

**Peace Lutheran Church
St. Joseph MI
Worship with Communion
Sunday, December 4, 2022 10:15am
Second Sunday of Advent**

The purpose of Peace Lutheran Church is to express by Word and Deed the Love of God revealed in Jesus Christ to those within and to those outside its fellowship.



Peace Lutheran is striving to conduct as “normal” a worship service as possible while taking into account the need for health measures within the larger community.

***Bold Print:** Congregation’s responses*

PRELUDE - O COME, O COME YE EMANUEL (DEBBIE KROENING)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION *(please stand as you are able)*

In joy and thanksgiving we begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. (Psalm 146:2)

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God is faithful and just and will hear us and grant us forgiveness.

(silence for reflection and personal confession)

Eternal Father,

We come before you recognizing that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have failed to follow your commandments and have done what we know is contrary to your holy will. Forgive us, and grant us the joy of your saving presence again. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad! For the Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN - OH COME, OH COME EMMANUEL

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Verses



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
 6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In



1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
 2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
 4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
 5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
 6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
 7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our



1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
 3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
 4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
 5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
 6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
 7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain



1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
 2. ways to go.
 3. ty and awe.
 4. o'er the grave.
 5. mis - er - y.
 6. put to flight.
 7. Prince of Peace.



el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6, para. in *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; Chant, Mode I.

GREETING

May the Grace of God our heavenly Father who laid the foundations of the world, the love of the Son who is seated at the right hand of God in majesty, and the peace of the Holy Spirit which surpasses all understanding, be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord,

Lord Have Mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord Have Mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord Have Mercy.

For this house and for all who worship here let us pray to the Lord,

Lord Have Mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray ...

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT: LOVE, A PURPLE CANDLE

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best-version-of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The

cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7

Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

**That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:1-12 *(please stand as you are able)*
 The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Third Chapter
Glory be to you O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make
We hail you as our Sav - ior Lord; Our
Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And
All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose
nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and lis - ten
straight the way for God with - in, And let us all our
re - fuge and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we
make us rise to fail no more; Oh, let your face up -
ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther
for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine And fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

THE NICENE CREED *(please stand as you are able)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray ...

Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING - YOU RAISE ME UP (DEBBIE KROENING)

OFFERTORY - CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O
God, and re - new a right spir - it with in me. Cast me
not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your
Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free
Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cre - ate in me a clean
heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord God, we give you thanks for the wondrous gifts you have so freely given us. You are the source of our lives, our work, and our possessions. In an act of worship we offer back to you what you have first given to us, that our sacrifices in some small way, might express our devotion to you and be used to spread the Good News of Christ to the world. We pray this in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, and salutary... we praise your Name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen. (please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

(When directed by the usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. All who are baptized or commune in their home church are welcome at the Lords' Table. Adults and children are welcome to come forward for a blessing: simply cross your arms in front of yourself.)

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *(please stand as you are able)*

Thank the Lord

(Organ)

The musical score is written for organ and voice. It consists of nine staves of music. The first staff is labeled '(Organ)'. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 5, 8, 12, 16, 20, and 24. The lyrics are: 'Thank the Lord; sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho-ly name. Thank the Lord; sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Send us with your prom-is-es, Lord; lead your peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing. Thank the Lord; sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia.'

Thank the Lord; sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and
bear Christ's ho-ly name. Thank the Lord; sing his praise;
tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Send us with your prom-is-es, Lord;
lead your peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing.
Thank the Lord; sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Al-le-
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

In the name of the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, remember brothers and sisters, to show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. Instead, go into the world to share God's love so that all will know his goodness and mercy. (James 2:1)
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway



Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is
God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; Your own e - ter - nal
Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised
His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a -



near! Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A
king! Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread
king! Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its
bove. His rule is peace and free - dom And



lev - el road ap - pear! Then greet the King of
gar - ments! Shout, and sing! God's prom - ise will not
trib - ute too may bring. All lands will bow be -
jus - tice, truth and love. So let your praise be



glo - ry, Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry; Ho -
fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
fore him; Their voic - es join your sing - ing;
sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing;



san-na to the Lord, For he ful-fills God's Word!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

(You are invited to remain seated until the ushers dismiss your row.)

POSTLUDE

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-11; Matthew 11:2-15

Worship Attendance & Giving

Sunday Attendance Total: 46

Facebook views: 6 YouTube Views: 3

Sunday Giving: \$1,662

Simply Giving: \$100

*Major Rep. & Maint: \$50

Total Giving: \$1,812

Total Operating Fund: \$1,762

Weekly Budget Need: \$3,434

Over/(Under) Budget: \$(1,672)

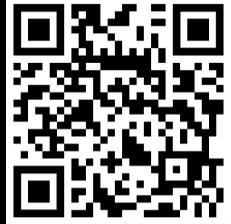
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**Assisting with
Worship**

Worship Leader: Pastor Zornow
Organist: Maria Tallman
Choir Director: Debbie Kroening
Audio: Josh Lochner, Mark Carpenter
Video: Bryan Sorenson, Jacob Tallman
Usher: Wayne Scheuremann
Altar Guild: Nan Hacker
Welcome Center: Christine Bennett
Communion Assistant: Teresa Hogan
Lector: Virgil Bennett
Greeters:

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Prayer Requests

December Birthdays

2 Marilyn Riley
7 Josh Lochner
9 Jesse Spiker
10 Larry Coffey
12 Sharon Schmidt
22 Olivia Carpenter
24 Marilyn Hettig
31 Gerald Schlutt

Evelyn Chevrette
Ray Lietz
Ruth Retzke
Gloria Siewert
Delores Gaul

Prayer Requests

Debbie Bartels
(pancreatic cancer)
Darlene Gaul
(vertebrae fracture, neck
brace)
Delores Gaul
(pneumonia)
Delores Kraklau
(fell and hospitalized)
Angie Layman

(cancer)
Ray Lietz
Juli Nurbhai
(brain tumor)
Pastor Eric & Ruth Rauch
(prayer for healing)
Aiden
(recovering from surgery)
Joyce White
(cancer)
Jane Wilson
(vision problems)
Marty Tallman
(broken ankle)

December Anniversaries

1 James & Elaine Chartrand

The Shut-Ins

Leona Barowicz
Andrea Barowicz
Thomas Boozer

Passed Away

Nancy Cooley (Nov. 18)

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Second Sunday of Advent – December 4, 2022

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

–Matthew 3:11–

John the baptizer enters on the scene, preaching repentance to the Judean people. Last week we looked at how God promises to come to us again. Jesus urges us to be alert, be ready! John the baptizer warns his listeners to repent. John proclaimed that repentance is the proper way to prepare for that revelation. The only thing is that repentance is something that we cannot do. Just as Martin Luther wrote, “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my lord or come to Him ...” Repentance, like faith, is a miracle that the Holy Spirit must work in us.

John the baptizer proclaims the coming of Jesus; he points his listeners to Christ. John proclaims salvation in Jesus Christ, and that’s another way we witness how God comes to us: through the proclamation and preaching of his holy Word.

Before I was ordained as a Lutheran pastor, I suffered a terrible loss--the loss of my mother. It was sudden and unexpected. I was 20 years old, a junior in college. I had another year and a half of my undergrad studies left before I would attend seminary. I knew God’s promises, and I knew that my mother was a Christian with deep faith. I can’t tell you exactly what the sermon was about at her funeral. I can’t remember exactly every word spoken or every hug given. I can’t even remember who all the people were that attended. But one thing I remember clearly, the most important message of all: my pastor reminding *me* of God’s promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. A funeral pall was laid upon my mother’s casket, reminding us of the gifts she received at her baptism. She was baptized into Christ’s death and his resurrection. That image and message are forever engrained on my heart and mind.

We need the proclamation of God’s promises. It’s the way he comes to us in the present time.

Prayer: Gracious God, send us your messengers that we might dwell in your presence through your holy Word. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS!

December 4 (Sunday after service) Greening the tree! Pizza afterwards. Bring your favorite cookies!

December 4 (Sunday) 6:30 pm "Tree of Lights". Outside tree lighting. Hear the Christmas Story and have some Hot Chocolate!

December 7, 14, 21 (Wednesdays) 6:00 pm Bingo Night

December 17 (Saturday) 7:00 pm Movie "Scrooge" Indoors in the Fellowship Hall Free. Popcorn and Pop.

December 18 (Sunday) 6:30 pm Movie "The Nativity Story" Indoors in the Fellowship Hall Free. Popcorn and Pop.

December 24 (Saturday) 2:00 pm Christmas Eve Service



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JOIN US THIS MONTH FOR **TWO** MOVIE NIGHTS!

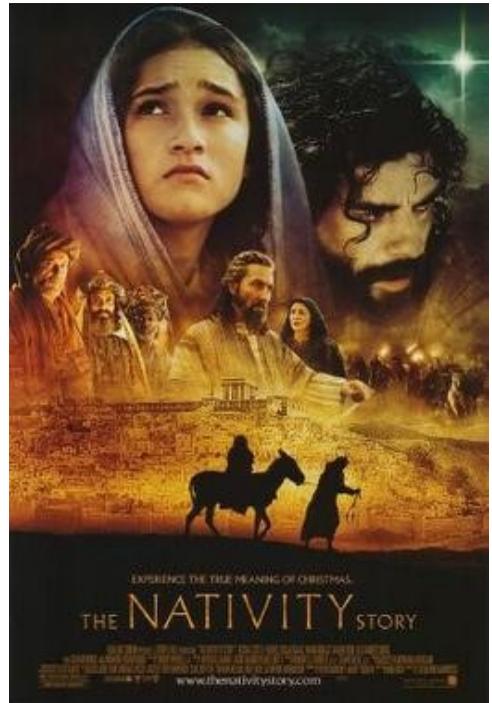
December 17 at 7 p.m.

Musical "Scrooge" starring Albert Finney as Scrooge. This is the story of A Christmas Carol, but as a musical written by Leslie Bricusse. It is a wonderful version, filmed entirely in London's Buckhamshire . The look of the film is fantastic and of course how can you go wrong with Dickens, A Christmas Carol!



December 18 at 7 p.m.

The Nativity Story(2005), a wonderful, live action telling of the story of Jesus's Birth, from Luke. It is very well done and a film that will leave you with a feeling of great peace.



Welcome members, friends and visitors! Please sign the register at the welcome center. Visitors, we pray your welcome was warm here at Peace and we invite you to visit with the Pastor following the service.

Worship Times: **Sunday:** 10:15 a.m.

Christian Education and Prayer Opportunities:

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. - Bingo
Thursday: 7:45 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting via Zoom
7:00 p.m. - Choir practice

Comfort Room

We love children in Worship! If you have a child who becomes restless, it's okay. If you feel the need, you may step behind the glass wall at the back of the church, or use the Classroom C, (the third classroom), which is set up with comfy couches and rocking chairs to provide a calm environment. Live video is provided so you won't miss any of the service. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

Communion

Communion is celebrated the second and fourth Sunday and Wednesday of each month. Additional communion services may be added during special seasons such as Advent and Lent. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. White grape juice and gluten free wafers are available.

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available for each service, for assistance please speak to an usher. To request a DVD of the service contact Jim Damaske: 428-0711

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