



## **PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

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# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

**P** = Pastor

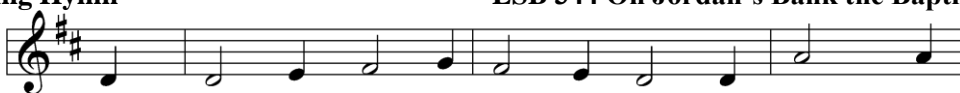
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**C** = Congregation

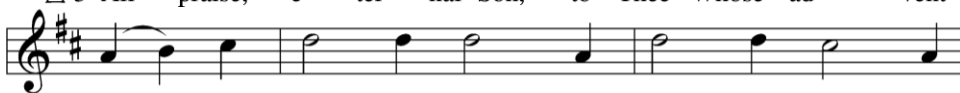
### Opening Voluntary

### \*Opening Hymn

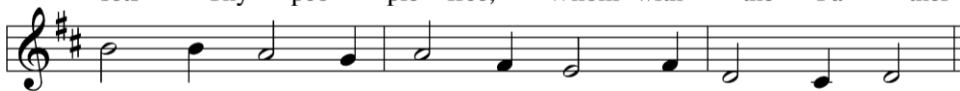
### LSB 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

### \*Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**C** A \_\_\_\_\_ men

**\*Opening Sentences**

*Psalms 27:13-14; 130:5*

- P** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
- C** **Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**
- P** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
- C** **And in His word I hope.**

**\*Confession**

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

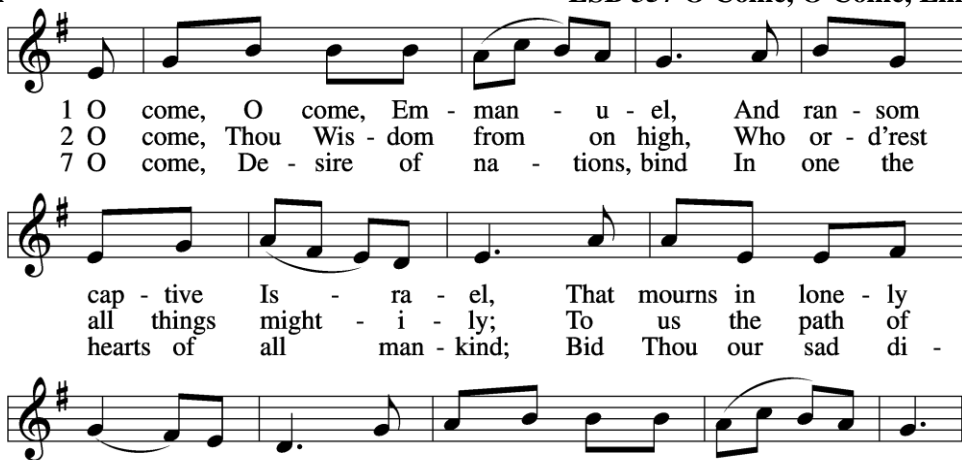
**\*Absolution**



**C** A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

**\*Hymn**

**LSB 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
 hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -

ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
 vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace. →

*Refrain*

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

**\*Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. . .

**C** A - men.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 40:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” <sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

2 Peter 3:8–14

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## \*Alleluia



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1–8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**\*Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

**Children's Message**

Abby Reynolds, Deaconess Student

**Hymn of The Day**

**LSB 349 Hark the Glad Sound**



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Sermon Notes:

**Gathering of the Offering**    *Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

**Offertory Anthem**

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

FREU DICH SEHR/David A. dSilva

**\*Offertory**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

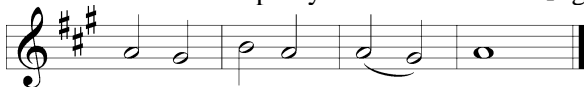
## \*Prayer of the Church

### \*Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### \*Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### \*Hymn to Depart

### LSB 331 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,  
△ 6 All glo - ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free,



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.  
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### \*Silent Prayer

### Closing Voluntary

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## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Robert Brown

Liturgists: Pastor Jon Furgeson, Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: 8:00 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler; 5:00 & 9:20: Burnell Hackman

Choir: Chancel Choir; Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: W. Schuessler/D.Gerfen/B. Uthoff

Elders: 5:00: John Rastorfer, Greg Wirtel; 8:00: Rich Behnke, Rick Goodman;

9:20: Aaron Baese, Steve Shawcross; 10:30: Rob Uthoff, Bob Wolff

Ushers: 5:00: Steve Kienstra, Tim Behnke, Art Conrad, Charles Rolf, Roger Uhlig;

8:00: Dan Prange, Dan Dukesherer, Doug Engle, Kyle Hopfer, Dan Hummert, Mike Wilke

9:20: Jim Maschhoff, Glenn Brinkmann, Greg Hard, David Suedkamp;

10:30: Bryan Dressel, Lorin Dressel, Paul Huddleston, John Rastorfer, Jeff Teague, Michael Viviano

Acolytes: 8:00: Ashton DeWitt, Corbin Kurtz; 10:30: Rachel McElroy, Sofia Palma

Greeters: 8:00: Joe & Diana Doskal; 9:20 & 10:30: Greg & Lois Ebmeyer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

JOIN US FOR ADVENT DINNER AND ADVENT WORSHIP this week. Dinner will be hosted by the Youth and begins at 5:00 p.m. in the gym, serving Bread Co. soup and salad. Advent worship is at 6:30 p.m.

FAMILY ADVENT DEVOTIONS are available for families with children in preschool through second grade. You will find a devotion book with matching ornaments to color in your mailbox. Extras can be found on the commons welcome center. There are 20 devotions to help you and your family learn more about the names of our Savior Jesus.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN MAILBOXES THIS WEEKEND Please note that envelope numbers have been reassigned for 2024. Beginning January 1, please discard all prior year envelopes, and begin using your new 2024 envelopes. If you didn't receive envelopes, and would like to have a box, or if you received envelopes, but do not use physical envelopes for giving, please contact the church office.

OUR ANNUAL GERMAN SERVICE is this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. English helps will be provided. The service will be re-broadcast on AM 850 KFUE radio Sunday, December 17.

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE is next Sunday, December 17, 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, featuring the Orchestra of Peace, Bells of Peace, with Special Guest, Soprano Christine Brewer. The concert is free and tickets are NOT required. The annual concert has become a Christmas tradition at Peace. You don't want to miss it!

SAVE THE DATE – A NIGHT FOR OUR VIKINGS The biennial Dinner Auction for Green Park Lutheran School is Friday, March 8, 2024, at Royale Orleans. For more information about tickets, sponsorships, and more, visit [greenparklutheranschool.org/auction/](http://greenparklutheranschool.org/auction/).

ALASKA MISSIONS is currently collecting gloves and mittens. If you would like to donate, please place in the Alaska Mission Collection Box in the commons. Our Christmas Basket sales are in the gymnasium this weekend. Stonie Sausage sales also continue. We are grateful for the continued support of our wonderful church family.

PEACE LWML LADIES GUILD will meet on Thursday, December 21, at 11:00 a.m. for their Christmas Lunch get-together at Giannino's Restaurant, 4571 Chestnut Park Plaza. RSVP to Julia Petrovic.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is taking a break for the holidays and will resume Wednesday, January 3, continuing the study on the book of Genesis.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST is this Thursday, December 14, 9:00 a.m. at Denny's on Lindbergh. We hope you can join us!

HOMEBOUND ENCOURAGEMENT CARD PROGRAM The Life Ministry Team invites the congregation to take part in the homebound encouragement card program. The information is in a white basket on the Commons counter. Please take a manila envelope which contains a greeting card, prayer, and an addressed envelope. Follow the directions on the manila envelope. Thank you for partnering with us as we stay connected with our homebound members.

THE LIFE MINISTRY TEAM WILL BE TRAINING NEW MEMBERS and would like to invite anyone interested in joining the team. They sponsor various (Life Affirming) activities with the congregation: Sanctity of Life Sunday, Homebound Cards, Life Chain, Book Club, Cards for Confirmands, Movie Nights, and many more. If interested in joining this ministry team, contact Steve Andrews.

LWML MITE BOX OFFERINGS will be collected at the Welcome Center this weekend after all services. Empty your mite box or pick one up if you don't have one! This supports our many Grants funding Mission Projects.

FAMILY SKATING PARTY – MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Tuesday, January 2, 10:00 a.m. to noon, join us at Rock Roll-O-Rena in Arnold for a fun morning of skating. The event is FREE and is for all families. Sign up online or at the Commons Counter. See Christina Stackle for more information.

## **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023**

- Sunday, December 10: 11:30am – Life Ministry Book Club  
2:30pm – German Christmas Service  
6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play
- Monday, December 11: 6:00pm – Church Council  
6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball  
7:00pm – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
- Tuesday, December 12: 9:00am – Quilters  
9:00am – Refit Exercise  
3:30pm – Green Park Basketball  
6:00pm – Co-Ed Volleyball  
7:00pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm – Boy Scout Eagle Board of Review
- Wednesday, December 13: 11:15am – Preschool Chapel  
4:00pm – Junior Confirmation  
5:00pm – Advent Dinner  
6:30pm – Midweek Advent Worship
- Thursday, December 14: 6:00am – Men’s Morning Bible Study  
9:00am – Mary/Martha Bible Class  
9:00am – Surviving Spouses Breakfast  
6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball  
7:00pm – Christmas at Peace Concert Rehearsal  
7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 584 Meeting
- Saturday, December 16: 9:00am – Children’s Christmas Service Practice
- Sunday, December 17: 11:30am – Middle School Youth Christmas Party  
3:00pm – Christmas at Peace Concert



### **Midweek Advent Services**

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 6:30 p.m. (Children's Christmas Service)

Dinner served at 5:00 p.m.

### **German Christmas Service**

Sunday, December 10, 2023 – 2:30 p.m.

### **Christmas at Peace Concert**

Sunday, December 17, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.

### **Children's Christmas Service**

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Cookie Reception afterwards

### **Last Sunday in Advent**

Saturday, December 23, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24, 2023

8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

(No Sunday School/Bible Class)

### **Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion**

Sunday, December 24, 2023

3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service with Holy Communion**

Sunday, December 24, 2023

11:15 p.m.

Prelude begins at 10:45 p.m.

### **Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion**

Sunday, December 25, 2023

9:30 a.m.

### **New Year's Weekend Services with Holy Communion**

Saturday, December 30, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31, 2023

8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.

### **Epiphany Worship with Holy Communion**

Saturday, January 6, 2024

5:00 p.m.