Peace Lutheran Church

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 3, 2023

As We Gather This is the First Sunday in Advent and the beginning of a new Church Year of grace. Our Church Year counts time differently than the secular calendar. We are tied to the fullness of time in which God sent His one and only Son into the womb of the virgin, born to save us. The First Sunday in Advent is the Sunday on or closest to November 30 (St. Andrew's Day). Today, we begin a journey not simply to the manger but the familiar journey that takes us to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. It is not merely a remembrance of what took place so long ago but also preparation for what is to come---our Lord's return in glory to lay claim to His Church for all eternity. Encouraged by the Spirit, we devote ourselves to faithfully keeping what God has made known to us and showing forth our living faith in words and acts of repentance and holy living. But each Advent is a reminder that we are one step further from Bethlehem and one year closer to our Lord's coming again.

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God's forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ's body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to the Pastor.

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

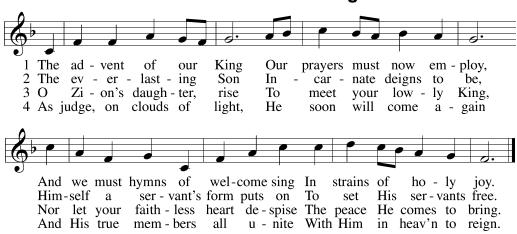
Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

RINGING OF THE BELL PRELUDE **WELCOME**

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

"The Advent of Our King"



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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the

Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Pastor: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the

Lord!

People: Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in the highest! AII:

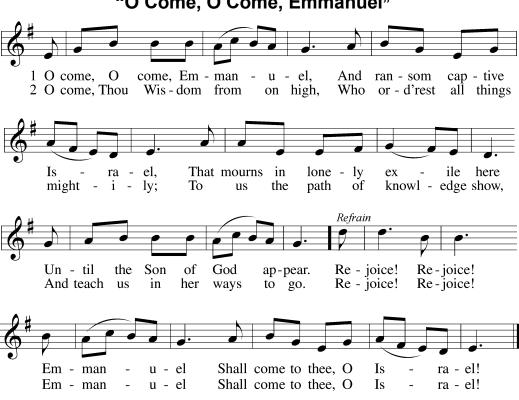
Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, People: the light no darkness can overcome.

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness

People: and illumine Your Church.

HYMN





Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, Advent has come upon us and reminds us that the King is coming. Before we can meet Him, we need to be cleansed from our sin and restored by His grace. So now we come at His invitation to receive His promised grace.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Pastor: Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having

salvation. Zechariah 9:9

People: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Pastor: O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame;

People: let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame. Psalm 25:1-3

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one

another.

People: Eternal God, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves in many ways. We have refused to bear the troubles of others and have turned away from our neighbors in their need. We have ignored the pain of the world and have not fully shown care for those who are hungry, poor, or oppressed. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin, and free us from selfishness and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.

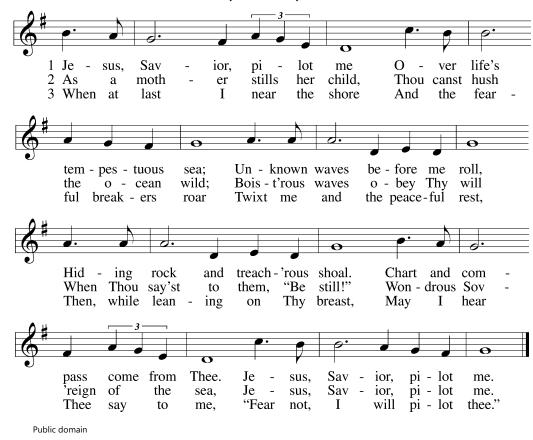
Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you. He looks only for a repentant spirit and a faith filled heart. Aside from any merit of your own, and for Jesus' sake, all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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People: Amen.

HYMN

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"



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+

(The prophet prays for God to rend the heavens and come down, acknowledging that we are all the work of His hands.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(St. Paul comforts God's people with the Lord's promise to sustain His people until the day when our Lord returns.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR "Who Would Send a Baby?"



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 11th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(The Gospel is read.)

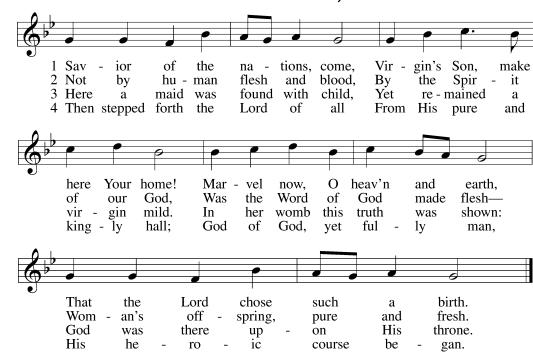
Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ.

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Savior of the Nations, Come"





MESSAGE

"Lay down Your Cloaks & Lift Up Your Palms: It's Palm Sunday.
It's Advent Season!"

Mark 11:1-10
Pastor Mike Schultze

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

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"



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

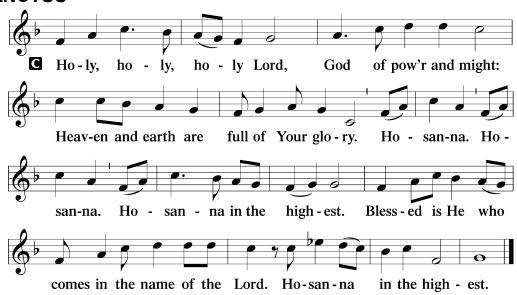
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You call us to be Your people who acknowledge our sin and who find our hope of salvation in You alone. Direct our lives in ways of faithfulness, and keep us constant in prayer. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord here given as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

"Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

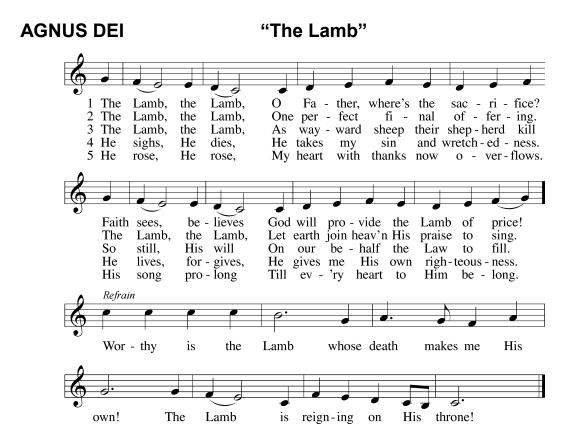
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

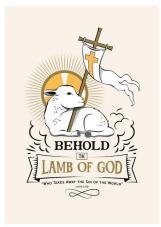
PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

(Please be seated)





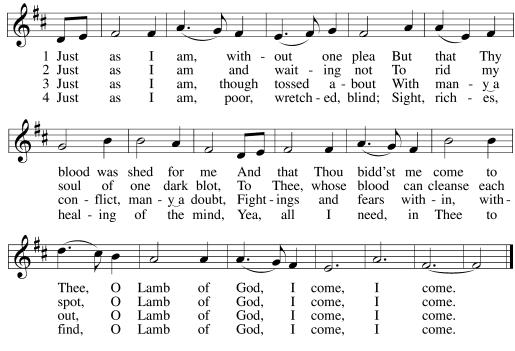
HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"O Living Bread from Heaven"



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"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

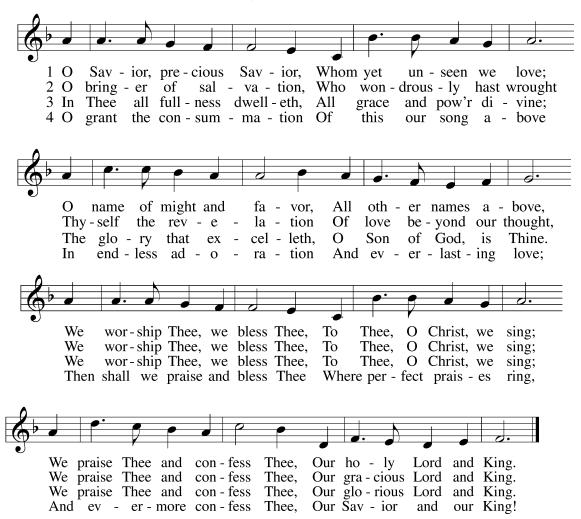


- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

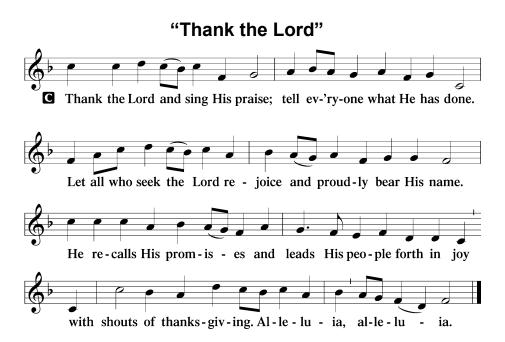
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"O Savior, Precious Savior"



POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Lord of our lives, strengthen and support us so that we may continue to proclaim Your love to all the world. Bless us day by day and keep us hope-filled as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His

face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord

look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"



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ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTLUDE

Attendance 11/26/23:10:00 AM - 88

Saturday 11/25/23: 5:00PM - 23

<u>Altar Flowers:</u> Given to the glory of God and all His blessings by Jane Morici in loving memory of her husband Ignazio.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE December 3, 2023

Sunday: 10:00 am Traditional Communion Service

10:20 am Sunday School

1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (PH) 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 Koch)

Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study

5:45 pm Handbell rehearsal7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Friday: 6:00 pm Girl Scouts

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunset Praise Service

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

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY— December 3, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE

Elder: Al Bosman

Greeter: Donna Pickler

Reader: Lori Schultze

Acolyte: Michelle Ullerick

Ushers: Glenn Benitz

Scott Ehlers

Altar Care: Irene Hutchison & Tina Gingerich

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. Manzer, Cindy Klittich, Vera Alamillo

Pianist: Karen Foote

Choir Accompanist : Sandy Haven **Choir Director:** Linda La Jeunesse

THOSE WHO SERVE US **NEXT** SUNDAY **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. Manzer, Cindy Klittich, Vera Alamillo

Pianist: Karen Foote

Music Duo- Sandy Haven and David Hudnell

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 3, 2023

<u>SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS</u>— Is held, in the Proverbs House, our class will meet 15 minutes after service. We will begin our study of "Recovering the Joy of Theology" watching Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller present theological content in an interesting way. More info, call Kevin Krumdieck @ 805-551-8507.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets @ 10am in the Coffee House. Our study is on the book of John. Come join us! For more info, contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- will resume in January.

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 at: 805-482-3867.

LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY will resume in January.

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

<u>THE 2023 FLOWER CHART SIGN-UP</u> is posted in the narthex. Sign up for the Sunday (s) of your choice.2 signups are available for each Sunday. They are \$40.00 each. You may take them home after service.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Our donations for the food pantry taken to the Episcopal Church for distribution, have declined in recent months. Just a reminder that there is food insecurity here in Camarillo and your donations help our neighbors. Perhaps 1or 2 sale items could be added to your shopping list & donated. The Food Pantry values our partnership, which in turn is appreciated by the recipients of your generosity! Thank You! Board of Social Concerns **GET YOUR CRAFT ON!!!** The **Advent Faire TODAY!! 1-4pm**. We will supply the crafts for the kids. You are welcome to share any crafts, family traditions or recipes with us!! We could use help with setup, hosting a table (crafts provided), cookies to share, beverage to share and help cleaning up. A fun afternoon for the entire family! *Sign-up sheet on the white bulletin board** Contact Rachael Ylizaliturri or Marsha Larson with any questions.

PEACE CHRISTMAS CASSEROLE LUNCHEON –NEXT SUNDAY 12/10/23 following the 10AM service, approximately 11:30. Fellowship will be providing desserts. Please bring a casserole (or something similar) or a salad to share. The ovens will be on low heat to keep your casseroles warm.

<u>IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!</u> Your Social Concerns Committee is once again partnering with our Preschool to collect toys, games or sporting equipment for foster youth, 14 years and under, in Ventura County. We are joining The 9th Annual "Happy Birthday, Mason" Toy Drive. Collection boxes will be available in the Preschool, Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary beginning Sunday November 26th and ending Sunday December 17th. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile project!

OUR CHURCH is going to have a booth at the end of the Camarillo Christmas parade **NEXT SATURDAY12/9**, in "Santa's Village". Our booth will have a nativity scene including children dressed as angels or shepherds. We'll also have singers singing Christmas carols with David Hudnell playing his saxophone. We'll have wooden cut-outs for children to put their face in the hole to be a tree or snowman, while the parents take their picture. We thought the children could hand out cards inviting people to our Christmas Eve and Christmas services. We want to put our best foot forward with lots of enthusiastic young people helping. We're looking for children to be shepherds and angels and helping with games. We also need adults to play Mary & Joseph, and Christmas carols. Santa's Village is at the Camarillo Community Center at 1605 E Burnley and is from 9 AM - 2PM. We hope to rotate children every 1.5 hours if possible. This is a great opportunity to get our name out into the community. Please consider volunteering for this fun event. See Diana Wanke 805-490-8212, Leila Langston 714-875-6340, or Donna Schedler 805-279-5542

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.



Please join us for:

Advent Craft Faire TODAY!!

Sunday, December 3 @ 1-4 pm

Advent Soup Suppers @ 6 pm

December 6, 13 & 20 @ 7 pm

Advent Worship Services

December 6, 13 & 20 @ 7 pm

Peace Christmas Luncheon

December 10th Following 10am service

Christmas Eve Services:

10 am Traditional Service/ Christmas Program

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

5:00pm Contemporary & 7:00pm Traditional

10 am Christmas Day Service