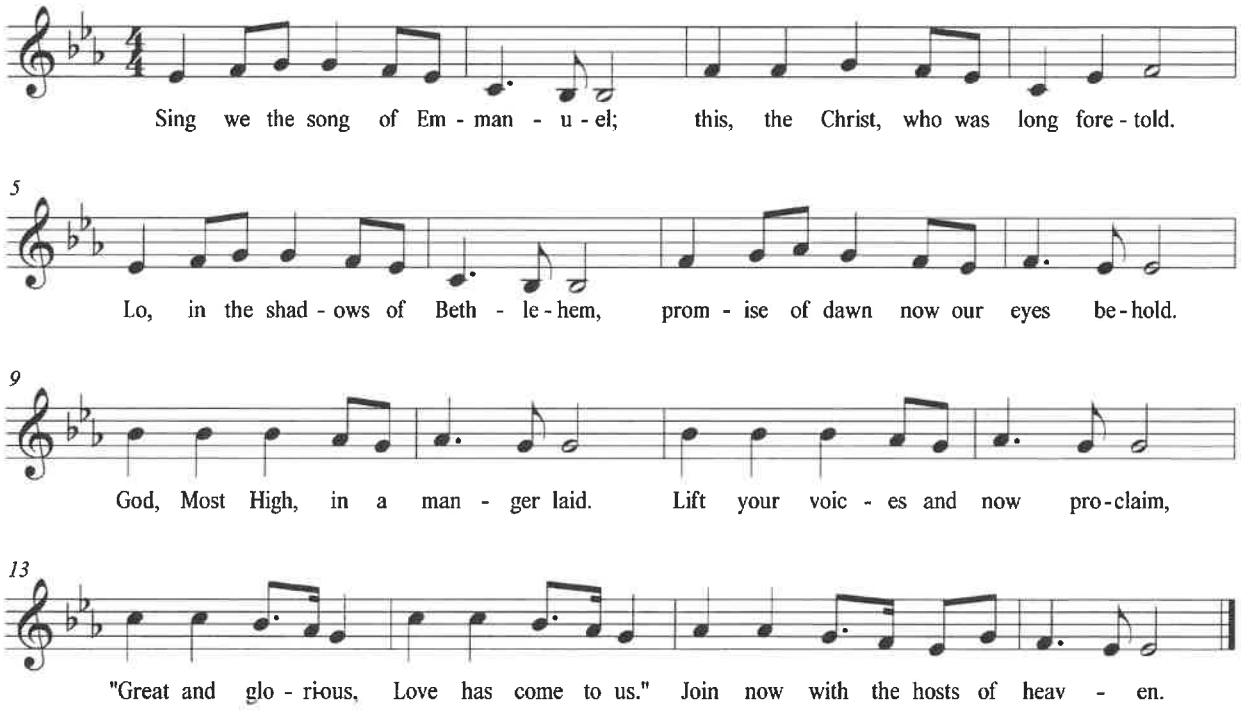
A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
[2] The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—
[3] and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
[4] but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
[5] Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
[6] The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
[7] The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
[8] The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
[9] They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
[10] In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. (NIV)

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

EPISTLE READING: Romans 15:8-13

[8] For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed [9] and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of your name."
[10] Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."
[11] And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol him."
[12] And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope."
[13] May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (NIV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

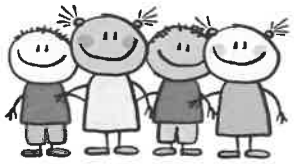
▲ **HYMN: Sing We the Song of Emmanuel by Keith & Kristin Getty.** *We will sing this twice.*



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 1:1-6

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**
This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:
[2] Abraham was the father of Isaac,
Isaac the father of Jacob,
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,
[3] Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,
Perez the father of Hezron,
Hezron the father of Ram,
[4] Ram the father of Amminadab,
Amminadab the father of Nahshon,

Nahshon the father of Salmon,
[5] Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,
Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,
Obed the father of Jesse,
[6] and Jesse the father of King David.
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 348 (Maroon): The King Shall Come
10:30am SOLO: The Star Song, written by Erin Bode

SERMON "Why Cut Down Trees?" Pastor Bode

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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

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

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

HYMN 341 (Maroon): Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

10:30am SONG: Noel

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: This Is Jesus

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Midweek Advent Worship Services
Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16; 11:30am followed by lunch
4:30pm (Peace Center)
Note: There is no 6:30pm Wednesday service this year.

Saturday, December 5th, Christmas Cookie Sale

Children's Christmas Program
Saturday, Dec. 12 – 9:00 Youth Bells practice
10:00-11:30am Christmas rehearsal + 11:30 Family Christmas party
Sunday, Dec. 13 – Meet at 10:00am, 10:30am Children's Christmas program (Sanctuary)

Sundays, December 20th and 27th
ONE worship service each weekend.
Sunday at 10:00am. No Saturday night worship.

December 20th at 10:00am
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

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.