

First Sunday in Advent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 331 343 350

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Nov. 29 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies
Dec. 1 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Dec. 1 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English
Dec. 2 12:00 p.m. Advent Service at English
Dec. 2 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Dec. 2 5:15-6:30 p.m. Christmas Program Practice
Dec. 2 6:30 p.m. Ladies Aid at English
Dec. 2 7:00 p.m. Advent Service
Dec. 3 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Dec. 13 4:00 p.m. Christmas Program

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: Today is the first Sunday in Advent, the first Sunday of a new church year. Last week, we were standing before the throne of Christ at the final judgement. He had returned, and the end of the world was here. This Sunday, we stand far away from Christ, waiting for the promised Savior to come. That is what Advent is all about, our experience of waiting for God and his promises to come true for us. We know that Christ has already come once, the church has celebrated Christmas for a long time now, yet we still struggle with sin, we still experience evil in life, we still doubt God, we still long for something more. We are still waiting, waiting for the fullness of God's kingdom and the fullness of Christ to come. So this Advent season, we will be reflecting on our Old Testament lessons. These lessons are about Israel's waiting for God's promises to come true for them. And we are waiting as well. We are waiting for the last Christmas, the final coming of Christ, when all of God's good promises will come true for us.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is our first hymn, *The Advent of Our King*. In this hymn, we remind one another that Christ is coming. Because of this, we sing a hymn of joyful welcome to our incarnate Lord. We then encourage one another to get ready to meet this king. This king will take all of his true members to reign with him in heaven, so we prepare ourselves for heaven now by putting away "sin's dark deeds" and putting on the new self made in the image of Christ. Thus we will be ready to meet the king "who comes to set us free."

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Though the people who first joined in the cries of "Hosanna!" may not have understood what kind of salvation Jesus was bringing, we, on the other side of His cross and resurrection, do: He came to bring forgiveness of sins. As we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth and His second coming, we join the heavenly throng in shouting "Hosanna!" and trusting in what He has already accomplished.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 40:1-11; 2Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

WEBSITES: Peace and English both have new websites. There you will find sermon recordings, manuscripts, bulletins, service times and events, as well as an option for online giving. Web addresses for both churches can be found at the top of the bulletin.

SECRET PAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Secret Pal/Card Pal Christmas party will be December 6th at 5:00 p.m. at the church. Anyone interested in joining Secret Pals for 2021, please contact Krista Kroon at 507-920-9314.

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.

FRONTIER BANK During the month of December, Frontier Bank is offering a \$5.00 donation check to the charity of your choice. Anyone can stop in for a check; they do not need to be a customer. If you do not want to go into the bank, call ahead and they will bring the check to your car.

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 Lexi Davis. Next Sunday will be Harper Flying Horse.

USHERING TODAY is Team 6; Next Sunday is Team 1: Michael Huygens, Keith Berg, Keith Lambert, Bob Iwen, Devin Olson, Justin Olson

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

OPENING HYMN: THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

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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 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
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.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
C Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1–9

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Psalm 24:7

Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh 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 † everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

SERMON

Mark 11:1-10

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OFFERTORY

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

- 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.**

CLOSING HYMN: COME, THOU PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME

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