

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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*Sunday, December 2, 2018*  
*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)

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING:** The soloist will sing "Light a Candle in the Night" ©2011 Lorenz Publishing Company, all rights reserved. Words and music by Lloyd Larson

Light a candle in the night. Prepare the way for the holy light.

God with us, Emmanuel, eternal hope with us to dwell.

Child of hope, come in your glory, heaven's gift, the wondrous story.

Messiah King shall come to earth. Prepare your heart for His holy birth.

## OPENING HYMN: #25 "The King Shall Come"

**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*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G-clef and B-flat key signature. It consists of two lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy' and the second line contains 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.' The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes.

**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.

C: A - men.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G-clef. It consists of a single line of music with the lyrics 'C: A - men.' The melody is simple, using quarter and half notes.

# PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



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.

**BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

**FIRST LESSON:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup> “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the

house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 25** The soloist sings "I Lift My Soul"

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I lift my soul to you, Lord; I trust, O God in you. Show me your paths and guide me. Teach me all I should do. Remember your great mercy, your everlasting love. Forgive me, God, my Savior; my guilt and sin remove.

Your covenant and mercy are with me all my days to comfort and to bless me when I walk in your ways. Whenever I look upward, I find you waiting there to hear me and to keep me safe in your loving care.

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup> as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup> and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup> so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the 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 LESSON: Luke 21:25-36

<sup>25</sup> "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup> And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place.

<sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”



## **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**

**STAND**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH  
FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT** (page 123)

**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.**

## 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 (Page 21)

### 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.

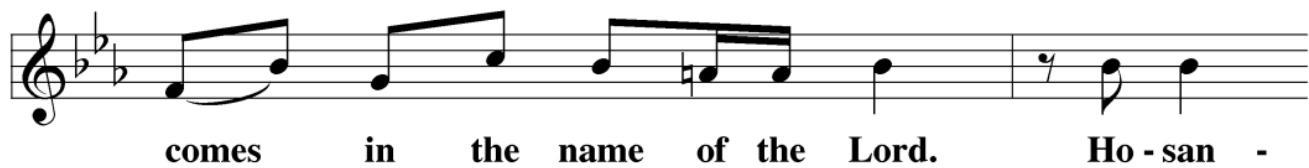
**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**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 HYMNS:**

**#1** "The Advent of Our King"

**#6** "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"

## **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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Organist and Soloist: Julie Webber

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Monday - 6:00 PM Youth Catechism

- 6:30 PM Lease Committee Meeting

Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Education/Stewardship and Trustees

- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday - 8:30 AM Bible Class

- 7:00 PM Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

Thursday - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

- 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 11:00 AM Preschool Advent Service and Reception

- 6:00 PM Good Shepherd Novi Lecture Series

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Arlette Stobbe; Ushering – Team 1  
Ushering for the Wednesday (December 5) Advent Service –  
Team 4

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated to the glory of God and in memory of Rick Schimizzze by his sister Arlette Stobbe.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped with the **CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING** yesterday. Your efforts are appreciated. Please note the new Christmas trees which were recently purchased with the help of the Ladies Guild and the Music Department.

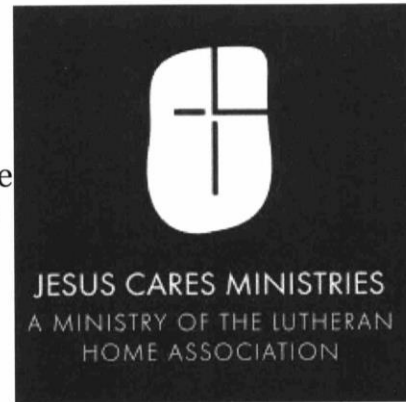
**THE ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** will be held this **Wednesday, December 5**. The service consists of a series of Scripture prophecies and responsive Advent carols. If you enjoy singing such hymns as “Comfort, Comfort All My People” and “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” join us for an evening of preparation for the advent of our Savior King.

**PLEASE STAY** for the preschool service at **11:00 AM next Sunday, December 9**. The young people have been practicing their parts and songs; you will encourage them with your attendance. There will be a reception in the school gymnasium after the service. Please stay and greet the preschool families.

**PLEASE ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS BY TODAY, DECEMBER 2**. The flowers will be decorating the sanctuary beginning December 9. There are order forms in the narthex; the cost per plant is \$10. You may take your plant(s) after the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services. Give your payment (checks payable to St. Peter's) to Carol Schwartz, or leave them in her narthex mailbox.

**WORSHIP AT THE CROSS** fliers are available in the narthex. The first worship service is December 11.

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Novi (9 Mile & Meadowbrook) is eager to meet and to serve people with special needs. In conjunction with Jesus Cares Ministries (<http://www.tlha.org/jesus-cares-ministries>), we are offering a monthly worship called **Worship at the Cross**. **Worship at the Cross** is a 25 minute service which is tailored to the needs of its participants. Volunteers will assist to ensure everyone feels comfortable and can take part to the best of their ability. Following the service, we will enjoy a snack and an interactive project.



**Worship at the Cross** will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. To register, contact Pastor Thomas Schroeder at 248-349-0565 or at [welsnovi@aol.com](mailto:welsnovi@aol.com). Good Shepherd's web page is [www.GoodShepherdNovi.org](http://www.GoodShepherdNovi.org)

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

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