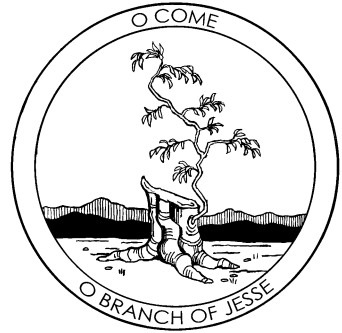


Peace Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025 9:00 a.m.



GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!

Thank you for joining in Worship today.

Whether you regularly worship with us, are here for the first time, or are returning after a time away, your presence is important for the worship we offer to the glory of God. May your experience of God's love be a blessing in your life. If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest register in the Narthex, near the front door. All who believe Jesus comes to us in the bread and wine are welcome at his table. The center ring in the communion tray has grape juice and the other two rings have wine.

Information in italics | **Congregation responses in bold** | * indicates please stand as you are able
Worship services may involve photography, as well as audio and video recording.

Welcome & Announcements to Prepare Us for Worship

Advent Candle Lighting – PEACE

Every year we light candles as we prepare for the coming of Christ. More and more candles, more and more light, as we watch and wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.

God of Promise, come into our darkness. Renew in us your hope, for you alone bring life out of death.

Receive God's promise of hope from Psalm 4: Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord will hear when we call to him.

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord. We will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make us dwell in safety.



*** O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs 2)**

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

(The candles of hope & peace are lit.)

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Long-expected God,
we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only
you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to
release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while
waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and
teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in
God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may
abound in the hope you have promised.

Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own
righteousness. ✠ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.

Amen.



***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all...**And also with you.**

*Hymn of Praise * My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness*

The Magnificat
Luke 1: 46-55

All:

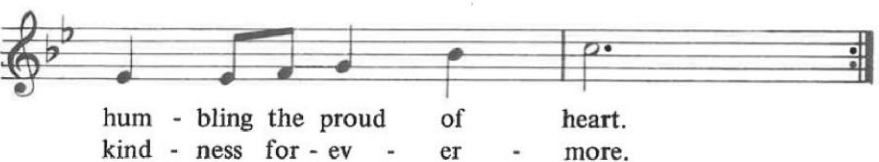
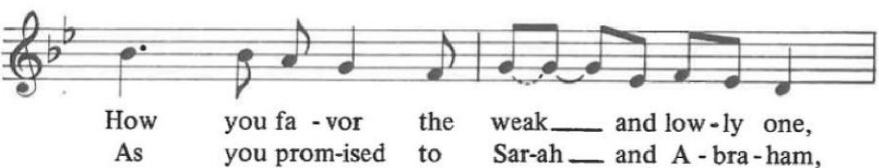
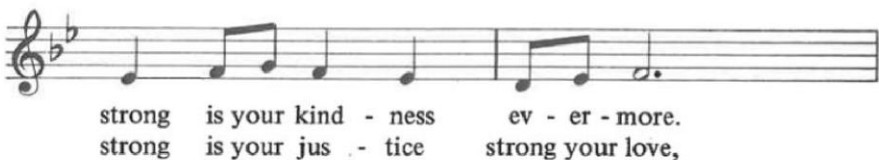
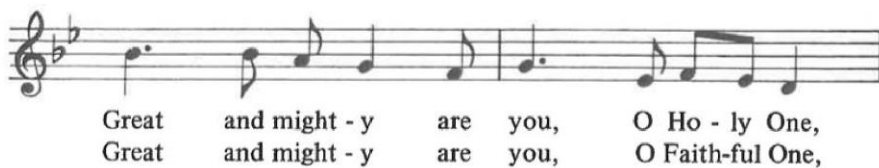
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down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of

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heart, You have looked with love on your
You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.

fine last time



***The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray... **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of

knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

...the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
² **that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**
³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**⁶ Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**¹⁸ Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”; ¹⁰ and again he says, “Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”; ¹¹ and again, “Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; ¹² and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope.” ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

...the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation ** He Came Down (vs 2)*

He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.

***Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter
...Glory to you, O Lord.



¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his

sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord ...**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



** Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

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***APOSTLE’S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.
(A brief silence.)

Each petition ends with: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Dianna Shamel, Michael Knapton, Bill Goulding, Lynn and Phil Klein, & Rick Staehling.

Birthdays: Phil Klein – December 7

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Share the peace with each other as you are comfortable.

***Offering Prayer**

Let us pray... **Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***Proper Preface**

***Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer (traditional)**

***Invitation to Communion**

Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

Please come forward as you are able to receive communion.

*** Lamb of God**

***Post-Communion Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

***Prayer after Communion**

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

***Blessing**

May God who comes among us, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**



*** *Prepare the Royal Highway***

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***Dismissal**

Grow in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.



Announcements for the Good of All

Offering – please place your gifts in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary.

Peace Lutheran Announcements

Church Website: www.peacelutheranburlington.org

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Attendance for Sunday, November 30, 2025 – 0 confirmed, 14 virtual

General Offerings \$625.00

Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Sharon Ryd,

Lector: Kent Zahn, Communion Assistant: Elaine Sherry

Offering counter: Janet McGinty, Tech: Sean McGinty

Office Hours... Pastor Carol's office hours for the rest of December will be Wednesday December 10 and Wednesday December 17 (9:00-noon). If you need to reach Pastor any other time feel free to call (262) 900-8212.

Christmas decorating... will be this Saturday, December 13 at 9am. Many hands make light work.

Backpacks for the homeless... We will be filling backpacks this Saturday, December 13 at 10am. This was rescheduled from last Saturday. Please stay around after decorating, if you are able.

Christmas Eve worship service... will be 4:00 pm
December 24.

The Mid-Day Women's Gathering... will celebrate the Advent/Christmas season at their meeting December 10th, 11:30 am, in the Peace fellowship hall. Bring your lunch and beverage, dessert will be provided. Elsie Goulding will be the host.

The Chosen... We will likely not be viewing "The Chosen" series through December. Stay tuned...

In case of severe weather... As we approach the snowy season in Wisconsin, we are setting up a notification procedure if worship will need to be cancelled or moved online. If there is snow or ice, you will be contacted that morning by text, email, or both. Please be sure to watch for the notices. Be safe!

Growing Relationships... Please contact Renee Knapton by phone (262-492-0718) or by e-mail at reneeknapton@gmail.com with any joys, sorrows, prayer requests, etc. that you wish shared with fellow members.