

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 331 527 349

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Nov. 28 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Nov. 28 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Nov. 28 9:00 Sunday School

Nov. 30 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Nov. 30 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Dec. 1 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Dec. 1 Noon Bible Study

Dec. 1 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Dec. 1 5:15-6:45 p.m. PS-8th grade Christmas Program Practice

Dec. 1 7:00 p.m. Advent Service at Peace

Dec. 5 11:30 a.m. LYC Holiday Meal

Dec. 8 3:30 p.m. Daughters of Peace

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is the first hymn of our service and also the first hymn in the hymnal, *The Advent of Our King*. This hymn reminds us that, just as Jesus once came to Jerusalem mounted on a donkey, so he will come again with power on the last day. Therefore, as we anticipate the return of the king, it is only fitting that we “hymns of welcome sing in strains of holy joy.” The coming king is the “everlasting Son” who put on a servant’s form to “set his servants free.” He is the one who will come again as judge on clouds of light, so we await his return by setting aside “sin’s dark deeds” and putting on the new self. Christ is coming soon. Rejoice!

A WORD: Our Old Testament reading promises that God is going to send a Righteous Branch from David’s line who will save God’s people. The Righteous Branch is a coming king who is descended from David, Jesus Christ. In the Gospel reading, we see the fulfillment of this promise as Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey and is welcomed as king. The epistle reading reminds us that Christ is coming back. There will be a new triumphal entry for God’s people on that day. Because Christ is coming back, we pray that God would build us up in His love so that we might be found blameless on the day of Christ’s return.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Malachi 3:1-7 Philemon 1:2-11
Luke 3:1-14

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: A Palm Sunday Gospel reading, which may seem like the wrong text as we enter Advent, points us to the fact that Christ’s arrival means our salvation. Christ’s arrival as a little babe means His taking on of human flesh. Christ’s arrival to His holy city means the cross and resurrection by which He defeated sin and death. Christ’s arrival to us through Word and Sacraments means we receive the benefits of what He has accomplished. Christ’s arrival on the Last Day means His completion of all things. Christ has come; Christ will come again.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR ENGLISH: Pastor Alex and Ashlie will be hosting a Christmas dinner at English on December 11th at 1:00 p.m.. We will provide rolls and meat. Please bring a side to share. Join us for some Christmas cheer!

HOLIDAY MEAL: The LYC is having a Holiday Meal on December 5th after the church service. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to volunteer to bring salad and/or dessert.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Peace Lutheran will be delivering Meals on Wheels December 6-10 and December 13-17. If you are able to assist, please contact Lois Baatz at 472-3076.

SECRET PALS: The Secret Pal Christmas Party will be December 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Rock Rapids Pizza Ranch. If you would like to join Secret Prayer Pals, please come and join us on the 14th.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: If you wish to donate to the Scholarship Fund to assist Peace Lutheran members with college tuition, mark your offering envelope with the words “Scholarship Fund” and your donation will be put into that fund.

FRONTIER BANK: Frontier Bank Annual Appreciation Day in Rock Rapids is December 10th. All are welcome to stop by and pick up a \$5.00 donation check to be written to the church or charity of your choice.

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

USHERING TODAY is Team 4; Next Sunday is Team 5: Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick, Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartz, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 331: THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

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 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?

Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.

For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.
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 The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**

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

Jeremiah 33:14–16

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 3:9–13

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

Luke 19:28–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth 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

HYMN 527: O SAVIOR, PRECIOUS SAVIOR

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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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.**

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.**

HYMN 349: HARK THE GLAD SOUND

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