



SECOND SUNDAY OF
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We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus. We are honored with your presence. If you do not have a church home, you are invited to join us regularly. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jeremy Lucke or one of the Ushers as you leave today and sign the guest book in the entryway. We continue to observe the guidelines for health safety. If you have any questions, please see an usher. Everyone is welcome.

The ringing of the bell and the lighting of the Christ candle mark the beginning of our service and a time for quiet meditation, prayer and inward reflection as we begin our worship.

Children are welcome at our worship services. If you prefer, Peace Lutheran has a playroom equipped for children three years old and younger. The room is unstaffed and can be accessed in the fellowship hall where the service is also being live streamed for your convenience and enjoyment.

Holy Communion is celebrated every first and third Sunday and will follow the order of service in the bulletin. If you are a baptized Christian and share our faith in Jesus as Savior and have been instructed in the meaning and use of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to partake. We have pre-wrapped communion wine or juice and wafers. We also have gluten-free wafers available. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, ask the server. May the body and blood of Jesus, present in the bread and wine, be a blessing to you.

There are times during the service when you will be asked to stand if you are able. Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult.

Offering. Peace Lutheran Church understands and teaches that Offerings are voluntary and to be from the heart. Whether we give or do not give does not determine our salvation. Whether we give

much or little does not determine our standing before God. Sharing an Offering is an opportunity to quietly practice generosity with our neighbors.

Serving You

Pastor	Pastor Jeremy Lucke
Music Director	Colleen Schulze
Choir Director	Diane Crocker
Supt. Of Sunday School	Anne Schroeder & Karyn Stanley
Admin Assistant	Daniel Dusek
Parish Nurse	Kathy Durling
Webmaster	Jim Holroyd
Audio-Visual	Johnathon Holroyd, George Abele, Nicholas Abele, Merv Munster, Callie Santora, Oscar Gutbrod, Sam Worth, Rick Durling, Jim Holroyd, Debbi Weiler, Dan Dusek, Seamus Harrington, Archer Schroeder
Praise Team	Rick Durling, Patrick Kamins, Ginny Tonelli, Karyn Stanley, Nora Stanley, Diane Crocker, Anne Schroeder, John Mergl

Today, December 7, 2025

Musician	Colleen Schulze
Ushers	Audrey Bond & Carole Gutbrod
Reader	Wilson Schroeder
Fellowship	Ellen Holroyd & Sharon Starr
Flowers	Schroeder Family
Communion	Bill & Peggy Krueger

Next Sunday, December 14, 2025

Ushers	
Reader	Youth Program
Fellowship	Maggie Baker & Sally Stouder
Flowers	Youth Program

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER... Wouldn't it be great if we had someone to fight all our battles? Well, guess what? We do! Jesus is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being. And that means victory—every time!

RINGING OF THE BELL.....After the ringing of the bell, we take a few moments to prepare our hearts and minds in silence for today's worship.

PRELUDE

Praise Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: On the four Sundays in Advent, we light a new candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: hope, peace, joy, and love. Jesus Christ brings to peace to us because of his journey to Bethlehem.

People: God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Help us to be ready to welcome You, O God! You are our peace!

The first (hope) and second (peace) candles are lit during the Advent Song.

ADVENT SONG

“Light One Candle”

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Light one candle for hope,
One bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to ev'ry heart,
He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for peace,
One bright candle for peace,

He brings peace to ev'ry heart,
He comes! He comes!

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Leader: Merciful Father, we are far too much like the Israelites in our first lesson who gripe and grumble, who whimper and whine.

People: We believe the lie that you aren't with us.

Leader: That you don't care.

People: That you don't listen.

Leader: That you don't provide.

People: That you don't love.

Leader: That you don't give.

ALL: God, have mercy upon me, and forgive me all my sins.

~~~ Silence for reflection ~~~

## **HEARING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

*Leader: Moses writes that the glory of the Lord appeared in a cloud to fight Israel's battles and give them victory over all their enemies. We have a better glory in Jesus who has decisively defeated all sin and guilt, hell and death. In him you are forgiven. In him you are washed clean of all sin. And in him you are heaven-bound!*

**People: Amen.**

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Leader: Let us pray. You are in our midst, mighty to save.*

**People: You rejoice over us as our loving Father.**

*Leader: When we wonder if Jesus is truly the One,*

**People: You come to us in Your Word and refresh our souls.**

*Leader: When we wander from You,*

**People: You remain strong and never give up on us, coming to us again and again in Word and Sacrament.**

*Leader: Fill us with joy in You, that our lives radiate Your goodness to all the world;*

**People: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Exodus 16:1-10**

**16** They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt.

**2** And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness,

**3** and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

**4** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.

**5** On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” **6** So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt,

**7** and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”

**8** And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

<sup>10</sup> And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE LESSON**

**Hebrews 1:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

<sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

<sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

**John 1:6-14**

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

<sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

<sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

<sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHORAL ANTHEM**

## **“Carol for Advent”**

Words by Don Besig and Nancy Price; Music by Don Besig

*Amid the winter's cold embrace,  
Clothed in a shroud of white,  
An anxious world in silence waits  
Through the dark of night.*

*As the lonely song of a dove  
Echos across the sky above,  
We can feel the moment is near;  
Soon the Child of Peace will appear.*

*What child is this the world awaits  
With quiet expectation?  
When will he come, the promised one,  
To bring us peace and salvation?*

*Raise, raise your prayers on high.  
Prepare His way, the time is nigh.  
Come, come Emmanuel,  
O Child of Love and Peace.*

*The air grows colder, the light grows dim,  
Dark'ning the sky above.*

*But soon the chill of the winter wind  
Will warm with God's gift of love.*

*And a star will brighten the sky;  
Songs of joy will echo on high!  
We will know the moment is here;  
The Child of Love and Peace will appear.*

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SERMON

**“Something Better: A Better Glory”**

**Pastor Jeremy Lucke**

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**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**People: 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.**

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OFFERING

*We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—  
ourselves, our time, our possessions.*

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**WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS**

Vikki Fuhrman  
Jay and Becky Barrett  
Mark and Joyce Gourley  
Matthew and Connie Carr  
Scott Kinder and Donna Whitaker  
Kim Hong  
Barry and Laurise Vanhoff

Scott and Tracy Elmshaeuser  
Eli Donmoyer  
Jane Davenport

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## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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*Leader: As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming, we turn to the Lord in prayer.*

*(A brief time of silence may be observed.)*

*Leader: O Wisdom from on high, guide Your Church throughout the world to repent—to turn each day to You, confessing our sins and being restored by You to bear the fruit of the Spirit. Move pastors and Your people to bear fruit in keeping with repentance. We pray,*

**People: hear us, coming Lord.**

*Leader: O Desire of nations, bless the leaders of nations, our president and Congress, our governors and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings. Bless those who serve in our armed forces and lift up refugees and all victims of war. Bring peace between us and our enemies and let Your peace reign over this broken world. We pray,*

**People: hear us, coming Lord.**

*Leader: O Dayspring from on high, come to the aid of all who are in need. As You humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us to enter humbly the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying, to offer comfort and hope, [especially . . .]. Bring healing according to Your will and peace to those whose suffering endures. Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness. Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring suffering to the world that their work might lead to healing for many. We pray,*

**People: hear us, coming Lord.**

*Leader: O Key of David, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among the families of this congregation. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents. Watch over all who travel and comfort families who are separated by many miles. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. We pray,*

**People: hear us, coming Lord.**

*Leader: Into Your hands, Lord Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your ever-present mercy.*

**People: Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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**

## DISTRIBUTION

# “Let Us Break Bread Together”

## TOSB 126

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Let us break bread together  
on our knees,  
Let us break bread together  
on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun,  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me!

Let us drink wine together  
on our knees,  
Let us drink wine together  
on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun,  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me!

Let us bow 'round the altar  
on our knees,  
Let us bow 'round the altar  
on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun,  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me!

Let us praise God together  
on our knees,  
Let us praise God together  
on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun,  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me!

# “Mary’s Little Boy Child”

## TOSB 141

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Long time ago in Bethlehem,  
so the Holy Bible say,  
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ  
was born on Christmas day.

Hark! Now hear the angels sing.  
New King is born today.  
And man will live forevermore  
because of Christmas day.

While Shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
they saw a bright new shining star,  
and heard a choir from heaven sing  
the music came from afar.

Hark! Now hear the angels sing.  
New King is born today.  
And man will live forevermore  
because of Christmas day.

Now Joseph and his wife, Mary,  
came to Bethlehem that night.  
They found no place to bear her child,  
not a single room was in sight.

Trumpets sound and angels sing.  
Listen to what they say,  
That man will live forevermore  
because of Christmas day.

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING SONG

## “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful” LBW (Green Book) 45

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O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

*Chorus:*  
*O come let us adore Him*  
*O come let us adore Him*  
*O come let us adore Him*  
*Christ the Lord*

The highest most holy,  
Light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin a  
mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing!

*Chorus*

Sing choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest:

*Chorus*

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

*Chorus*

## DISMISSAL

*Leader: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES.....** Advent is a season of preparation, anticipation and expectation as we wait for Christmas. Plan on attending Peace's midweek Advent services on the Wednesdays of December 10 and 17. The order of worship is Holden Evening Prayer. Each Wednesday service begins at 6 pm. All are welcome!

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.....** All are welcome for the Youth Christmas Program next Sunday, December 14. The program begins at 10 am with a special fellowship after the service in the fellowship hall. Come early to secure seating! Be sure to thank the youth afterward. And special thanks to Karyn and Diane for directing the children and youth!

**NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DEC. 14.....** We will meet again for Dave's study on Philippians on December 21 at 9 am. Next Sunday--December 14--there will not be a study as it is our Youth Christmas Program. Plan to attend and celebrate Christmas with our children and youth leading the way.

**VINA MOSES.....** Now is the time to help families that are in need over the holidays. The Vina Moses Giving Tree tags are available for your consideration to help. They are placed on the glass panels outside the front doors of the church. Each tag shares an age and gender of a youth. Consider taking a tag, buying a gift and returning the gift (unwrapped) back to Peace by December 14. Over 1,870 gifts were purchased for youth in need last year. Our goal is to match that number and share even more! If you have any questions, contact George.



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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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**Homebound:** Bill Harris, Karla Rhoads, Joyce Hall, John and Lucy Leach, Grace Maddux, Joan McDonald, Twylla Randall, John Filbert, Kathy Barrett, Karen Marquez, Beverly Hellesto, Margaret Dusek, Mirdza Abele, Trish O’Neil, Junia Simonson

**Sick and Recovering:** Bev Hardy (*Karen M.’s mother--health concerns*), Nicole (*friend of Daniel*), Jimmy, Erin and her family, Cathy M. (*cancer diagnosis*), Holly and Jon B., Courtney, Janine, Oscar, Joe, Kathy W. (*back pain*), Jeanine (*chemo treatment*), Tom, Don and Bev (*healing and recovery*), Tim (*in prison asking for prayer*), Rich Hansen, Tina, John L., Patrick (*surgery on Dec. 16th*), Dick, Jan and Fred, Caitlin (*pregnancy*), Denise, Mindy (*surgery*), Vaylani, Jack and Nelda (*neighbors of Abernathys*), Summer (*friend of Cheryl*), Dan (*pacemaker surgery*), Diane (*eye surgery--friend of Sharon*), Craig (*pastor in Spokane--cancer diagnosis*), Daniel and Hilario (*a family impacted by deportation*), Ed B.

HOPE  
PEACE  
LOVE  
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