

Benediction
Sharing of the Peace
(Please be seated)
Closing Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
Postlude "He Has Come For Us"

To God Be The Glory!

Calendar of Events

Monday, December 18th

Pastor out of the office

Tuesday, December 19th

Wednesday, December 20th

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

7:30pm.....Advent Midweek service

Thursday, December 21st

1:30pm.....Hillcrest service

2:30pm.....Kinship Pointe service

Friday, December 22nd

Saturday, December 23rd

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

Sunday, December 24th

8:00am.....Communion Worship

9:15am.....Adult Bible Study

10:30am.....Communion Worship

6:00pm.....Candlelight service

Attendance Record 12/10-12/16

Sunday Early Service..... 45

Adult Bible Study.....16

Sunday Late Service..... 86

Morning Midweek.....33

Children's Program.....185

Serving in God's House

December 17th

Elder on duty	Barry Mooney
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Paul Sellers
Greeter	Elaine Polly
Greeter	Jeff Polly
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Renelle Mooney
Acolyte	Layton Hinz
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
Late Service	
Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Ben Schow
Lay Reader	Fred Gleason
Acolyte	Ryker Mooney
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	
Live Stream	Jackson Hartwell

December 24th

Elder on duty	Fritz Hubert
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Harold Carlson
Greeter	Nancy Rippen
Greeter	
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Jerry Calvin
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Harold Carlson
Late Service	
Greeter	Pat Penner
Greeter	
Usher	Curt Swanhorst
Lay Reader	Curt Swanhorst
Acolyte	
Acolyte	
Powerpoint	Gary Hunkins
Live Stream	Tina Cummins

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Worship Service Bulletin

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December 17, 2023

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.

Mighty To Save

Blended Worship

Prelude “Halleluah”

Opening Hymn “Here I Am To Worship”

(Please stand)

Invocation

Confession And Absolution

Introit *Psalm 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: v. 7*

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but

let them not turn back to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

that glory may dwell in our land.

Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him

and make his footsteps a way.

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.

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

and grant us your salvation.

Collect Of The Day

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. . . .

⁸For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my

God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.

²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

(Please stand)

Alleluia “Seek Ye First”

Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day “Mighty To Save”

Today's Message

(Please stand)

Apostles' Creed

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

Lord's Prayer