

Last Sunday of the Church Year November 22, 2020

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 348 527 849

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Nov. 22 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies

Nov. 22 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Nov. 24 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Nov. 24 6:30 p.m. Psalm Study at English

Nov. 25 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Nov. 25 No Christmas Program Practice

Nov. 25 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service with English

Nov. 26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

UPCOMING ADVENT SERVICES AT PEACE AND ENGLISH: December 2, 9, 16.
Services at English at 12:00 noon and at Peace 7:00 p.m.

A DAY IN WORSHIP: On communion Sundays, the Service of the Sacrament follows the prayer of the church. The ancient church termed this entire portion of the liturgy the *Eucharist*, which is Greek for thanksgiving. This shows us how the earliest Christians viewed communion. It was a celebration, a moment of joy, because the risen Christ was now present to distribute his gifts to his people. In the Lutheran tradition, we have sometimes allowed a mournful, penitential attitude to overwhelm what should be a moment of great joy. It is true that we are sinners. It is true that we need forgiveness from God. But it is also true that the promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation are present for us and gifted to us by Christ himself every time we celebrate communion. If that does not give us great joy, what on earth can? Next time we celebrate communion, listen closely to the words of the first prayer, the proper preface. Though the middle portion of the prayer changes according to the season, it always begins, "It is truly good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God." And it always ends, "We laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying..." When you come to worship the first Sunday in December, be ready to take communion with great joy. Christ is present to give you life.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Today is the last Sunday of the church year. It is often called "Christ the King" Sunday because of its emphasis on Christ's eternal reign. We see this emphasis in the Gospel lesson, which pictures the Son of Man (Christ) seated on his glorious throne, surrounded by angels, prepared to judge all nations. Our hymn of the day, *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*, emphasizes Christ's coming again in glory. He will not come again as a little child, to live and fight and die, but crowned with glory like the sun (2). While this coming will cause some to mourn, it is joy and salvation for God's people. The light of Christ's glory will shatter the darkness of this sinful world, and his people shall see him face to face. Therefore we pray, "Come quickly, King of kings!" (5).

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Two thousand years ago, Jesus came in humility, born of a virgin in a stable, and took up a cross, suffering and dying. But there will come a day when He comes again in glory, and every knee shall bow and tongue confess that He is Lord. We look forward to that day because His cross has brought forgiveness, and His glorious return will complete the restoration of all things.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 64:1-9; Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 11:1-10

THANK YOU: Thank you to the high school Sunday School for the wonderful goodie basket. Everything was very useful and very thoughtful. It was nice to be remembered.

Lois Lienemann

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Peace Lutheran is in charge of delivering meals Nov. 30 to December 4th and December 7th to December 11th. Please contact Lois Baatz at 472-307 if you are able to help deliver meals.

PACK THE PASTOR'S CAR: Service opportunity to bundle the children at Moulton Elementary school (Des Moines) in warmth and love. Many of these students are refugees and immigrants who do not have proper winter wear (see list on bulletin board by the office). And being in Northwest Iowa, we all know how cold winter can be! The school is looking for coats, snow boots, hats, mittens, scarfs, socks and underwear, kids' sizes 4-12. A table is set aside in the fellowship hall to collect our donations. On December 10th, we will pack Pastor's car with the items and Ashlie will deliver them on the 11th. If you have any questions, please see Ashlie Slotter.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect soup and canned meals (Spaghetti-o's, Ravioli, Beef Stew, Chili, etc.) for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

ACOLYTE TODAY is Porter Vogel . Next Sunday will be Lexi Davis.

USHERING TODAY is Team 5; Next Sunday is Team 6: Steve Janssen, Aaron Janssen, Jesse Janssen, Arnold Vogel, Robert McKenney, Gary Dieren, Adam Vogel.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

OPENING HYMN: THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS *LSB 348*

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.**

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

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 *Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.
O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!

For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

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.

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Revelation 22:13

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: O SAVIOR, PRECIOUS SAVIOR

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SERMON

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C 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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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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 \dagger give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS *LSB 849*

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