

# **Peace Lutheran Church**

## **St. Joseph MI**

**Worship with Communion**  
**Sunday, December 5, 2021**  
**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.*

**All flesh  
shall see  
the salvation  
of God.**

Luke 3:6



*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**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

The days are coming, says the Lord, when God’s promises to Israel and Judah will be fulfilled. Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit (Jeremiah 33:14)

**Amen.**

The Lord Proclaimed, “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me.” Let us take this time to examine ourselves, asking for forgiveness for the things which we have done that are not pleasing to the Lord and the things which we have neglected.

Malachi 3:1)

*(silence for reflection and personal confession)*

**God of Grace, we confess that we have not been attentive to the urgent call to prepare for the coming of your Son. Prepare our hearts to follow Jesus in doing your holy will. Forgive us, we pray, and shape our lives according to the cross of Christ who has called us to walk in his ways. Restore us to a right relationship with you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

In the name of Jesus, God’s only Son who came to do the will of his Father, you are forgiven. By Christ’s holy sacrifice your sins are wiped clean and you are made right with our heavenly Father. Rejoice in this free gift and take it to heart. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN My Lord, What a Morning!

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by '4'). The first two staves are identical, showing the lyrics 'My Lord, what a morn - ing!' and 'My Lord, what a morn-ing! O my Lord, what a morn - ing when the'. The third staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'stars be - gin to fall, when the stars be - gin to fall.'

### Verses

The musical notation for the verses begins with a staff showing the start of the melody. Below it, three lines of text are provided:

1. You will hear the trum - pet sound
2. You will hear the sin - ner cry
3. You will hear the Chris-tian shout

To wake the

The next staff shows the lyrics 'na - tions un - der - ground,' and 'Look - ing to my God's right'.

The final staff shows the lyrics 'hand' and 'When the stars be - gin to fall.' followed by 'D.C.' (Da Capo) at the end of the line.

Text: African American spiritual  
Tune: MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING, 7 8 7 7 with refrain; African American spiritual; arr. by Melva Costen, © 1990

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ for whom we wait, the love of the Father who will never let us go, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

**Lord have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Christ have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

Let us pray ...

**God of righteousness, refine and purify our lives through the power of your Holy Spirit so that we might boldly and faithfully prepare the way for the coming of your Son, Jesus, our Savior and Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

### **THE FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3:1-7b**

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 66:1-12**

Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.

**Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.**

All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name.”

**Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**

He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in him.

**In his might he rules forever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against him.**

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:2-11**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand as you are able*)

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of four sharps. The first staff begins with a whole note followed by a half note, then a quarter note, and a dotted half note. The second staff starts with a quarter note, followed by a dotted half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The third staff starts with a half note, followed by a quarter note, a dotted half note, and a quarter note. The lyrics are integrated into the music: "Lord, to whom shall we go?" (in the first staff), "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le -" (in the second staff), and "lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." (in the third staff). The music concludes with a final note on the word "ia".

### THE GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 3:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third Chapter  
Glory be to you O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin 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.” And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your

wages.” As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY On Jordan's Banks

1. On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry announced es;  
 2. Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way;  
 3. Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us.

that way the Lord is nigh; awake and let us hear all our way rise for God with no more; O let your face up.

for hearts on he brings glad tidings of the King of kings! he prepares for Christ to come and with love end ter there. us shine and fill the world with di vine.

### 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.**

**CHOIR**

**“God’s Peace”**

**OFFERTORY**

**Create in Me**

A musical score for 'Create in Me' in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with corresponding lyrics below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right'. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'spir - it with - in me. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O'. The third staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'God, and re - new a right spir - it with in me. Cast me'. The fourth staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your'. Measure numbers 12 and 18 are indicated above the first and fourth staves respectively.

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

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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**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the generous gifts you have first given us. May that which we offer to you, come joyfully from our hearts and be pleasing in your sight. 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:  
 17 heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
 25 san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.  
 33 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 46 Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC 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 and commune in their home church are welcome at the Lords' Table. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.)*

**CHOIR**

## “Bring Us Hope”

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

### Thank the Lord

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in common time, featuring a mix of treble and bass clefs. The key signature changes from A major (no sharps or flats) to D major (one sharp) and back to A major. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The lyrics are:

Thank the Lord; sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what  
he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice 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

As you go from this place, remember that with God, nothing is impossible. May God the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit go before you, beside you, and with you wherever you go. (Luke 1:37)

**Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

1. Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah;  
2. Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah;  
3. Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah;  
4. Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah;

Let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal -  
Let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall feed his  
Let the light ban - ish dark - ness. Lift your heads and  
Let the light ban - ish dark - ness. He is com - ing,

va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
flock like a shep - herd, Gen - tly lead them home - ward.  
lift high the gate - way, For the King of Glo - ry.  
tell the glad tid - ings, Let your lights be shin - ing.

Text: Wayne L. Wold

Tune: TIF IN VELDELE, 10 7 10 6; Yiddish traditional; arr. by Wayne L. Wold  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## POSTLUDE

### Lessons for Next Week:

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Psalm 85; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 7:18-35

# TOY DONATIONS



We are collecting new toys for Mosaic Toy Store so local families who can't afford to shop for their children this holiday season will have the chance. **Toy donations will be collected in the narthex until Thursday, December 9th.** Thank you so much for your continued generosity to our community!

## Summary Worship Attendance & Giving

**Attendance Total this Week: 37**

**Facebook views: 28 YouTube Views: 3**

Sunday: \$3,610 Simply Giving:\$100 Total Giving: \$3,710

**Thanksgiving Eve Service: \$137.52**

Major Repairs and Maintenance: \$ Memorials: \$ Soup Kitchen: \$

**Total Operating Fund Giving: \$3,847.52 Weekly Budget need: \$3,938**

**Over/(Under) Budget: (\$90.48)**

What did John the Baptist say to those  
who came to hear him speak?



*To find out, follow the directions below.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
D	O	P	N	K	G	U	F	T	R	L	P
K	L	R	J	L	Y	I	L	P	M	K	O
M	K	L	G	U	D	C	S	N	R	K	E
P	H	X	Z	R	G	P	U	O	K	V	R
H	D	Q	E	R	P	N	G	C	D	T	G
N	F	Y	K	E	I	P	I	N	V	Y	C
B	H	L	G	R	Y	U	O	R	R	U	P
C	G	T	O	G	U	I	L	V	K	L	E
X	Z	F	T	B	J	Y	A	J	O	N	K

In row 1, count down to the 4th letter: \_\_\_\_\_

In row 3, count down to the 2nd letter: \_\_\_\_\_

In row 5, count down to the 6th letter: \_\_\_\_\_

In row 7, count down to the 4th letter: \_\_\_\_\_

In row 8, count down to the 9th letter: \_\_\_\_\_

In row 10, count down to the 7th letter: \_\_\_\_\_

In row 12, count down to the 3rd letter: \_\_\_\_\_

*Write each of the letters on the lines below  
to finish the sentence!*

— — — — — — —

**the way of the Lord!**

*(Luke 3:4)*

# Assisting with Worship

**Preacher:** Pastor Steve Hartten  
**Organist:** Maria Tallman  
**Choir Director:** Debbie Kroening  
**Audio:** Josh Lochner, Mark Carpenter  
**Video:** Bryan Sorensen, Jacob Tallman  
**Usher:** Wayne Schuermann  
**Altar Guild:** Beverly So  
**Communion:** Marty Tallman  
**Welcome Center:** Ginger Kunst  
**Lector:** Shari Schmidt  
**Outdoor Greeters:** Bryan Sorensen & Bob Phillips

## Prayer Requests

### December Birthdays

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

### December Anniversaries

1 James & Elaine  
Chartrand  
11 Larry & Karen  
Coffey

### The shut - ins

Leona Barowicz  
Andrea Barowicz  
Thomas Boozer  
Harold Lick  
Ruth Retzke  
Gloria Siewert

### Prayer Requests

Debbie Bartels  
(pancreatic cancer)  
David Darato  
(pacemaker)  
Penny Lagergren  
(recovery after near drowning)  
Rick Lowe  
(Covid/pneumonia)  
Denise Mahler  
(surgery)  
Juli Nurbhai  
(brain tumor)  
Pastor Eric & Ruth Rauch  
(prayer for healing)  
Matthew Solak  
(eye internal bleeding)  
Cliff Tallman  
(open heart surgery)  
Gary Walker  
(Back surgery)  
Joyce White  
(cancer)



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

### Opportunities This Week:

**Monday:** 7p.m. - Fellowship Committee

**Tuesday:** 6:45 p.m. - Bible Study - Gospel of Mark

**Wednesday:** 7 p.m. - Mid-Week Advent Service

**Thursday:** 7:45 a.m. - Men's Bible Study

11:45 a.m. - Choir to sing at Senior Center

7 p.m. - Prayer Meeting via Zoom

### 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 Nursery, (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

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 is available.

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