

Advent Midweek Service
Vespers

December 9th
7:00pm



Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
906 N. California Ave Hastings, NE 68901
402-462-9023 peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com
www.peacelutheranhastings.org
Pastor Gaunt Contact Information
revgaunt@gmail.com + 308-627-7238

Arise, O Christian People

LSB 354

- 1 Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today;
Prepare to greet the Savior,
Who takes your sins away. To us by grace alone
The truth and light were given;
The promised Lord from heaven
To all the world is shown.
- 2 Prepare the way before Him; Prepare for Him the best.
Cast out what would offend Him,
This great, this heav'nly guest. Make straight, make plain the
way: The lowly valleys raising,
The heights of pride abasing,
His path all even lay.
- 3 The humble heart and lowly God raises up on high;
Beneath His feet in terror
The haughty soul shall lie. The heart sincere and right,
That heeds God's invitation
And makes true preparation—
It is the Lord's delight.
- 4 Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside,
And help me to receive
You This blessed Adventide. From stall and manger low
Come now to dwell within me;
I'll sing Your praises gladly
And forth Your glory show.

Public domain

- P: O Lord, open my lips,
C: **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C: **Make haste, to help me O Lord.**
C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Praise to You, O Christ. King who comes to save us.

PSALM 110



L: The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my | right hand.*
 until I make your enemies your | footstool."
C: The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty | scepter.*
Rule in the midst of your | enemies!

L: Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your
 power, in holy | garments.*
 from the wombs of the morning, the
 dew of your youth | will be yours.
C: The Lord has sworn and will not | change his mind,*
"You are a priest forever after the
order of Mel- | chizedek."

L: The Lord is at your | right hand;*
 He will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.
C: He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them
with | corpses;*
he will shatter chiefs over the | wide earth.

L: He will drink from the brook | by the way;*
 Therefore he will lift | up his head.
C: Glory be the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now and will be forever. | Amen.

(Please sit)

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

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.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,
 By the Spirit of our God,
 Was the Word of God made flesh—
 Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

3 Here a maid was found with child,
 Yet remained a virgin mild.
 In her womb this truth was shown:
 God was there upon His throne.

4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
 From His pure and kingly hall;
 God of God, yet fully man,
 His heroic course began.

5 God the Father was His source,
 Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down,
 Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
 Shines in glory through the night.
 Darkness there no more resides;
 In this light faith now abides.

8 Glory to the Father sing,
 Glory to the Son, our king,
 Glory to the Spirit be
 Now and through eternity.

Text (sts. 3, 6-7): © 2006 Concordia Publishing House; (sts. 4-5, 8): © 1978 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110003721 Text (sts. 1-2): Public domain

READING

Zechariah 3:1-10

¹Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. ²And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" ³Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. ⁴And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments."

⁵ And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by. ⁶ And the angel of the LORD solemnly assured Joshua, ⁷ "Thus says the LORD of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here. ⁸ Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. ⁹ For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day. ¹⁰ In that day, declares the LORD of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree."

P: O Lord have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

READING

Revelation 12:7-12

⁷ Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers^[a] has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

P: O Lord have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

ADVENT RESPONSORY

P: Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C: This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

P; In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

C: This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

SERMON

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen

(Please stand)

CANTICLE

P: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

MAGNIFICAT

**C: My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;
for He has regarded
the lowliness of His handmaiden.
For behold, from this day
all generations will call me blessed.
For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
and holy is His name;
and his mercy is on those who fear Him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with His arm;
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent empty away.**

**He has helped His servant Israel
in remembrance of His mercy
as He spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his seed forever.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

KYRIE

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

COLLECTS

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: And let my cry come to You.

COLLECT OF THE DAY 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

P: 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 the same
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good
counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that
peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be
set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being
defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace
and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

The Night Will Soon Be Ending

LSB 337

- 1 The night will soon be ending; The dawn cannot be far.
Let songs of praise ascending Now greet the Morning Star!
All you whom darkness frightens With guilt or grief or pain,
God's radiant Star now brightens
And bids you sing again.
- 2 The One whom angels tended Comes near, a child, to serve;
Thus God, the judge offended, Bears all our sins deserve.
The guilty need not cower, For God has reconciled
Through His redemptive power
All those who trust this child.
- 3 The earth in sure rotation Will soon bring morning bright,
So run where God's salvation Glows in a stable's light.
As old as sin's perversion Is mercy's vast design:
God brings a new creation
This child its seal and sign.
- 4 Yet nights will bring their sadness And rob our hearts of
peace, And sin in all its madness Around us may increase.
But now one Star is beaming Whose rays have pierced the
night: God comes for our redeeming
From sin's oppressive might.
- 5 God dwells with us in darkness And makes the night as day;
Yet we resist the brightness And turn from God away.
But grace does not forsake us, However far we run.
God claims us still as children
Through Mary's infant Son.

Text: © 1998 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110003721

In order to assist with social distancing an usher will dismiss by rows. Please take your bulletin with you or throw it away (no return bulletins).