

fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done,²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

(Please be seated)

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “On Jordan’s Bank The Baptist’s Cry” [LSB 344]

Meditation

(Please stand)

Nicene Creed [LSB 158]

Prayer of the Church

Offertory [LSB 159]

Service of the Sacrament [LSB 160]

(Please Be Seated)

Distribution Hymns [LSB 725, 345, 346, and 596]

(Please stand)

Thank The Lord [LSB 164]

Post Communion Collect [LSB 166]

Benediction [LSB 166]

Sharing of the Peace

(Please Be Seated)

Closing Hymn “On What Has Now Been Sown” LSB 921]

To God Be The Glory!

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Serving in God’s House	
December 8th	
Elder on duty	Victor Lauer
Organist	K.C. Eckhardt
Audio	Tina/
Greeter	Deb Shields
Greeter	
Usher	Harold Carlson
Lay Reader	Randon Peters
Acolyte	Cooper Davidson
Acolyte	Avery Davidson
Powerpoint	Tina Cummins
Late Service	
Greeter	Cindy Swanhorst
Greeter	Curt Swanhorst
Usher	Harold Carlson
	Sarah
Lay Reader	Risenhoover
Acolyte	Raegan Kisker
Acolyte	Emma McConville
Powerpoint	Russ Ankersen
Live Stream	Blayzon Mooney

December 15th	
Elder on duty	Harold Carlson
Organist	Charlene Pfanstiel
Audio	Paul Sellers
Greeter	Elaine Polly
Greeter	Jeff Polly
Usher	Eugene Custer
Lay Reader	Renelle Mooney
Acolyte	Hunter Kunkee
Acolyte	Will Kunkee
Powerpoint	Cathy Broz
Late Service	
Greeter	Donna Hall
Greeter	Jim Hall
Usher	Ben Schow
Lay Reader	Fred Gleason
Acolyte	Kysen Hazlitt
Acolyte	Paxton Messinger
Powerpoint	
Live Stream	Jackson Hartwell



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Worship Service Bulletin

Pastor Lonnie Felcher

December 8, 2024
 The Second Sunday in Advent

*W*elcome! Here at Peace Lutheran Church, our mission is to share with loving concern, the true Word and gracious love of God with one another, our community, and our world.
May God bless you this morning as you worship with us.

Calendar of Events

Monday, December 9th <i>Pastor out of the office</i>	Saturday, November 14th 4pm and 6pm.....Live Nativity
Tuesday, December 10th 6:00pm.....Board of Elders 7:00pm.....Church Council	Sunday, December 15th 8:00am.....Non Communion Worship 9:15am..Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:15am.....Women’s Bible Study 9:15am.....Men’s Bible Study 9:15am.....F.I.R.E. 10:30amNon Communion Worship Upper Fellowship Hall reservation
Wednesday, December 11th 11:00am.....Midweek Advent service 6:00pm.....School of Religion 7:30pm.....Midweek Advent service	Friday, December 13th 4pm and 6pm.....Live Nativity
Thursday, December 12th	

Communion Sunday
The Service of Holy Communion
 We practice the custom of the church since the time of the apostles that those who are instructed and have confirmed their faith in the common faith with us and are able to examine themselves about their relationship with God and with fellow believers, may commune with us. For others, we gladly welcome them to a period of instruction so that they may openly profess their unity of faith in their participation of the Lord’s Supper with us. If you are unable to go to the altar, please let an usher know and the Pastor will bring the Lord’s Supper to your pew. Please sit close to any one of the three aisles in the church. Our Savior’s wish is that all Christians receive His Body and Blood often. Peace offers gluten-free communion wafers for those who are protein/gluten intolerant or who may have a wheat allergy. Simply notify Pastor during communion if you desire the gluten-free wafer.

Divine Worship Service Setting 1

Opening Hymn “*Prepare The Royal Highway*” [LSB 343]

Confession and Absolution [LSB 151]

Introit *Psalms 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

But my people did not listen to my voice;

Israel would not submit to me.

Oh, that my people would listen to me,

that Israel would walk in my ways!

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.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Kyrie [LSB 152]

Salutation and Collect of the Day [LSB 156]

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Malachi 3:1–7b

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. ⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

Second Reading

Philippians 1:2–11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every

prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

(Please stand)

Alleluia and Verse [LSB 156]

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-20

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” ⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.” ¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing