

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

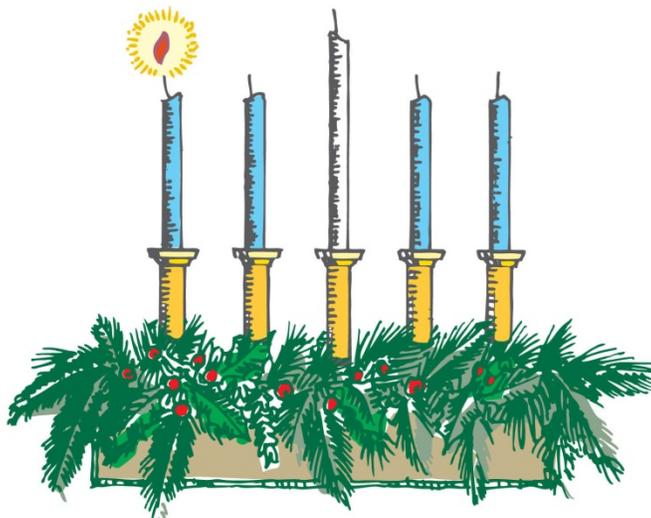
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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 29, 2020

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.



RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN "The Advent of Our King"



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

- 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.
- 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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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!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

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

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d' rest all things



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge show,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice!
And teach us in her ways to go. Re - jice! Re - jice!



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

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

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.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's
2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush
3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -
tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will
ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,
Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -
Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear
pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

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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+

FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9

(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.

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

(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.

HYMN

"O God, My Faithful God"



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

6 And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.

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HOLY GOSPEL Mark 11:1-10

(As He enters Jerusalem, Jesus is welcomed with palms and hosannas.)

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Savior of the Nations, Come”



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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MESSAGE

The Family Tree That Makes Families Free
Is Rooted In God's Love:
Part One: Jesus, the Son of David
Matthew 1:1,6

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 (will be received as you leave)

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.

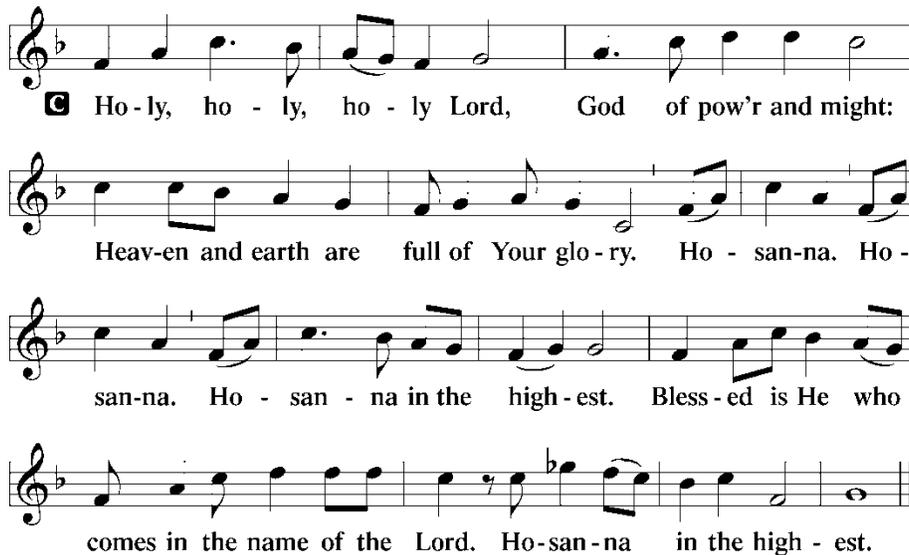
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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)

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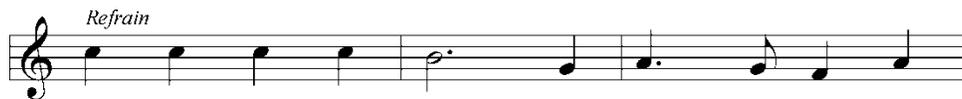
"The Lamb"



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.



Refrain
Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“O Living Bread from

Heaven”



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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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“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you Fills us with sweet de - light;
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the mind re - call
 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; Help us to prize your love;



But sweet - er far your face to view And rest with - in your light.
 A sweet - er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
 How kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
 Grant us at last to hear you say: “Come, share my home a - bove.”

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord"



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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"



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by Dave Schmidt in celebration of his granddaughter, Avery's birthday.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Today: 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service outside
1:30 a.m. New Life Church

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Traditional Services outside
1:30 a.m. New Life Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:

Women's Bible Study with a study on the book of Revelation. Please contact Connie Morris (805)987-5116 to join or for more information.

Men's Bible Study This study, "Bible Symbols", meets via Zoom Tuesday mornings at 8:30. Call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007 to join or for more information. Please pick up your copy of the study in the church office.

LifeLight will resume meeting with Zoom classes after the new year: Contact Blaine or Diana Wanke (805)482-7524 if you would like to join this study.

THE FOOD BANK at St. Columba's Episcopal Church's has remained opened during the pandemic and has had a large increase in demand. The church office is open from 9 to 12 Monday through Friday. They give out food every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 9-10am for seniors and 5-6 pm for families. Below is a list of items most needed, but any nonperishable, non-expired donation is appreciated. Please take your donation directly to St. Columba's. Most needed items: Cereal, shelf stable milk, canned vegetables, canned meats, beans, rice, and pasta.

Thank you! Social Concerns

PORTALS OF PRAYER for October-December are now available for you to pick up either at the check-in table or in the church office during the week.

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

THE HANDBELL CHOIR has resumed rehearsals. If you are interested in joining please contact Linda LaJeunesse 805-443-3527.

THE 2021 FLOWER CHART is hanging on the bulletin board. If you would like to donate flowers for a particular Sunday, please sign up



This year we are again collecting new **socks** and **gloves** for the homeless. We can use men's, women's and children's.

A tub will be out during the Sunday services, or they can be taken to the office. Thank you for your help. |

Remember in Your Prayers

For health and healing: Edith Anderson, Lili Baehr, Terry Breckinridge, Crystal (Phil Deck's niece), Marshall Denninger, Bruce Fraser, Father of Gail Goesch, Beverly Gandy, Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Dale Larson, Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Scott McComas, Ryan McCracken, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ken Nipstad, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Rawlin Radle, Joanne Riccardi (friend of Pat Massey), Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Llewyn Rae Spencer (infant grandson of Gary & Char Spencer) and his parents, Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Bev Toro, Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

For peace and comfort:

For Doris Miller as she mourns the death of her husband Ron.

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentlandt. Also remember their families in your prayers.

Please keep the nation and all those in authority in your prayers, along with front line healthcare workers. We will get through this together, because we never go through anything alone.