

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 10, 2023



As We Gather On the second Sunday in Advent we hear a voice rise up calling us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is not meant to be the voice of terror but the promised voice of comfort. God is coming to His people to announce an end to their warfare, the pardon of their sins, and the promise of a whole new future. Once this voice was the voice of John insisting he was not the one but was preparing for the One who is mightier than he. Voices still proclaim the comfort of the Lord and the grace that forgives sins---not as someone to come but as the One who came for us and our salvation. Today we not only listen for our own sake, but we listen so that we may speak into the world the grace of Him who came before He comes again.

Welcome Children- A cry room is located near the church entryway. Please see an usher for guidance.

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

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Charlotte Rae Harrison



BAPTISMAL HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father”



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Pastor: The voice of the prophet cries out to us: Prepare the way of the Lord. The gracious God whom we know in Christ comforts us with the promise of grace bigger than every sin. God alone makes us clean and makes us ready to meet Jesus. He comes as a Shepherd to carry us in His arms and to lead us home clothed in forgiveness and His very own righteousness.

Pastor: Restore us, O God, and let Your face shine on us,

People: That we may be saved. *Psalm 80:3*

Pastor: Give ear to Your people, O Shepherd of Israel,

People: and lead Your people like a flock. *Psalm 80:1, adapted*

Pastor: You forgive all the iniquity of Your people;

People: You cover up all our sin and show us Your steadfast love and faithfulness. *Psalm 85:2*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Silence for Meditation & Reflection)

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know---the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed---but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you By God's grace alone through faith in Jesus Christ alone, all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(During Advent we omit the Hymn of Praise until it is sung on Christmas.)

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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+LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD+

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Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 40:1-11*
(*Comfort, comfort my people, says the Lord our God.*)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *2 Peter 3:8-14*
(*St. Peter reminds us that God's time and our time are not the same and we must be ready at all times for our Lord's return.*)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“ ‘Twas In The Moon Of Wintertime”
With God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Piano: Sandy Haven
Saxaphone: David Hudnell

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:1-8*
(*Our Lord's coming begins with the voice sent to prepare the world for His appearing.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(After the Gospel is read.)

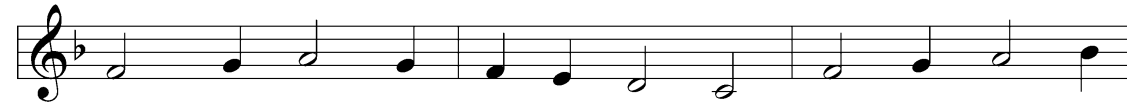
Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”



1 “Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace,” thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each



saith our God; “Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver.”
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.

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MESSAGE

“Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room”

Mark 1:1-8

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OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew. The ushers will pick it up after the service.)

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Attendance 12/3/23: 10:00 AM - 88

Saturday 12/2/23: 5:00PM - 20

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God and all His blessings by Sandi Stepp in celebration of Marisa & Michael’s Anniversary.



THIS WEEK AT PEACE December 10, 2023

Sunday: 10:00 am Traditional Service

10:20 am Sunday School

11:30 am Christmas Casserole Luncheon

1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office closed

Tuesday: ++++++

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther’s Attic Volunteers

6:00 pm Advent Soup Supper

6:30 pm A.C.A. Women’s Support Group (PH)

7:00 pm Advent Worship Service (Pastor Jeong)

Thursday: 5:45 pm Handbell rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Friday: 6:30 pm Pre-School Christmas Program

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunset Praise Service

Note: Kindly refrain from bringing food or beverages (other than water) into worship.



THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY December 10, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE

Elder: Al Bosman
Greeter: Karen & Gary Taylor
Reader: Bob Hutchison
Acolyte: Lucas Williamson
Ushers: Mike McCracken
Tom La Jeunesse
Rick Poore
Altar Care: Irene Hutchison & Tina Gingerich
Cookie & Coffee Service: S. McCracken, C. Klittich, V. Alamillo
Organist: Karen Foote
Music Duo- Sandy Haven and David Hudnell

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY December 17, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE

Elder: Al Bosman
Greeter: Jim & Kerry DeVries
Reader: Roy Poehler
Acolyte: Michelle Ullerick
Ushers: Gary Taylor
Karen Taylor
Bill Young
Altar Care: Linda Young
Cookie & Coffee Service: S. McCracken, C. Klittich, V. Alamillo
Organist: Karen Foote
Handbell Director: Linda La Jeunesse

Being Baptized into God's Kingdom today, Sunday, December 10, 2023, is baby *Charlotte Rae Harrison*. Charlotte is the daughter of Sam and Dionne (*nee Kelly*) Harrison. Charlotte's proud paternal grandparents flew in for this special occasion, and they are standing up as sponsors. Last year at about this time, Charlotte's cousin, Emma Kelly, was baptized here at Peace. Both Charlotte's mom (Dionne) and her Uncle Davis Kelly (sister and brother) were confirmed here and finished out a very active career in our Peace Lutheran Youth Group. Charlotte (and Emma) mark a noteworthy 4th generation of family Lutherans connected with our congregation (Melody & Pat Kelly are Charlotte's maternal grandparents, and Sonja Manzer is Charlotte's maternal great grandmother!) Most important of all, Charlotte is now a child of God. Amen!



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING: Edith Anderson, Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Michael Draper, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Carol Marker, Pat Massey, Ryan Scott Morrison, Norma Regalia, Sarah Stepp (granddaughter of Al & Cindy Fox), Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung, Sue Zinger and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men, women and their families: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Henry Andermann, Avery Chapman and Adam Volpei.

