



# Peace Lutheran Church

## “Peace Through Christ”

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### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 11, 2022



**As We Gather** “If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, quacks like a duck, then it’s a duck.” This somewhat tongue-in-cheek phrase is used to illustrate that a lot can be learned about an individual’s identity by his or her words and actions. When John the Baptist questioned Jesus’ identity in today’s Gospel reading, Jesus simply reminds him of what He has said and done by replying, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them” (*Matthew 11:4–5*). In other words, Jesus’ healing, raising the dead, and preaching Good News all point to Him as the promised Messiah and Savior who would also eventually die and rise. Seeing and hearing what Jesus has done, we, too, can sing,

Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev’ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.

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**Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available.** If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

**A special welcome to those with young children.** If needed, a cry room is located near the church entryway complete with a window and sound so you may fully participate in worship. If you need guidance please see an usher.

Please join us for:

*Advent Wednesday Soup Suppers @ 6 pm*  
*Worship Services 14th @ 7 pm*

***Peace Christmas Casserole Party***  
***TODAY Following 11am service***

*Children’s Christmas Program*  
*Sunday, December 18(One Service) @ 10am*

*Christmas Eve Services*  
*Contemporary Candlelight Service @ 5pm*  
*Traditional Candlelight Service @ 7pm*

*Christmas Day Service*  
*(One Service) @ 10am*

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### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS :

**HEALTH AND HEALING:** Ashley (Sandi Stepp’s niece), Brandee Brand, Terry Breckinridge, Brian Derozer, Mike Elbert, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mike Reuter, Paul Schedler, Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

**Pray for all military men, women and their families:** Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland and Henry Andermann.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 11, 2022

**TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will resume January 3<sup>rd</sup>. For more info, contact Connie at... 805-987-5116.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**— will resume January 5th.

**THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY** will resume in January.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets @ 9:30AM in rotating homes, with a study of the "Gospel of John." If you have any questions please call Dave Schmidt at: 805-482-3867.

**PRAYER CHAIN**- If you have a prayer request please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail: [footstepps@verizon.net](mailto:footstepps@verizon.net).

**THE 2023 FLOWER CHART** is now posted on the white board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. Please sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Two signups are available for each Sunday. The arrangements are \$40.00 each, and the check or cash can be placed in the offering plate. If you write a check, please note on the check or on the envelope that it is designated for "Flowers". Following the service, you may take your arrangement home. If you do not wish to take the flowers home, they will be donated to one of our shut-ins.

**THE FOOD BANK**- Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the narthex.

**ALTAR CARE VOLUNTEERS**: The Altar Committee is looking for volunteers for 2023. The signup sheet is now posted on the white board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. Please chose your favorite month and volunteer to help with this important work. You can sign up with your spouse, with a friend, or you can do it alone. If you have never done this job and are interested in volunteering, there are mentors to help you. If you have any questions about what it entails, call Linda Young at 805 236-4820.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY AND PEACE PRESCHOOL** are partnering in the 8th annual "*HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MASON*" toy drive for foster children in Ventura County. New unwrapped games, toys or sporting equipment for children 14 years and under, can be dropped off from Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> through Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

**COLLECTING WARM COATS**-The evangelism committee will be collecting new or slightly used warm coats for the school children at Los Caminos Elementary School here in Camarillo. The collection will be during the month of December and possibly into January. Many children are in need of heavier coats. The school has 52% of students identified as in need, but number hovers a bit over 30% for the City of Camarillo - so needs are throughout town. A tote will be placed in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall.

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## + PREPARATION +

## OPENING HYMN

### "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot  
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -  
rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py  
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of  
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less  
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.  
all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.  
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.  
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.  
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

**INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 146:1-2; Philippians 4:4*

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

**People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always;

**People: again I will say, Rejoice.**

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**THIS WEEK AT PEACE December 11, 2022**

Today: 9:00 am Traditional Service  
9:20 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeeshouse)  
11:00 am Praise Communion Service (FH)  
**12:00 Peace Christmas Casserole Party**  
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship  
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday: ++++++

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther’s Attic Volunteers  
6:00 pm Soup Supper  
7:00 pm Advent Service  
6:30 pm A.C.A. Women’s Support Group

Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday: ++++++

Saturday: ++++++

**Sunday 12/18 10:00 am ONE SERVICE-CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship  
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY December 11, 2022

9:00 am

**Elder:** Al Bosman  
**Greeters:** Karen and Gary Taylor  
**Readers:** Al Bosman  
**Acolyte:** Michelle Ullerick  
**Ushers:** Scott Klittich  
Steve Rusch  
Mike Elbert

11:00 am

Tom Waddell  
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**Altar Care:** Linda Young/Irene Hutchison Rachael Ylizaliturri/Jane Morici  
**Organist:** Karen Foote  
**Choir Director:** Linda La Jeunesse

ONE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY December 18, 2022

10:00AM

**Elder:** Al Bosman & Tom Waddell  
**Greeters:** Jim & Kerry DeVries  
**Ushers:** Blaine Wanke  
Henry Andermann  
Todd Harter  
**Altar Care:** Rachael Ylizaliturri/Jane Morici  
**Piano:** Karen Foote

**Pastor:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**Pastor:** Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**People: the light no darkness can overcome.** *John 8:12; John 1:5*

**HYMN DURING LIGHTING “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *Refrain* Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord God, You are the giver of all good gifts, including the gift of patience. Grant us this fruit of Your Spirit that we may patiently await the coming of our Lord; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## +THE WORD OF GOD+

**OLD TESTAMENT** ..... Isaiah 35:1–10

*(The ransomed shall return)*

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** ..... James 5:7–11

*(Patience in suffering)*

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HANDBELL CHOIR** ..... “The First Noel”



**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... Matthew 11:2–15

*(Go and tell)*

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

## CLOSING HYMN

### “Hark the Glad Sound”



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

**Altar Flowers:** Given to the glory of God in the Advent of our King, by the members of Peace.

**Attendance on 12/4/22:** 9:00–95 11:00–20 Total: 115  
Sunday School– 10

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All:** 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

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always;

**People:** again I will say, Rejoice. *Philippians 4:4*

Pastor: 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.

**People:** Amen.

*Numbers 6:24-26*



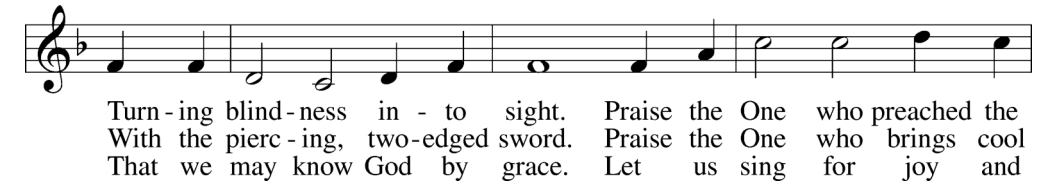
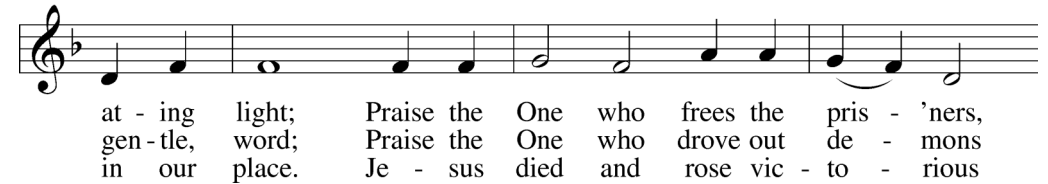
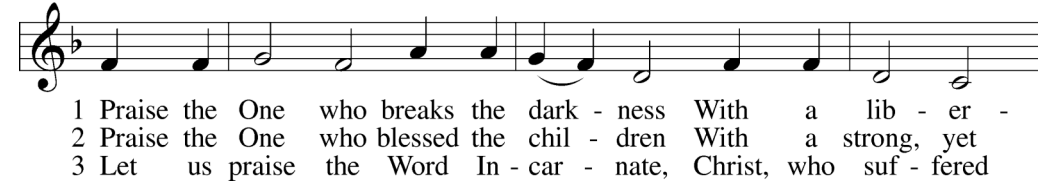
Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

*(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”



## MESSAGE

“Where the Wild Things Aren’t”

*Isaiah 35:1–10*

Pastor Mike Schultze

## CONFESSION OF FAITH *(Apostles' Creed)*

**All: 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.**

## OFFERING

*(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew.  
When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and  
the ushers will pick it up after the service.)*

## VOLUNTARY

## OFFERTORY

### “Create in Me”

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

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH