



December 11, 2022

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation
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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am
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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the joy of the Christmas angels fill our hearts!

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.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current sermon.
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A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Once did the skies before you bow; a virgin's arms contain you now while angels, who in you rejoice, now listen for your infant voice. O little Child, you were our guest that weary ones in you might rest; forlorn and lowly was your birth that we might rise to heaven from earth. Amen

SERVICE THEME

Come, Lord Jesus! – As Messiah

ORDER OF WORSHIP THURSDAY

Evening Prayer | 215-224

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY

Morning Prayer | 207-214



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

These sentences will be spoken and the Advent candles lit immediately following the ringing of the bells at the beginning of the service.

We light three Advent candles remembering Jesus, the light of the world. He came to cast out the prince of darkness.

We remember Jesus who came in answer to his people's prayers. John proclaimed him the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

We hear his call to see the light.

We light three Advent candles as a sign of our confidence and joy.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

Three Advent candles (the Prophecy, the Bethlehem, and the Angel candles) are lit.

OPENING HYMN

When the King Shall Come Again | 307

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:4-6, 10

The prophet foretold that the coming of the Messiah would change everything.

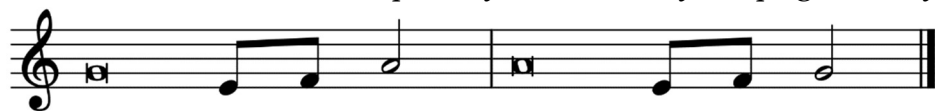
⁴Tell those who have a fearful heart: Be strong. Do not be afraid. Look! Your God will come with vengeance. With God's own retribution, he will come and save you. ⁵Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged. ⁶The crippled will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy. Waters will flow in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland . . . ¹⁰Then those ransomed by the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with a joyful shout, and everlasting joy will crown their heads. Happiness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

Martin Luther: "Psalm 146 is a psalm of thanks to God for helping in time of need."



I will praise the LORD / all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

Do not put your trust in / princes,
in human beings, who / cannot save.

When their spirit departs, they return / to the ground;
on that very day their plans to come to / nothing.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of / Jacob,
Whose hope is in the / LORD their God.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

James 5:9-11

We want the coming Kingdom now. God's encouragement, however, is for us to be patient.

⁹Do not complain about one another, brothers, so that you will not be judged. Look! The Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰Brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord as an example of suffering with patient endurance. ¹¹See, we consider those who endured to be blessed. You have heard of the patient endurance of Job and have seen what the Lord did in the end, because the Lord is especially compassionate and merciful.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADULT BELLS IN 8:00 SERVICE

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"
by Joel Raney

GOSPEL (Sermon text)

Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus deals gently with those whose circumstances lead them to doubt that he is the Messiah.

While John was in prison, he heard about the things Christ was doing. He sent two of his disciples ³to ask him, "Are you the Coming One or should we wait for someone else?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go, report to John what you hear and see: ⁵The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the gospel is preached to the poor. ⁶Blessed is the one who does not take offense at me."

⁷As these two were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the crowds about John. "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? No, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹So what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you! And he is much more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, 'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹Amen I tell you: Among those born of women there has not appeared anyone greater than John the Baptist. Yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You | 324

"Rejoice in What Was Seen and Heard"

Pastor Boehringer

SERMON RESPONSE

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PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYERS & BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes | 313

ORGANIST: Laura Nolte
GREETERS: 8:00 ~ Joan & Loren Voss