

# Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 28, 2021



**As We Gather** Today's Gospel is also appointed for Palm Sunday. The One whose birth we are preparing to celebrate is He who came to die for us on a cross outside Jerusalem. As God had promised, Christ gave us His own righteousness, by taking our place. His total love is now ours to give to one another and all we meet.

**Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available.** If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

**Childcare** A room for parents with small children is located near the church entryway. If you need guidance please see an usher.

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py  
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less  
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - jice and glad - ly sing.  
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.  
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.  
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: During this Advent season, as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth, let us examine ourselves according to the prophetic revelation in Holy Scripture. Through Jeremiah, the prophet, God promises that the coming Messiah will be called "The LORD is our righteousness."

People: **We confess that, at times, we consider our good intentions as sufficient to somehow merit God's approval. We are sorry for not relying solely on the grace of God in Christ Jesus—the very source of righteousness.**

Pastor: In writing to the Thessalonians, St. Paul prays that our love for one another may increasingly abound.

People: **We confess that we have pursued our own interests. We have not properly looked out for the interest of others. We repent for not expressing the love of Christ by using our resources to meet our neighbors' needs.**

Pastor: When Jesus enters Jerusalem, the crowd hails Him as their promised King.

People: **We confess that we rebel against God's directives. We harbor our secret faults, believing that we may escape His judgment or are unworthy of receiving His mercy. Our thoughts, words, and actions contradict the gracious rule of Christ the King. Heavenly Father, have mercy on us for the sake of Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Pastor: God the Father promised to send the Messiah—Jesus, our Righteousness, —Jesus, our King, to be the chosen One, restoring us to Himself and declaring us to be His forgiven people. Through His sacred Word, God prepares us to witness His birth, His death, and His resurrection that the Kingdom of Heaven may be open to all believers forever. By your faith in the Savior who has come and will come again, all your sins have been forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Savior of the nations, come, and open wide Your heavenly home. Amen.**

# LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

## HYMN DURING LIGHTING

### “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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## PSALM 25 (vs. 1-9, 11, 18, 20-22)

Pastor: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**People: O my God, in you I trust;**

Pastor: let me not be put to shame;

**People: let not my enemies exult over me.**

Pastor: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

**People: they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

Pastor: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

**People: teach me your paths.**

Pastor: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

**People: for you I wait all the day long.**

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

**People: for they have been from of old.**

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**People: according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness,  
O LORD!**

Pastor: Good and upright is the LORD;

**People: therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right,

**People: and teaches the humble his way.**

Pastor: For your name's sake, O LORD,

**People: pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

Pastor: Consider my affliction and my trouble,

**People: and forgive all my sins.**

Pastor: Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

**People: Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.**

Pastor: May integrity and uprightness preserve me,

**People: for I wait for you.**

Pastor: Redeem Israel, O God,

**People: out of all his troubles.**

### **COLLECT** *(Prayer for the Day)*

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

**People: Amen.**

## +THE WORD OF GOD+

### OLD TESTAMENT READING . . . . . Jeremiah 33:14–16

*(God promises that a descendant of David will provide the righteousness we need.)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE READING . . . . . 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

*(Paul prays that his readers' love will abound, and that God would make his readers blameless at Jesus' coming.)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

### “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the  
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have  
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er  
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -  
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the  
kind, To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and  
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

**HOLY GOSPEL** . . . . . Luke 19:28–40  
(*Jesus is hailed as King as He enters Jerusalem.*)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

( *The Gospel is read.* )

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You O Christ**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“O Sing of Christ”**



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,  
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par - a - dise was barred;  
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re - ceived;  
4 Lord Je - sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.  
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.  
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.  
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man - i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace  
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;  
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,  
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.  
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.  
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.  
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

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**MESSAGE**

Reading A Book Backwards Can Still Keep You Guessing:  
Rediscovering The Thrill Of How It All Began

*Luke 19:28-40*

*Pastor Rob Rebensal*

# HYMN

## “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -  
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,  
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I  
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.  
we may sing; Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

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## CONFESSION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

**All: 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.**




## OFFERING

*(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)*

## VOLUNTARY

## OFFERTORY



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.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive those who trespass  
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the  
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

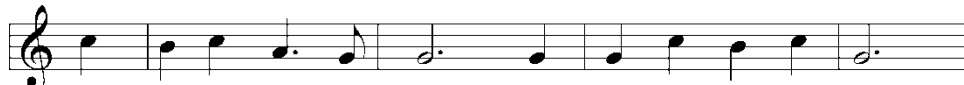
**People: Amen**

## CLOSING HYMN

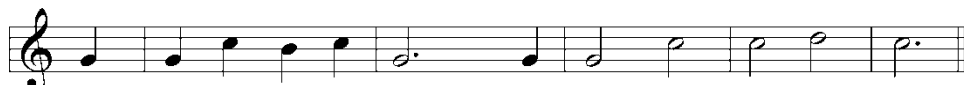
### “When Morning Gilds the Skies”



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known  
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God's ho - ly house of prayer  
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word  
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round



This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”  
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

**ATTENDANCE ON 11/21/21:** 8:00-50 9:30-34 11:00-37 Total-121

Sunday School - 8

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given to the glory of God by Dave Schmidt in celebration of his Granddaughter Avery's birthday.

### THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY, November 28, 2021

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Schmidt	Tom Waddell/ Bob Weaver	Bob Hutchison
<b>Greeters:</b>			Carol Yung
<b>Readers:</b>	Roy Poehler	Tom Waddell	Bob Hutchison
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Paige Krause		Sierra Denninger
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ken Anderson Glenn Benitz Scott Ehlers		Scott Klittich Steve Rusch Mike Elbert
<b>Altar Care:</b>	Luci Pommers Irene Hutchison		
<b>Organist:</b>	Karen Foote		

### THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY December 5, 2021

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Blaine Wanke	Phil Hamilton/ Bob Weaver	Bob Hutchison
<b>Greeters:</b>			
<b>Readers:</b>	Bob Lacy	Brian Nomi	Mike Elbert
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Paige Krause		Rebecca Nomi
<b>Ushers:</b>	Blaine Wanke Keith Hedrick Todd Harter		Mike McCracken Tom La Jeunesse
<b>Altar Care:</b>	Lori Schultze Karen Rusch		
<b>Organist:</b>	Karen Foote		
<b>Choir Director:</b>	Linda La Jeunesse		

## **THIS WEEK AT PEACE November 28, 2021**

Today: 8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional Services  
9:30 am Praise Communion Service (FH)  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)  
10:42 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)  
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship  
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: *Office closed*

Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Coffee House)  
7:00pm Voter's Meeting (Zoom/Conference Call)

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers  
6:30 pm Women's A&AA Family Support  
6:00 pm Soup Supper  
7:00 pm Advent Service

Thursday: 6:45 am Men's Bible Study- on break till 1/6/22  
9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study  
10:00 am Lifelight Bible Study (zoom)  
5:45 pm Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday: 6:00 pm Faith & Fun Friday

Saturday: 10:00 am Praise Band practice

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional Communion Services  
9:30 am Praise Service (FH)  
9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)  
10:42 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)  
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-** Taking a break 11/24-1/6. A new study will begin with *"Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi Return to the Lord"* on **Thursdays**, 6:45am with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Our study will also be available on Zoom. Join us. For more info, call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007.

**THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY-** LifeLight has begun a 9 week study on *Wilderness Wanderings*, Thursdays at 10 AM. This study is via Zoom. Please contact Blaine or Diana Wanke 805-465-0485 if you would like to join this study.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets @ 9:30AM in rotating homes, with a study of the Gospel of John. If you have any questions please call Dave Schmidt @ 805-482-3867.

**TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets in the Proverbs Coffee House at 10am as they study the book of Ruth. For more information contact Connie Morris at 805-987-5116.

**PRAYER CHAIN-** If you have a prayer request please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail [footstepps@verizon.net](mailto:footstepps@verizon.net).

**THE FOOD BANK-** Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the narthex. Donations are taken to the pantry weekly. Shelf stable milk, cereal, canned vegetables, tuna, and peanut butter are always needed, but all non-perishable, unexpired donations are appreciated. The pantry serves our Camarillo seniors and families that need a helping hand. We thank you for your continued support.

**IN-SERVICE CHILD CARE NEEDED-** We are still planning to re-open our Nursery in the Fellowship Hall, and need 2 people to care for the children during the 9:30am & the 11am service. A paid position, contact the church office.

**OUR PRESCHOOL** still could use your help providing some garden supplies to start their sustainable garden project: soil, shovel, rake, seeds/ plants, garden gloves, compost, garden signs/labels, fertilizer, bug/squirrel netting and drip line system. Questions? Call Rachael @ 805-603-3542.

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER ITEMS HAVE ARRIVED!** Please pick up your items (calendars and cards) down at the Fellowship Hall patio, from Vera.

**TOY DRIVE-** Social Concerns and Peace Preschool are partnering in the annual Happy Birthday, Mason toy drive for foster children in Ventura County. Boxes are set up in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. New unwrapped toys, games or sporting equipment, for ages 14 and under, can be dropped off until Monday December 13<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, any non-perishable, unexpired food items can be donated. Thank you!

**AmazonSmile** Did you know that a portion of your purchases could come back to Peace Lutheran Church at no cost to you or the church? AmazonSmile is a website that allows customers to enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile (**smile.amazon.com**) the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. Support for Peace Lutheran Church! This is an easy way of giving for active Amazon shoppers. • To shop Amazon(smile.amazon.com), you need to sign up on your web browser. • An account will need to be created. • Then select your favorite charity from almost one million eligible organizations. You will find Peace Lutheran Church Camarillo under the **Education and Youth selection**. Thank you for your support of Peace Lutheran Church!

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:** The Altar Committee is looking for volunteers for 2022. The signup sheet is posted on the white board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. Please chose your favorite month and volunteer to help with this important work. Sign up with your spouse or a friend, or if you prefer, you can do it alone. If you have never done this job and are interested in volunteering, there are mentors to help you. If you have any questions about what it entails, call Linda Young at 805 236-4820 or Carol Yung at 805 504-6876.

**THE 2022 FLOWER CHART** is posted on the white board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. Please sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Two signups are available for each Sunday. The arrangements are \$35.00 each, and the check or money can be placed in the offering plate. Please note on the check or on the envelope that it is designated for "Flowers". Following the 11:00 service, you may take your arrangement home.

**GPM COMPANY WILL BE DOING ASPHALT REPAIR WORK ON Monday, 11/29/21**, between the Coffeehouse and the Fellowship Hall. Please avoid parking around this area. Drive slowly and be mindful of the safety barricades.



Pray for...

**HEALTH AND HEALING:** Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Lili Baehr, Barbara (Diana Wanke's sister), Brandee Brand, Edith Braukis, Terry Breckinridge, Patrick & Melodie Davis, Marshall Denninger, Brian Derozer, Mike Elbert, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Tina Gingerich, Larry Goesch, Ken Haugrud, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Judy (friend of Schultze family), Jacque Hendricks (Pat Massey's daughter in-law), Rick Mahlke, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Brett Manzer, Ryan Scott Morrison, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mark Reuter, Mike Reuter, Toni Rizer, Lil Rodriguez (Luther's Attic worker), Fred & Cheryl Sanders, Tim Schmidt, Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Don Schultz, Dale Sieber, Llewyn Rae Spencer (grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), David Stafford, Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Todd White, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

*Pray for all military men and women especially:* Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Chris and Amy Obermier, Lucas Wentland and Henry Andermann.

*Also remember their families in your prayers.*



December 1st.....6pm Soup Supper/7pm Advent Service

December 8th.....6pm Soup Supper/7pm Advent Service

December 15th.....6pm Soup Supper/7pm Advent Service

December 16th/17th.....12:15pm Preschool program

December 19th....10am Sunday School Program:

(ONE SERVICE ONLY)

December 24th....5&7pm Christmas Eve Services

December 25th.....10am Christmas Service

December 26th.....10am Worship Service:

(ONE SERVICE ONLY)