

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 27, 2022

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 789 624 924

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Nov. 27 8:15 a.m. Worship at English

Nov. 27 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

Nov. 27 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Nov. 27 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

Nov. 27 10:15 a.m. Christmas Program Practice

Nov. 29 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Nov. 29 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Nov. 30 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Nov. 30 5:15-6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Nov. 26 9:00 a.m. Woman's Prayer Group

Dec. 4 LYC Spaghetti Dinner and church decorating

Dec. 7 4:30 p.m. Ladies Aid at English (Pot luck lunch)

Dec. 11 4:00 p.m. Christmas Program

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

HYMN OF THE DAY: The hymn of the day is our sermon hymn, *The Infant Priest was Holy Born*. This hymn reminds of us why Jesus came to us that first Christmas day. He was the holy Son of God who became unholy for our redemption. He was the holy lamb of God who became our sacrifice on the altar of the cross. Because of his victorious death and resurrection, the one who was born our infant priest now leads us to the holy place where we will see God face to face.

A WORD: Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Our sermon series for Advent is called *Christmas Gifts*. The gift we receive from God this Sunday is the gift of peace. In Christ, we know peace today as we share the love of God with one another, as Paul instructs us to do in Romans. In the Gospel lesson, we meet the king who comes to us in perfect humility to make peace between us and God by the blood of his cross. But our focus this morning is on the reading from Isaiah. Though we experience a fragile peace on earth today, we will know the fullness of God's peace when Christ comes again. We will know God's peace as the nations stream to his temple to learn his righteousness, receive his justice, and beat their swords into plowshares.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: **Behold** (Christ Incarnate was able to be seen with human eyes and will be seen again, God in the flesh!), **your king** (Jesus is King of kings, who reigns over all, and at the same time is our king!) **is coming** (Jesus came on that first Christmas, He came into His Holy city to die and rise, and He will come again!) **to you** (He has done it all for you for your forgiveness and eternal life!).

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11-Sunday Mornings: **8:30 a.m.** Christmas **Band** Practice (5th -12th grade/adult); **9:00 a.m.** Christmas Program Songs and Sunday School lesson; **10:15 a.m.** Christmas Program practice (pre-school -12th grade). The Christmas program is Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Ann Langholdt at 712-461-1695.

BLESSINGS BASKET: Thank you to everyone who has given to the blessings jar over the last few months. The blessings in that jar have now become a blessing basket. If you know of anyone who would be blessed by this gift, please place their name and address in the box next to the basket. A name will soon be drawn to find out who will receive the basket this Christmas.

SECRET PAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 13th. We will gather at Pizza Ranch at 6:00 p.m. Secret Pals for 2022 will be revealed and new names will be drawn for 2023. If any ladies would like to join, please join us at Pizza Ranch.

DAUGHTERS OF PEACE: The Christmas party will be December 14th at 3:30 p.m. Please bring an ornament that has special meaning to you. We will share why the ornament is special. Also, please bring a guest if you wish. Karen Olson will have devotions and program.

DECEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEES: Altar Committee for Peace is Doris Iwen, Yvette Waagmeester, Harper Flying Horse, and Danie Folkens. At English it will be Wanda Wulf.

RHYTHM OF BETHLEHEM: On December 4th, the United Methodist Church is excited to present the 10th annual Rhythm of Bethlehem! We are in need of performers and volunteers to make this night magical. If you are interested in performing or helping in any way, contact Sheila Maxwell at 712-348-1798. Come help us ring in the Advent Season!

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAYS: Frontier Bank will be offering donation checks at their annual Community Appreciations days. Everyone is welcome to stop by and pick up a \$5.00 donation check to be written to the church or charity of choice. The dates are as follows: Little Rock Branch-December 2nd, George Branch-December 5th, and Rock Rapids Branch December 9th.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect canned soups, cream soups, crackers, canned vegetables, canned fruit, microwave popcorn, instant potatoes, Pop Tarts, cereals, tuna Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERS: **November 27**-Bob Iwen and Marv Flier; **December 4**-Terry Dieren & Lowell Fick

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 789: PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

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 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1–5

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

Romans 13:8–14

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

Matthew 21:1–11

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

HYMN 624: THE INFANT PRIEST WAS HOLY BORN

sts. 1-4

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 924: LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

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