

Second Sunday in Advent
Divine Service Setting 3

December 6th
8:00am and 10:30am



Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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2020 Theme: All In – Being Present in an Age of Distraction

The Lord Comes on the Last Day

The day on which our Lord returns will be a “*great and awesome day*” (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will “*set them ablaze*” (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: “. . . *straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us “*through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures*” (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Expectant Mother + Dawn Gaunt **Health Issues** + Kay Krueger + Gary Ockinga + Shirley Johnston + Jeanne Buck + Marvin Hesterman + Dee Janssen + Viola Melvin + Linda Parsons **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

Birthdays 12/06 Deb Naggatz 12/07 Sandy Nissen 12/09 Doris Reichert, Kayla Carlsson 12/10 Adalynn Swier 12/11 Lois Bullard 12/12 Jessica Hammond **Baptisms** 12/07 Mike Carroll, Emily Nissen 12/12 Collin Fowler **Wedding Anniversaries** 12/07 Gary & Marge Ockinga 12/12 Jon & Dianne Botsch

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-8, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Matthew 11:2-10

What to listen for during the service?

When do we hear about Christ coming again during the service?

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly All that may please You best.
- 2 Your Zion strews before You
Green boughs and fairest palms;
And I too will adore You With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For You with praises new
And from Your name shall never Withhold the honor due.
- 3 I lay in fetters, groaning;
You came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning; You came to honor me.
A glorious crown You give me,
A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me As earthly riches fly.
- 4 Love caused Your incarnation;
Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling, Our lost and fallen race.
- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing Eternal life in heav'n.
- 6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations And blessèd hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

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✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

The sign of the cross (✠) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT



L: Say to the daughter of | Zion,*
“Behold, your sal- | vation comes.”

C: **The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.
Restore us, | O God;*
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!**

GLORIA PATRI

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

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

C: Amen.

(Please sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 4:1-6

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Ps. 50:2-3a, 5)

**C: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.*
Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;
“Gather to me my | faithful ones,*
who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”**

EPISTLE

Romans 15:4-13

⁴For 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. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For 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, ⁹and 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.” ¹⁰And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” ¹¹And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” ¹²And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” ¹³May 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Luke 21:26b-27)

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

L: The powers of the heavens will be | shaken,*
and then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with
power and great | glory.

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

C: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please sit)

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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- 1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for ev'ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- 2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him
Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him,
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall their true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of His passion
Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, amen, let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

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SERMON

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

C: **Amen.**

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

(Please sit as the altar is prepared for Holy Communion)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please stand)*

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary....., evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

C: **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world;
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world;
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please sit)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

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- 1 Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling
Of the glorious body sing,
And the blood, all price excelling,
Which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
Once on earth among us dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.
- 2 Giv'n for us, and condescending
To be born for us below,
He with us in converse blending
Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
Till He closed with wondrous ending
His most patient life of woe.
- 3 That last night at supper lying
Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,
Jesus, with the Law complying,
Keeps the feast its rites demand;
Then, more precious food supplying,
Gives Himself with His own hand.

4 Word made flesh, the bread He taketh,
By His word His flesh to be;
Wine His sacred blood He maketh,
Though the senses fail to see;
Faith alone the true heart waketh
To behold the mystery.

5 Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honor, thanks, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too His love confessing
Who from both with both is One.

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The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

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1 The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.

2 The final trumpet then shall sound
And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground
Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour,
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.

3 The books are opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.

4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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After all have communed

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart in ☩ peace.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your Children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

Once He Came in Blessing

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- 1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.
- 2 Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.
- 3 Soon will come that hour When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.
- 4 Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:00a.m. Worship Service and 10:30a.m. Worship

9:30a.m. No Bible Study at this time

Advent Services

December 9th, and 16th at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays

Sunday School Lessons for Students

We encourage parents and their children (students) to continue with Sunday School lesson learning. Please go on to the Facebook page and ask to be a friend of Pastor Gaunt and he will see that you receive a packet. Questions contact the Church Office at 402-462-9023.

Unable To Attend Church our worship is made available live stream on Sundays at 8 am on our website, or on demand see also our You Tube Channel. They are also available via the public access channel (Spectrum 181) at 2:30 pm on Tuesdays and 8:00 am on Sundays.

Poinsettias given to Share the Joy of Christmas flyers are on the Narthex table. Donations for Poinsettia plants need to be in by Sunday, December 13th. Thanks, Janelle Ham

Portals of Prayer Jan. – Mar. & Higher Things Devotions - available in the Narthex, copies November 28 - December 23, 2020.

Christmas Eve Sign-up We will be offering two services on Christmas Eve - one at 6 pm (live stream) and at 10 pm. PLEASE NOTE, both services will be the same service with Communion and Christmas Carols.

(Due to the coronavirus we are not having a children's program this year.) Because there are restrictions on how many we can seat in the church, we are asking members to sign up for the church service they will be attending. In order to achieve an even distribution and make seating available to everyone, we ask that you consider going to the 10 pm service if you are able. (Also remember that there is a Christmas Day Divine Service at 9 am. also on live stream.)

If you have not received this email with the links to sign up, call the church office to get signed up seats are limited and the cut-off date is Monday, December 14th.

Lifequote: “This Christmas, let us continue to pray for mothers who are afraid and aren’t sure where to turn when they discover they are unexpectedly pregnant. Let us pray that, like Mary, they may find the courage to bring life into the world.” – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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Enduring Faith Catechism Lesson

1. The Nature of the Sacrament of the Altar

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament, in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”