

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, December 1, 2019
The First Sunday of Advent

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (Page 15)

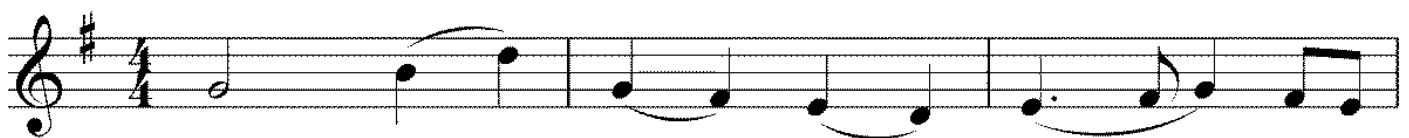
The Lighting of the First Advent Wreath Candle

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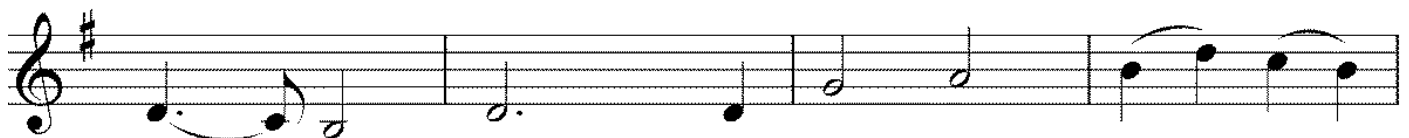
Halleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Halleluia!

ADVENT

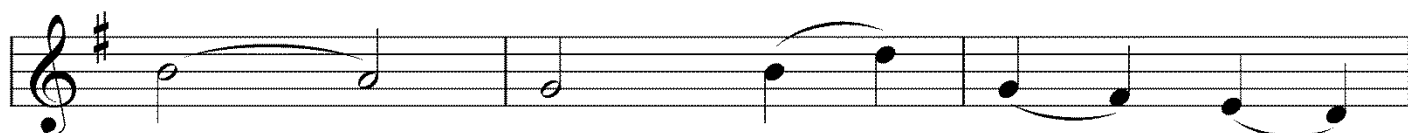
704 Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending



1	Lo,	he	comes	with	clouds	de -
2	Ev -	'ry	eye	shall	now	be -
3	Those	dear	to -	kens	of	his
4	Yea,	A -	men,	let	all	a -



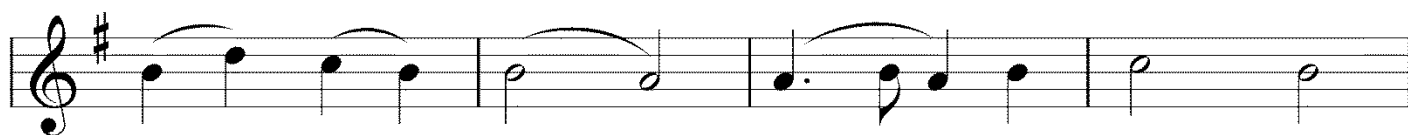
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slain. Thou - sand, thou - sand
ty; Those who ri - di -
bears, Cause of end - less
throne. Ev - 'ry knee shall



saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph
culed and sold him, Pierced and nailed him
ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed
bow be - fore you; Come and take your



of his train. Al - le - lu - ia!
to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing,
wor - ship - ers. With what won - der,
peo - ple home! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Deep - ly wail - ing, Deep - ly wail - ing,
With what won - der, With what won - der,
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
Gaze we on those glo - rious scars.
You shall reign and you a - lone!

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

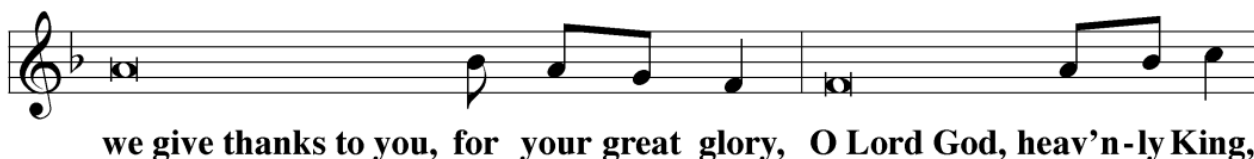
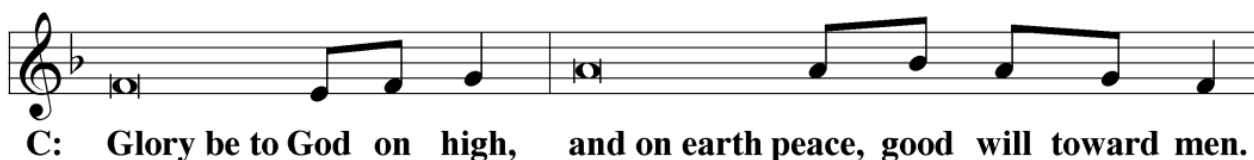


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5

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

² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many 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 the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and 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 anymore.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 18

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;*
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;*
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;*
he rescued me because he delighted in me. ***Refrain***

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;*
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble*
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,*
and your right hand sustains me.

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. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

VERSE OF THE DAY: (sung by soloist)

Alleluia! He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia!
(Revelation 22:20)

STAND

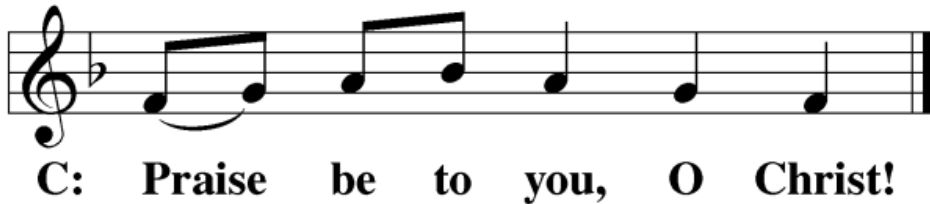
After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44

³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were

unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master 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.



NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary,
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the (+) life of the world to come. Amen.**

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #2 “Savior of the Nations, Come”

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (Page 20)



C: 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 your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

OFFERING ANTHEM: "Zion, at Your Shining Gates"

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1 Zion, at your shining gates,
See, the King of glory waits;
Haste your monarch now to greet,
Spread your palms before his feet.

2 Christ, your kingdom comes today
As we hear your Spirit say:
“God’s own Son, a sacrifice—
Sinners’ way to paradise.”

3 Come and give us peace within,
Loose us from the bands of sin,
Take away the heavy weight
Laid on us by greed and hate.

4 Give us grace your yoke to wear,
Give us strength your cross to bear,
Make us yours in deed and word,
Yours in heart and life, O Lord.

5 So when you shall come again,
Lord of angels and of men,
We with all your saints shall sing
Loud hosannas to our King.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent’s head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: **We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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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.



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#26 "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"

THANKSGIVING (page 24)

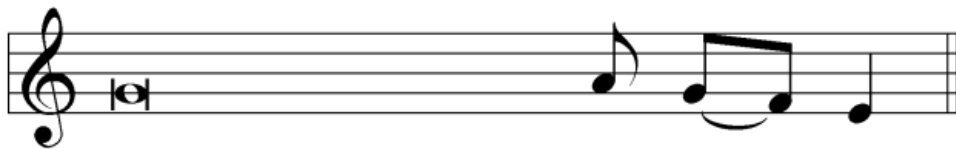
STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Communion Assistants: Mark Castellese and Bruce Winkler

Organist and Soloist: Julie Webber

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

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| Today | - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |
| Monday | - 7:00 PM Youth Catechism |
| Tuesday | - 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Stewardship/Education and Trustees
- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting |
| Wednesday | - 8:30 AM Bible Class
- 7:00 PM Advent Service of Lessons and Carols |
| Thursday | - 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal |
| Sunday | - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Preschool and Congregation Advent Service and Reception |

Serving next week: Altar Guild (Sunday) – Mimi Barber
Ushering – Team 4 for Advent Service (Dec. 4); Team 1 for Sunday

Upcoming Events and Activities

November 24 to December 15	Scarf, Mitten, Glove and Hat Drive (see below)
(ongoing)	St. Peter's Food Bank (see below)
December 4 7:00 PM	Advent Vespers
December 8 11:00 AM	Preschool and Congregation Advent Service
December 10 7:00 PM	Quarterly Voters Meeting
December 12 6:00 PM	Packaging cookies for shut-ins

Special Clothing Drive: In conjunction with Palabra de Vida, our mission in Detroit, we are collecting scarves, mittens, gloves, and hats for distribution through Pastor Kolander to their community and congregation. The donation box is on the church basement stage.

Food Pantry Donations: St. Peter's maintains a Food Pantry for distribution to members and our community. We are starting to run low. If you would care to donate, we are asking for pantry food staples (mixes, meal kits, canned vegetables, etc.), toilet paper, and personal hygiene items. Small denomination gift cards to local groceries to buy fresh food (Meijer, Kroger, Aldi, Busch's, etc.) are also appreciated and needed. Thank you.

Thank you to those who helped decorate the St. Peter's Christmas tree in Kellogg Park last Sunday; and to those who decorated the church sanctuary yesterday.

Special Congregational and Preschool Advent Service: Next Sunday (December 8), all are invited to this special service at 11:00 AM. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome the parents and grandparents of our preschool children to our congregational family. All are invited and urged to remain for this service and the reception which follows in the gymnasium.

Cookies for Shut-Ins: Cookies are needed to send with the fruit baskets in December. Please bring your cookies to the church basement on Thursday, December 12 so that they can be packaged that evening. If you have any free time and would like to help, we will package the cookies at 6:00 in the evening, Thursday, December 12.

Christmas Poinsettias: There are order forms in the narthex, if you care to buy poinsettias for our sanctuary. Instructions and prices are on the form.

The **Quarterly Voters Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 PM. The various boards and committees will report on their activities and/or upcoming plans. All voters are asked to attend if possible.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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