Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church



Second Sunday of Advent December 7th, 2025

Sharing God's love, growing in faith, and creating community...

Be at Peace.



In Person and Online Worship Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

PRELUDE WELCOME

Played by Liz Mun

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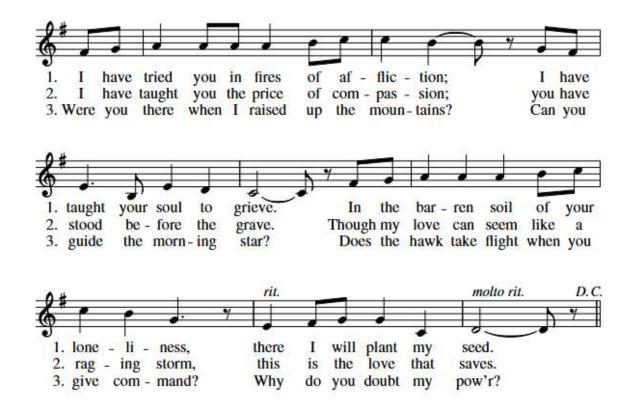
ADVENT WREATH

- P In this Holy Season of longing and waiting in joyful hope, we light the candles that the light is NOT overcome and that the darkness is still full with the Presence of the Holy One.
- C Lord we are the wilderness crying. We ask you to come now into all the desert places of our lives and in the world. Bring fresh water and make the desert bloom with the flowers of your kindness.

"Holy Darkness"

Refrain, v2, Refrain





Advent Prayer

P Praise to you Holy, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire.

Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare.

We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.

C Amen



- 1 Come, thou long-ex pect-ed Je - sus, thy peo-ple free; born to set
- child, and 2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, yet a king; born a



sins re - lease us; find our from our fears and let us rest in born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.





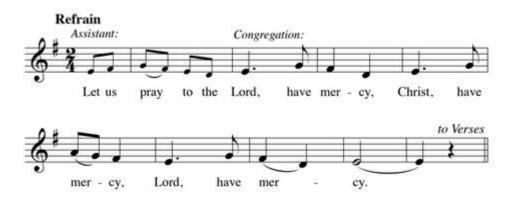
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GREETING

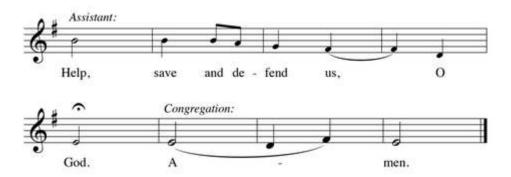
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

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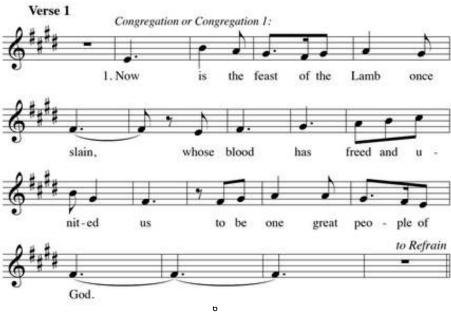
A In peace, in peace,



- A For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (to Refrain)
- A For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (to Refrain)









PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

read by

- ¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- ² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,

- ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
- he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷ 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 asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

- ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.
- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Psalm 72**: **1—7**, **18—19**(*Read responsively by whole verse.*)

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
- and your righteousness to the king's son;
- ² that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
- ³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the [|] hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- ⁶ Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish;
 - and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- ¹⁸ Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!
- And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15: 4—13 read by Marcia Dursi

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name";

¹⁰ and again he says,

"Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people";

¹¹ and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

¹² and again Isaiah says,

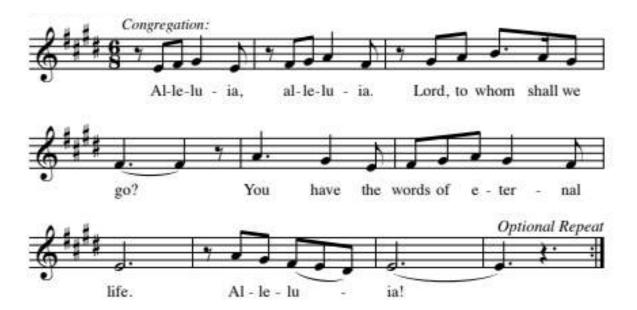
"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles;

in him the gentiles shall hope."

- ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight."

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Doug Ryniewicz

Please stand as you are able



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NICENE CREED

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 human. 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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

A In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A With wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world. Unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equity among peoples. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A With counsel and might, move us to care for creation. As we dream of the day when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways humanity and all creation will mutually thrive. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with one another. We pray for international student and teacher exchanges, for our partner churches, and for the shared mission of Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, Global Refuge, and ReactDC. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease (*especially*). Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our shared ministry to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A With joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith (*especially Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, whom we commemorate today*). Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the ages of ages. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

C Amen.

SHARING PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who faithfully continues to support Peace's ministries. To give online, please use the <u>online giving portal</u>. If you wish to give by cash or check, please put your offering in the plate.

Special Offering. Each month, Peace designates a recipient of our special offering. Individuals may choose to give a special gift - over and above their usual offering to Peace - in support of a particular ministry.

November's Special Offering is Bread for the World. Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. Our mission is to educate and equip people to advocate for policies and programs that can help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

OFFERTORY "As Grains of Wheat" all verses



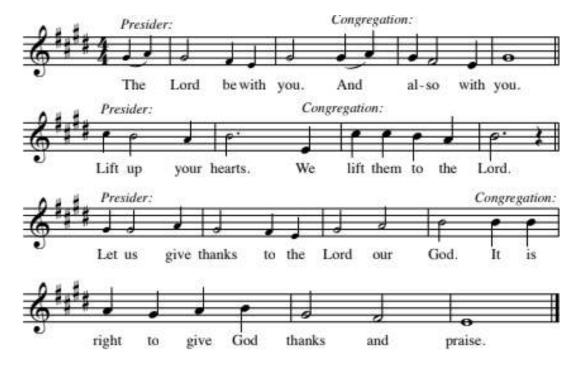
OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray together
- C God of generosity and abundance, we bring before you the gifts of your creation and with them our very lives.

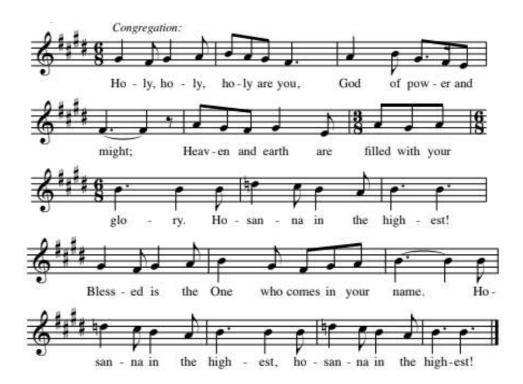
 Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the full coming of Jesus, our savior and Lord.

 Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven. We praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

For those worshiping in person: On the first Sunday of the month, we will commune around the altar railing. On the remaining Sundays of the month, we will commune using continuous distribution in one station. The ushers will indicate when it is your turn. Please be seated until then. You will come forward and receive bread. Then you will take a cup of red wine or white grape juice. All bread is gluten free. You will dispose your cup in the baskets on either corner of the altar railing.

For those worshiping online: The Pastor will invite you to partake of communion at the beginning of the meal before all are served in person. If you are with someone, please serve one another. If you are physically alone, you may serve yourself trusting these words: The Body of Christ given for you and The Blood of Christ shed for you.

- P Become what you see, believe who you are. The body of Christ for the life of the world.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

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Lamb of God Verse 2 sing: You give us hope as we wait for you



grant

us

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

THANKS BE TO YOU



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P Let us pray,
- C Oh God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit Strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

MISSION MOMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- **P** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



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DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace; Do not lose heart.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE played by Liz Mun

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.

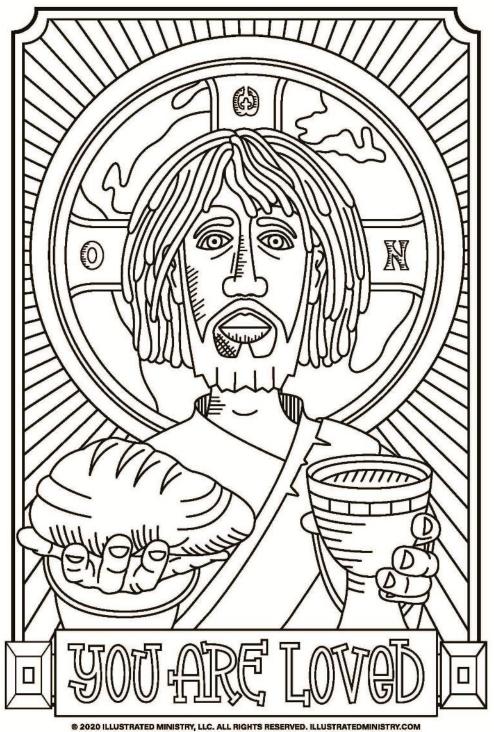
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Fellowship is hosted today by Judy and Charlie Hughes of the Fellowship Committee.

Budget Update

Our Prayers:

- •Prayers for the children and families of Gaza as violence continues and the cold of winter arrives...
- •Prayers of peace and comfort for Jonathan Holcomb and Logan Wescott...
- •Prayers for the people of Sudan during the ongoing civil war that they may once again know peace and safety...
- Prayers of healing and comfort for Christa Maiers brother, Rainer Vogel...
- •Prayers of healing and comfort from back and leg therapy provided by special doctors for Helga Recevuto ...
- •Prayers of strength and comfort for Helga Recevuto and her sister, Christel, as they handle the issues of dementia being faced by Christel's husband, Dave Ribble ...
- Prayers for Anne Kadera following a car accident...
- •Prayers of strength and health for Mike Stumpf...
- •Prayers for healing for Anna's sister, Rochelle, as she faces a cancer diagnosis...
- •Prayers of comfort and peace for Daniel Crabtree...
- •Prayers for the people of Ukraine that they may once again enjoy the freedom, democracy, and economic independence that they have been focused on since their independence...
- •For all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer...
- •For our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love...



Peace Notes

Advent Caroling Music & Arts Festival: The Advent Caroling Music & Arts Festival is just a month away! This year's theme is "Ring the Bells and Sing the Carols." It will take place on **Sunday, December 7th at 4:00 pm.** Our Music Ministry has already begun rehearsing for the concert, and our wonderful artists are lining up their displays. Refreshments and an Arts Show will follow the concert around 5:15 pm.

Volunteer for the Advent Festival: The Fellowship Committee is hosting the reception for the Advent Caroling Music and Arts Festival. We're expecting 100+ people and need your help. Sign up using the QR on the right or contact Sandi Penoyar at 703-300-5708.



Decorating the Church: Peace is preparing for the holiday season. See the dates below to get involved.

Dec. 12 - Decorate the church. Contact France Robinson

Dec. 14 - Put up candle holders in Sanctuary. Contact France Robinson

Dec. 28 - Take down candle holders in Sanctuary. Contact Natalie Cain

Jan 11 - Take down Christmas Decorations. Contact Natalie Cain

Not Your Grandma's Bible Study Returns: As we enter a year with Matthew's Gospel, dreams play an important role, especially the "Christmas Dreams" of Joseph the carpenter. We will explore these dreams together on Saturday, December 6, 4pm—5:30pm. No previous attendance is necessary.

Advent Wreath Workshop: Peace will be hosting our annual Advent Wreath Workshop next **Sunday, November 30** following service. The event is free and open to anyone who has registered. If you are interested in attending, please register here or email France. We hope to see you there!

Join Peace's Fellowship Team: The Fellowship Committee is in need of new volunteers. If you are available to set up coffee and snacks for fellowship coffee time every 4 - 6 weeks, please contact Sandi Penoyar 703-300-5708.

Luther Summer Music: <u>Lutheran Summer Music (LSM)</u> is a faith-based residential music academy for high school students (grades 8-12) who immerse themselves in musical excellence and build an intentional, supportive, and FUN community. LSM 2026 takes place at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN from June 21-July 19 (Full Session) or June 21-July 3 (Half Session). Priority Enrollment is open now through December 1.

Youth Play + Pray: The Synod's Youth + Family Committee invites middle and high school youth to experience a social gaming adventure! The first <u>Play + Pray event</u> will take place at Time Mission in Manassas Mall on **Saturday, December 6**, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM. It's only \$10 per person to attend (the Youth + Family Ministry team will subsidize the remaining cost).

Winter Coat and Toy Drive: Bring your new or gentle used coats and toys to support individuals and families in need. Your donated items will support local nonprofits through Goodwill's "Community Voucher Program" as all as their adult education, job training, and community empowerment programs. Donations can be made to France or the church office anytime before November 30.

Try Peace's new Auracast assistive listening system: This system makes voices louder and clearer, eliminating background noise that can make people who are speaking hard to understand. It works with and without hearing aids. If you would like to try this and see if it works for you, see Linda Hoveskeland in the narthex at 10:15 to borrow:

- -headphones and a small receiver,
- -ear loop that hooks over one ear and a small receiver,
- -neck loop and a small receiver, if you have a telecoil in your hearing aid, or
- -use your own Auracast-enabled earbuds, headphones, or hearing aids to connect with an app on your phone.

"...faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17

PEACE WARMLY WELCOMES ALL PEOPLE, NO EXCEPTIONS!

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THIS SERVICE IS LIVE-STREAMED. If you prefer never to appear on camera, let an usher know and they will seat you in an off-camera area.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. We have a staffed nursery available as well; please ask an usher to direct you. The nursery attendants will bring kids to the sanctuary for the Time for Children. *Children ages 3 and under welcome in nursery.*

Thanks to all who help lead worship. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact info@sharingpeace.org

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP	TODAY	December 14, 2025
Tech and Sound	Andrew Tlusty	Andrew Tlusty
Lector	Steven Bernauer	
Acolyte		
Assisting Minister	Rhonda Rose	
Altar Care	Karen Olmsted	
Ushers	Tammy Heppner, Arwen Lujan-Siles	
Tellers	Ray Marquardt	Tammy Heppner
Flowers	Hilda Crabtree	

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