

# Peace Lutheran Church

## Contemporary Service 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent Decemeber 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

*O come, O come Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel.*

*O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night;  
And death dark's shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel.*

### Welcome

*(Stand)*

### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### Opening Song

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

### Confession And Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for prayer and personal confession.)*

P As we have confessed in our hearts, we now confess with our mouths:

C **Merciful Father, we confess we have not rejoiced in the promises that the Lord made and fulfilled and have instead found our fulfillment in the temporal things of our lives and this world. We confess that our love has been misguided. We have not loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have not remained ready for Your return, nor realized time is short for the work You've called us to do. For all of this, we ask for Your forgiveness for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lead us in new paths of obedience to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*(Sit)*

**Old Testament-****Micah 5:2-5a**

*But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
 who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
 from you shall come forth for me  
 one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
 whose coming forth is from of old,  
 from ancient days.*

*Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
 when she who is in labor has given birth;  
 then the rest of his brothers shall return  
 to the people of Israel.*

*And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.*

*And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
 to the ends of the earth.*

*And he shall be their peace.*

**Epistle****Hebrews 10:5-10**

*Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,*

*“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
 but a body have you prepared for me;  
 in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
 you have taken no pleasure.*

*Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,  
 as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’ ”*

*When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

**Song of Praise****“Sing to the King”***(Stand)***Holy Gospel****Luke 1:39-56**

*In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”*

*And Mary said,*

*“My soul magnifies the Lord,*

*and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.  
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.*

*And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.*

*He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;*

*he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”*

*And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.*

## **Confession of Faith**

**C 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.**

**Song of the Day**                    “Ever Be”

## **Offering**

*An offering basket is available at the entrance*

**Our tithes and offerings are brought forward and placed on the altar.  
For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You. - 1 Chronicles 29:14**

*(Sit)*

Sermon

*Pastor Jonathan Dueker*

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.

**Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

**Closing Song**

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

† Go in peace and serve the Lord. †

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