



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
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St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word

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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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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 the pastor.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 or FM 100.7 Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend’s sermon.
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HOLY COMMUNION Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ’s true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God’s Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not members please speak with the pastor before communing with us. Thank you.

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

The King shall come. He is coming to save us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting One | 154-171

Remain Seated



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

These sentences will be spoken and the Advent candle lit immediately 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

Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates | 306 st. 1-2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

All of us have become unclean, tainted by sin. So we needed our King to come to save us.

Oh, that you would rip open the heavens and come down.

Mountains then would quake because of your presence.

²As fire ignites stubble and as fire makes water boil,
make your name known to your adversaries.

Then nations would quake in your presence.

³You did amazing things that we did not expect.

You came down. Mountains quaked because of your presence.

⁴From ancient times no one has heard.

No ear has understood.

No eye has seen any god except you,
who goes into action for the one who waits for him.

⁵You meet anyone who joyfully practices righteousness,
who remembers you by walking in your ways!

But you were angry because we sinned.

We have remained in our sins for a long time.

Can we still be saved?

⁶All of us have become like something unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like a filthy cloth.

All of us have withered like a leaf,
and our guilt carries us away like the wind.

⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you.

So you hid your face from us.

You made us melt by the power of our guilt.

⁸But now, LORD, you are our father.

We are the clay, and you are our potter.

All of us are the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be angry, LORD, without limit.

Do not remember our guilt forever.

Please look closely.

All of us are your people.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON (sermon text)

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Our faithful God promises to enrich us with every spiritual gift so that we can stand firm as we wait for our King to come again on judgment day.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

⁴I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus. ⁵You were enriched in him in every way, in all your speaking and all your knowledge, ⁶because the testimony about Christ was established in you. ⁷As a result you do not lack any gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸He will also keep you strong until the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Come to us, Em / manuel;

Come and set your / people free.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

On Palm Sunday Jesus rides into Jerusalem as a king. The crowd shouts, "Hosanna!" which means, "Save us!"

As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.'"

⁴They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. ⁵Some who were standing there asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go.

⁷They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out,
Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Hosanna in the highest!

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior of the Nations, Come | **301 st. 1-3**

“The Thankful Advent Christian”

Pastor Stephen Kurtzahn

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**GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING
ADULT BELLS IN THURSDAY**

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by Sandra Eithun

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CLOSING HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes | **313 st. 1 & 4**

ORGANIST: David Koepsell
GREETERS: 8:00~Marv & Vicki Mortensen
10:30~Eric & Tracy Freiberg