

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

1 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt round his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

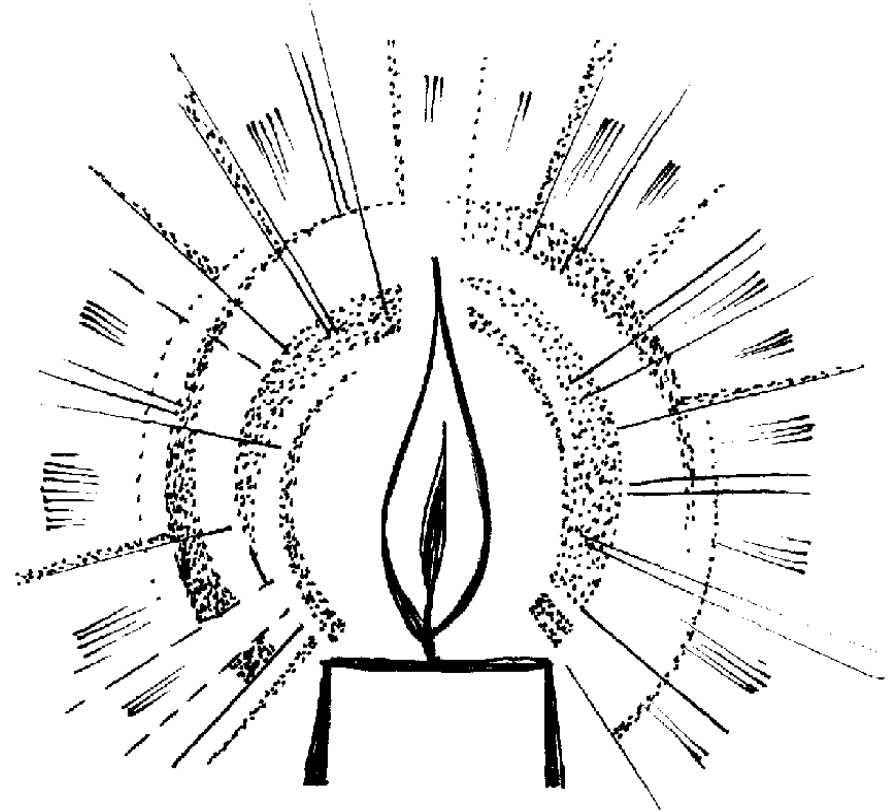
1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' 4 Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Peace Lutheran Church

Word of Life: A Vision of Peace

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent



The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

Isaiah 11:6

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Third Sunday of Advent

The Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 35:1-10

The Psalm:

Psalm 146:5-10

The New Testament Reading:

James 5:7-10

The Gospel Reading:

Matthew 11:2-11

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

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Welcome to worship at Peace! Please see the Peace Lutheran Church website www.peacelutherantacoma.org or Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma) or YouTube channel (contact church office for link) for online worship videos.

+ **We worship in person at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream 11 am on our Facebook page.**

+ **Children and worship:** We offer a Children's Worship Time during 11 am worship. *Pew Pal activity bags are hanging near the entrance for children to use in worship. Childcare (Nursery) is provided in the basement for children 4 and under. A cry room is just outside the worship space. Please bring your own toys.*

+ **Holy Communion** is open to all who desire God's gifts of grace and love. Bread and wine/grape juice are distributed at the time of Communion, or pick up prepackaged Communion elements at the Welcome Table, or, if you are worshipping remotely, prepare bread and wine/grape juice for yourself. A gluten-free option is available.

If you desire Baptism, please talk with Pastor John.

+ **Decisions about when a child should receive Communion** belong to the family. Communion preparation materials are available for parents to provide instruction at home, and Pastor John is happy to help families with this.

+ **Transportation:** Need a ride to worship? Call the church, press * dial 120, to leave a message on the van line.

+ **If you would like to make an offering** to the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church, please give in person Sundays in the Offering Box, or send your financial contribution to Peace Lutheran Church (address above), donate through the Giving link on the church website, or call the church office 253-383-1317 to set up electronic giving.

+ **If you have questions or concerns or prayer requests or a desire for pastoral care** please contact Pastor John (pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org, 253-383-1317 ext. 101).

THE GATHERING

Opening Songs

“Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

Red Book Hymn 242

Text and Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text and music © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc. *

“All Earth Is Hopeful” verses 1-3

Red Book Hymn 266

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946; Music: TAULÉ, Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; arr. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1944-1992;

Advent Litany

See back cover pocket of Red Book

Sharing God's Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: And also with you.**

Prayer

THE WORD

(See back of bulletin for readings)

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Gospel Song “Hark, the Glad Sound!”

Red Book Hymn 239

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751; Music: Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820 *

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;

Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Gospel Song “Hark, the Glad Sound!”

Children's Message - The Lighting of the Advent Candles

11 am Children's Worship Time *(Children are invited to the basement classroom.)*

Sermon

Pastor John

Song of the Day “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” verses 1,2,6,7 Red Book Hymn 257

Text: Psalterium, Canticum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. composite; Music: French processional, 15th cent.; text sts. 2,6,7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress *

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in the lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh:

In strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain...*

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain...*

O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one:

Refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain...*

Sharing About Life and Ministry, Celebrations and Concerns of the Community

The Prayers of the People of God

Prayer Response: “Come By Here”

Burgundy Book Hymn 43

Text: traditional; Music: KUM BA YAH, traditional *

Come by here, my Lord, come by here. (3x) O Lord, come by here.

Someone's praying, Lord, come by here. (3x) O Lord, come by here.

Someone needs you, Lord, come by here. (3x) O Lord, come by here.

THE MEAL

The Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer / The Meal Is Shared

(All who desire God's gifts of grace and love are invited to share in the meal of Holy Communion.)

Communion Music “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Red Book Hymn 254

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835 *

The Communion Blessing

The Benediction

THE SENDING

Sending Song “Soon and Very Soon”

Burgundy Book Hymn 38

Text and music: Andriac Grouch, b. 1945; VERY SOON, © 1976 Bud John Songs, Inc./Crouch Music, admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing *

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. (3x)

Refrain: Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there... No more dyin' there.... Soon and very soon....

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

The Dismissal Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

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