



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 28, 2021

Peace Lutheran Church

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We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus. We are honored with your presence. If you do not have a church home, you are invited to join us regularly. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jeremy Lucke or one of the Ushers as you leave today and sign the guest book in the entryway. We continue to observe the guidelines for health safety. If you have any questions, please see an usher. Everyone is welcome.

The ringing of the bell and the lighting of the Christ candle mark the beginning of our service and a time for quiet meditation, prayer and inward reflection as we begin our worship.

Children are welcome at our worship services. If you prefer, Peace Lutheran has a playroom equipped for children three years old and younger. The room is unstaffed and can be accessed in the fellowship hall where the service is also being live streamed for your convenience and enjoyment.

Holy Communion is celebrated every first and third Sunday and will follow the order of service in the bulletin. If you are a baptized Christian and share our faith in Jesus as Savior and have been instructed in the meaning and use of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to partake. We have pre-wrapped communion wine or juice and wafers. We also have gluten-free wafers available. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, ask the server. May the body and blood of Jesus, present in the bread and wine, be a blessing to you.

There are times during the service when you will be asked to stand if you are able. Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult.

Serving You

Pastor	Pastor Jeremy Lucke
Music Director	Colleen Schulze
Choir Director	Dan Johnson
Supt. Of Sunday School	Brandy Stokes & Karyn Stanley
Admin Assistant	Daniel Dusek
Parish Nurse	Kathy Durling
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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

THEME

While the secular calendar won't switch to 2022 for another month, the Church Year begins anew today. Advent is a season of waiting and preparation. One Advent tradition is to mark the four Sundays in Advent with four words that encompass what Jesus brings as He comes into the world to be our Immanuel – God with us. These four words are hope, peace, joy, and love. Today we focus on hope. There is a lot of suffering in the world, but hope exists in Jesus' incarnation, death, resurrection, and return.

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

People: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: On the four Sundays in Advent, we light a new candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: hope, peace, joy, and love. Jesus Christ is the hope of all nations.

People: We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we hope.

The first candle is lit during the Advent Song.

ADVENT SONG

“My Soul in Stillness Waits”

People: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.

Pastor: O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

People: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN...

Pastor: In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. We await the celebration of His birth at Christmas. We remember His arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We long for His glorious return. As we wait, we consider how unworthy we are to have Jesus in our presence.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that our faith has been lacking. We have not abounded in love for one another or for You. Our hearts are filled with blame and shame, with corruption and conceit. Forgive us, strengthen our faith, and purify our hearts.

...HEARING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: *Jesus not only comes as an infant at Christmas and in glory at His return, but He also comes to you in words of forgiveness and life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

ADVENT SONG “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Green LBW 30

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king;
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: *Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your kingly majesty we may be protected from our enemies and be joined to Your humble and holy reign; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

People: Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The First Lesson: *I Thessalonians 3:9-13*

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love.

⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God,

¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,

¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,

¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Jesus' triumphal entry

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples,

³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here.

³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.' " ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them.

³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,

³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."

⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Pastor: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

People: Praise to You O Christ.

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

Oh, come oh come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel

Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by your advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel

Oh, come, O King 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 you, O Israel

SERMON

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

[Part 3](#)

[AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH](#)

People: We believe in God, the creator of all things,
the source of all goodness and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
true God yet true man.

He was crucified, died, and was buried for our
sin that we might be free and know the joy of
life. He was raised on the third day and
ascended to heaven, and will come again in
power and glory to judge both the living and
the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
We believe in the church of God,
The people of faith throughout the world,
We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we
will live together with God for now and
throughout eternity. Amen.

[PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE](#)

Pastor: *Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who do not know
You, those who have rejected You, and those who are
straying from You. Unite them to Your glorious
throne and dwell in their hearts. Lord, in Your
mercy,*

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: *Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are lonely and in need of Your presence. Come to the homeless, the unemployed, the underemployed, the homebound, the mentally ill, those who are in transition, and anyone else who experiences the pain of loneliness. Remind them of Your incarnation and lead them to your Church, where we bear one another's burdens. Lord, in Your mercy,*

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: *Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are oppressed and at the mercy of others. Rescue those who are suffering, abused, neglected, and hated. Comfort them with Your tender presence and love. Lord, in Your mercy,*

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: *Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are sick, injured, and recovering, (especially...). Strengthen them with Your healing hand and with Your unwavering presence. Lord, in Your mercy,*

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: *Lord Jesus Christ, come to Your broken Church with the gifts of reconciliation and restoration. Unite Your people once again so that we enjoy fellowship rather than fractured division. Lord, in Your mercy,*

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: *Into Your hands, Lord Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your ever-present mercy.*

People: Amen.

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,
Forever and ever. Amen**

CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG

“Let All Things Now Living”

Green LBW 557

Text: Katherine Kennicott Davis - 1939. Renewed 1966 E.C. Schirmer Music Company (Admin. by ECS Publishing Corporation)

Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise
Who fashioned and made us
Protected and stayed us
Who still guides us on to the end of our days

God's banners are o'er us
His light goes before us
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night
Till shadows have vanished
And darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light

His law He enforces
The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine
The hills and the mountains
The rivers and fountains
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine

We too should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest Hosanna and praise

DISMISSAL

Pastor: *Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!*

People: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VINA MOSES DONATIONS. The Vina Moses Center provides relief and builds resilience in underserved communities in Benton County. Peace is again supporting this mission during this holiday season and Sunday, December 5, is designated as the donation day for Vina Moses. Please bring your items for donation to church that day. The gift sheets are attached to the windows in the narthex. For more information, please contact George Abele or Todd Muhly.

BRING SOME HOLIDAY CHEER TO THOSE IN NEED. Philomath Community Services is again collecting baskets of hygiene items for people in need in the Philomath area this holiday season. A list of items needed is posted in the Narthex. Please bring whatever you can to support our community. Items need to be brought to the church not later than Monday, December 6. Thank you for helping support this mission.

CORVALLIS NATIVITY FESTIVAL. The 28th annual Corvallis Nativity Festival will be held Dec 3-7 at 4141 NW Harrison Blvd in Corvallis. The displays are indoors and free to view. If you have a special nativity that you would like to place on display, please see the instructions on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

LADIES AID CHRISTMAS BRUNCH. You are invited Bethlehem Lutheran Church located at 434 E. Grant St. Lebanon, OR 97355 on Saturday Morning, December 11 at 10:00am. If you would like to attend, please contact Diane Sease at (541) 657-8469 or dsease@centurylink.net.

ADVENT SERVICES. We will begin Wednesday Advent Services starting at 7:00pm on December 1st and continuing December 8 and 15. We will be following the Holden Evening Prayer format. These services will not be live streamed so you will need to attend in person.

TIME TO PUT UP THE CHRISTMAS TREE. We will be putting up the Christmas tree this week. The decorating get-together will be next Friday, December 3rd at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. You are very welcome to attend and help decorate our Christmas Tree.

