

## Third Sunday in Advent

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember: Ron Steinberg, Marcia Neelly, Kirk Aeilts, Kim Kimmel, Ray Delfs

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS:** Beverly Baker, December 13

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service Hymns 411 349 344

### THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Dec. 13 8:30 a.m. Worship at English  
Dec. 13 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies  
Dec. 13 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace  
Dec. 13 4:00 p.m. Christmas Program  
Dec. 15 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
Dec. 15 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English  
Dec. 16 12:00 p.m. Advent Service at English  
Dec. 16 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
Dec. 16 7:00 p.m. Advent Service  
Dec. 17 12:00 p.m. Bible Study

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

**A DAY IN WORSHIP:** Following the Proper Preface (the opening prayer of the communion liturgy) and the Sanctus, the pastor speaks the Words of Institution. The Words of Institution are the center of the service for two reasons. First, they remind us why we are doing what we are doing. We are taking communion because we are following Christ's command. He said, "Do this in remembrance of me." Secondly, in these words, we hear Christ tell us the Gospel very simply and personally. He said, "This is my body, which is given for you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through this sacrament, Christ assures us that the benefits of his sacrifice on the cross are given to us. We receive his body and blood, broken and shed on the cross, for the forgiveness of our sins.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Our hymn of the day, *Hark the Glad Sound!*, captures the message of our Old Testament lesson. The savior comes, the savior promised long. He comes to release prisoners from Satan's bondage, to heal the broken hearted, to enrich the humble with the gift of God's favor. Therefore, let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** *Ecce Agnus Dei!* ("Behold the Lamb of God!") These Latin words appear on the ribbon held by John the Baptist in the seventeenth-century painting by Bernardo Strozzi. How fitting that when we sing the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) prior to Holy Communion, we are reminded of John's words and our reason for gathering. Christ's body and blood—along with the benefits of His sacrifice for us—are delivered, taking our sins away.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 2 Samuel 7:1-16 Luke 1:26-38  
Romans 16:25-27

**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.

**Covid-19:** Please help us keep others safe by wearing a mask while attending services at Peace Lutheran. Masks may be removed during the service if you are a safe distance from other worshipers.

**Calling All Carolers:** Peace Lutheran will be caroling this coming Saturday. Feel free to join us in the church parking lot Dec. 19 at 4:00 p.m. We will be singing at Rock Rapids Health Centre and a few other homes in Rock Rapids. This will be a great way to bring Christ's love to people who are otherwise isolated this Christmas.

**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 drinks (fruit juice, vegetable juice, tea, water, Gatorade, tang, etc.) for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

**ACOLYTE TODAY is Dani Folkens. Next Sunday will be Harper Flying Horse.**

**USHERING TODAY is Team 2; Next Sunday is Team 3:** Paul Davis, Lowell Drenth, Paul Sindt, Warren Arends, Jerry Baatz, Eugene Johnson, Andrew Klein

## + HOLY BAPTISM +

### BAPTISMAL HYMN: I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT LSB 411

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**P** How are you named?

**R** Oliver Hilbert

**P** Oliver Hilbert, receive the sign of the holy cross upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Oliver according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

**P** Is it your intention to serve Oliver as sponsors in the Christian faith?

**R** Yes, *with the help of God.*

**P** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C** Amen.

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Oliver Hilbert, do you renounce the devil?

**R** Yes, *I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** Yes, *I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** Yes, *I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R** Yes, *I believe.*

**P** Do you believe 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Oliver Hilbert, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Oliver Hilbert, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Oliver the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You sent Your own Son into this world as the child of the virgin Mary. We thank You for the life of this child entrusted to our care. Help us remember that we are all Your children and so love and nurture him that he may attain to the full stature intended for him in Your eternal kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Peace † be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11*

**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 Thessalonians 5:16–24*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE

Matthew 11:10b

Alleluia. Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6–8, 19–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*After the Reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, 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: HARK THE GLAD SOUND

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## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

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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 † give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

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