

**Benediction** [LSB 166]

**Sharing of the Peace**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**Closing Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" [LSB 803]

**To God Be The Glory!**

**Calendar of Events**

**Monday, December 12th**

*Pastor out of the office*

**Tuesday, December 13th**

6:30pm.....Board of Elders

7:00pm.....Church Council

**Wednesday, December 14th**

11:00am.....Advent Midweek service

7:00pm.....Children's Christmas Program

**Thursday, December 15th**

**Friday, December 16th**

Upper Fellowship Hall reservation

**Saturday, December 17th**

7:00am.....Men's Bible Breakfast

**Sunday, December 18th**

8:00am..... Non Communion Worship

9:15am.....Bible Study and Sunday School

10:30am .....Non Communion Worship

**Attendance Records 12/4-12/10**

Sunday Early Service.....43

Sunday Late Service.....84

Morning Advent Midweek.....19

School of Religion.....22

Confirmation.....10

Evening Advent Midweek.....20

**Serving in God's House**

**December 11th**

Elder on duty Victor Lauer

Organist

Audio Russ Ankersen

Greeter Deb Shields

Greeter

Usher Harold Carlson

Lay Reader Randon Peters

Acolyte Clara Hurst

Acolyte

Powerpoint Russ Ankersen

**Late Service**

Greeter Cindy Swanhorst

Greeter Curt Swanhorst

Usher Harold Carlson

Lay Reader Sarah Risenhoover

Acolyte Avery Davidson

Acolyte Lexi Koetter

Powerpoint Russ Ankersen

Live Stream Ryland Peters

**December 18th**

Elder on duty Harold Carlson

Organist

Audio Paul Sellers

Greeter Elaine Polly

Greeter Jeff Polly

Usher Eugene Custer

Lay Reader Grant Pfanstiel

Acolyte Tristen Watts

Acolyte Brayden Watts

Powerpoint Tina Cummins

**Late Service**

Greeter Donna Hall

Greeter Jim Hall

Usher Ben Schow

Lay Reader Fred Gleason

Acolyte Hunter Kunkee

Acolyte Ryker Mooney

Powerpoint

Live Stream Jackson Hartwell

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**Worship Service Bulletin**

Pastor Lonnie Felcher

December 11, 2022

The Third Sunday in Advent

*W*elcome! Here at Peace Lutheran Church, our mission is to share with loving concern, the true Word and gracious love of God with one another, our community, and our world.

*May God bless you this morning as you worship with us.*



**Communion Sunday**

**The Service of Holy Communion**

We practice the custom of the church since the time of the apostles that those who are instructed and have confirmed their faith in the common faith with us and are able to examine themselves about their relationship with God and with fellow believers, may commune with us. For others, we gladly welcome them to a period of instruction so that they may openly profess their unity of faith in their participation of the Lord's Supper with us. If you are unable to go to the altar, please let an usher know and the Pastor will bring the Lord's Supper to your pew. Please sit close to any one of the three aisles in the church. Our Savior's wish is that all Christians receive His Body and Blood often. Peace offers gluten-free communion wafers for those who are protein/gluten intolerant or who may have a wheat allergy. Simply notify Pastor during communion if you desire the gluten-free wafer.

## Divine Worship Service Setting 1

**Opening Hymn** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” [LSB 338]

**Confession and Absolution** [LSB 151]

**Introit** *Psalm 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

Rejoice in the Lord always;

**again I will say, Rejoice.**

I will hope continually

**and will praise you yet more and more.**

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,

**for their number is past my knowledge.**

With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;

**I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.**

O God, from my youth you have taught me,

**and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.**

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,

**until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.**

**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.**

Rejoice in the Lord always;

**again I will say, Rejoice.**

**Kyrie** [LSB 152]

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** [LSB 156]

*(Please be seated)*

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 35:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Second Reading**

*James 5:7–11*

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

*(Please stand)*

**Alleluia and Verse** [LSB 156]

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 11:2–15*

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.” <sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

*(Please be seated)*

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn of the Day** “Hark The Glad Sound” [LSB 349]

**Meditation**

*(Please stand)*

**Nicene Creed** [LSB 158]

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**Offertory** [LSB 159]

**Service of the Sacrament** [LSB 160]

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**Distribution Hymns** [LSB 331, 849, 379, and 636]

*(Please stand)*

**Post Communion Collect** [LSB 166]