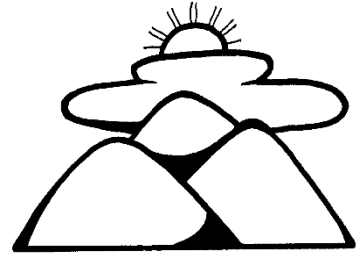


Peace Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 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 – HOPE

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 33: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

(The candle of hope is lit.)



** O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs 1)*

ELW 257

***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.



** The King Shall Come*

ELW 260

***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*

ELW 251

***The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray... **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the

nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from

Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for

many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their

spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation;

neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us

walk in the light of the Lord!

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

Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

² **Now our feet are standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.**

⁷ Peace be within your walls and
quietness within your towers.

⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Gospel Acclamation ** He Came Down (vs 1)*

ELW 253

***Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24th chapter

...Glory to you, O Lord.



[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Glory to you, O Lord...**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



** Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

ELW 244

***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**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *(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, Don Ryd & Barb.

Birthdays: Jennifer Mueller – November 30

Elsie Goulding & Elaine Sherry – December 2

Lynn Klein – December 5

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 (*modern version*)**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***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.**



** The King of Glory*

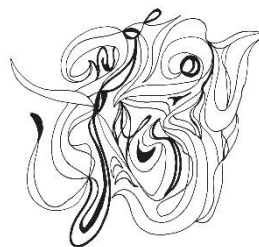
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Announcements for the Good of All

***Dismissal**

Grow in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.



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 23, 2025 – 27 confirmed, 1 virtual

General Offerings \$785.00 Mt. Meru \$18.00 Misc \$50.00

Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Marilyn

Hart, Lector: John Jeunnette, Communion Assistant: Elaine Sherry

Offering counter: John Monsen, Tech: Sean McGinty

Office Hours... Pastor Carol's office hours for December will be Tuesday, December 2 (8:30-11:00), 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.

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.

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.