



St. Peter's Lutheran Church
November 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 7:45 & 10:30 am
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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May Christ's Holy Spirit prepare a place in our hearts for our Advent King.

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free; from our sins and fears release us by your death on Calvary. Israel's Strength and Consolation, hope to all the earth impart, dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart. Born your people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring. By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by your all-sufficient merit Raise us to your glorious throne. Amen.

SERVICE THEME Jesus is coming. Watch!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

These sentences will be spoken and the Advent candle lit immediately following the tolling of the bell at the beginning of the service.

Advent 1

M: We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

C: We remember Jesus who will come at the end of time. None of us knows what day that will be.

M: We hear his call to watch.

C: We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

One Advent candle (the Prophecy Candle) is lit.

The service continues with the opening hymn.

OPENING HYMN

As Angels Joyed with One Accord | CW 5 v 1-3

As angels joyed with one accord Upon the advent of our Lord,
So laud we all and bless the name Of him who from the Father came.

He came, not clothed in majesty Nor pow'r that suits his deity.
In lowly state he walked till he In dying set us captives free.

This done, he soared to God's right hand, Yet orphaned not his chosen band,
For he, not bound in grace and pow'r, Attends his own each day and hour.

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: (spoken) And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: (spoken) Amen.

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

SONG OF PRAISE

As Angels Joyed with One Accord | CW 5 v 4 & 7

In ev'ry age-let praise abound-He comes; we hear his voice resound.
His glorious gospel does not cease To bring us comfort, joy, and peace.

Lift up your heads! All grief and pain Shall vanish when he comes again.
Where we shall see him face to face, There joy alone shall have a place.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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: (spoken) Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 6:1-3, 5-14, 17-22

Even as the Lord gave the world of Noah's day a 120 year time of grace in order to repent, so also he gives the world today a time of grace before Christ's Second Advent.

This is what happened when mankind began to multiply on the face of the earth.

When daughters were born to people, ²the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they took as wives for themselves any of them they chose. ³The LORD said, "My Spirit will not struggle with man forever, because he is only flesh. His days will be 120 years."

⁵The LORD saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that all the thoughts and plans they formed in their hearts were only evil every day. ⁶The LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with sorrow. ⁷The LORD said, “I will wipe out mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth, along with the animals, the creeping things, and the birds of the sky, because I regret that I have made them.” ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹This is the account about the development of Noah’s family.

Noah was a righteous man, a man of integrity in that generation. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹In the sight of God the earth was morally corrupt, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²God looked at the earth and saw that it was corrupt, for all flesh was corrupt in all their ways on the earth.

¹³So God said to Noah, “I have decreed the end of all flesh, because the earth is filled with violence because of them. Now I am going to destroy them along with the earth.

¹⁴“Make an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark. Seal it inside and outside with pitch.

¹⁷“I myself am about to bring a flood of waters on the earth, in order to destroy all flesh under the sky that has the breath of life. Everything that is on the earth will die, ¹⁸but I will establish my covenant with you. You shall come into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁹You shall bring a pair (male and female) of every kind of living flesh into the ark with you to keep them alive. ²⁰Include the birds according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, every creeping thing on the ground according to their kinds. Two of every sort shall come to you, so you can keep them alive. ²¹Take with you every type of food that is eaten, and store it for yourself, so it can be used as food for you and for them.”

²²So that is what Noah did. He did everything that God commanded him, just as he had been told.

VERSE OF THE DAY

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:18-22

The waters of the flood saved Noah and his family from God’s judgment, safely lifting them above the death and destruction that lay beneath. The waters of baptism save us from God’s everlasting judgment through the power of Christ’s resurrection.

¹⁸Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, ¹⁹in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God’s patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²²He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes | **CW 9**

Jesus, your Church with longing eyes
For your expected coming waits.
When will the promised light arise
And glory beam from heaven’s gates?

E’en now, when tempests round us fall
And wintry clouds o’ercast the sky,
Your words with pleasure we recall
And know that our redemption’s nigh.

Come, gracious Lord, our hearts renew,
Our sins forgive, our foes suppress,
Our rooted enmity subdue,
And crown your gospel with success.

Oh, come and reign o’er ev’ry land;
Let Satan from his throne be hurled.
Let nations bow to your command;
Let grace revive a dying world.

Teach us in watchfulness and prayer
To wait for your appointed hour,
And fit us by your grace to share
The triumphs of your conqu’ring pow’r.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:32-37

Jesus reminds us to constantly watch for his Second Advent.

³²“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Watch! Be alert and pray, because you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going away on a journey. When he left his home, he put his servants in charge and assigned what each one was to do. He also commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. ³⁵Therefore keep watch, because you do

not know when the owner of the house is coming: whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or early in the morning. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to everyone: Keep watch!"

Get Ready – The Day Is Coming!

Pastor Guse

1. A day that is unknown
2. A day to be ready for

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten | **CW 35**

Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed his sacred face
Evermore and evermore.

This is he whom heav'n-taught singers Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets Promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of heav'n adore him, Angel hosts his praises sing,
Pow'rs, dominions bow before him And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to you, with God the Father, And the Spirit ceaselessly
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: (spoken) Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child | **CW 56**

Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
There he lay, the undefiled, To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place-Can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found his favor.

Angels sang about his birth; Wise men sought and found him.
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, Glory all around them.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing.
All the plains were lit that night; All the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled, But no more a stranger.
Son of God, of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise his name in all the earth, Hail the King of glory!.



ORGANIST
Ruth Koepsell

GREETERS
7:45 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz
10:30 ~ Judine Schicker

Weekly Announcements

SPREAD SOME SON-SHINE Our members in care facilities are unable to have visitors due to the pandemic. We would like to send some cards to two each week to let them know we are thinking of them. Please help us brighten their days!

~Geraldine Atchison
235 Winnebago St. Apt. 202
North Fond du Lac, WI 54937

~Linda Margelofsky
Tower View Villa
401 N Grant St. Rosendale, WI 54974



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS If you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas, you may do so starting today until December 6. Each poinsettia is \$16.00. Please fill out an envelope with your name, and the name(s) of the people in whose memory or honor you are donating the

poinsettia. Please make your check payable to St. Peter's Altar Guild and place it in the floral box provided in the narthex.

For those members not attending church yet, you may mail in your order stating who it is donated by and in whose memory. Please send payment with your order by December 6.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TEAM CHANGES After 5 years of service on our Administrative Support Team, Courtney Turdo has accepted a new full-time position and will no longer be an everyday fixture in the office. We thank Courtney for her years of service to the church and school! Ashley Will has accepted the full-time position, please give her a warm welcome! Anna Gilgenbach will remain in her current part-time position in the front office.

FLYWAY OWLS CHAPTER 77 does not know when the next meeting will be. As you know the annual National Membership dues are collected during November and December. The National Office located in New Ulm, Minnesota still has monthly expenses such as rent, telephone, electric, heat, and part time secretary. We should all try to pay our National dues and I will mail them in January as a group payment from the Flyway OWLS Chapter 77. The National dues are \$15 per person. Please make your check out to OWLS and mail to Stefanie Gutermann P.O. Box 366, Brownsville, WI 53006 Contact Stefanie at (920) 583-2166 or gutermann@utilitytool.com.

OPEN FORUM We will have an open forum after each service on Thursday, December 10 and Sunday, December 13 regarding our budget for 2021.

MEN OF HIS WORD 2021 The 12th Annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, February 20, 2021. Additional details and online registration are available at www.menofhisword.org. The registration fee is \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth – these rates increase to \$60 and \$30 respectively after January 31st. Please join us for a day of fellowship in God's Word!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our goal is to keep our participants safe:

- Our maximum capacity is 300 participants to enable social distancing
- Masks are required while inside the Hotel and Convention Center
- All food (continental breakfast and box lunch) will be individually packaged
- Hand sanitizer will be available
- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 119 + 55 + 102 = 276

First Fruits to the Lord 2020:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$40,543.39	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,100.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	42,643.39	\$1,290,155.42
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	31,127.02	1,462,969.94
Overage (Shortfall)	11,516.37	(172,814.52)
Improvement Fund	185.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	30.00	
Honoring the Lord!	5,310.00	
Radio Ministry	5,000.00	

Daily Bible Readings

11/29 John 15:26-16:15	12/03 John 17:20-26
11/30 John 16:16-33	12/04 John 18:1-27
12/01 John 17:1-5	12/05 John 18:28-19:16
12/02 John 17:6-19	