

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament

Isaiah 11:1-10

1 A shoot shall come out from the stump 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 for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed 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 around 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 will feed 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 Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, 9 and 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 ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and 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."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Third Sunday of Advent

The Old Testament Reading

The Psalm Reading

The New Testament Reading

The Gospel Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:5-10

James 5:7-10

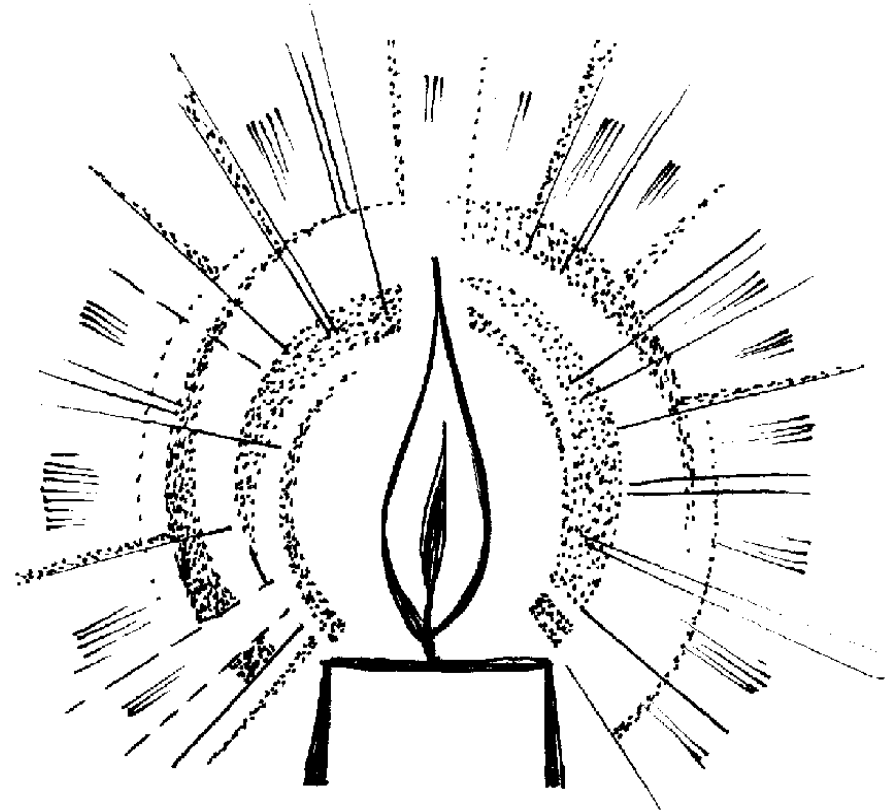
Matthew 11:2-11

Peace Lutheran Church

Word of Life:
The Kingdom of God is Near

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent



In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Matthew 3:1-2

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

2106 South Cushman Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405, www.peacelutherantacoma.org

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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.**

+ **We worship in the summer at 10 am, also live streamed on our Facebook page.**

+ **Children and worship:** We offer a Children's Worship Time during 11 am worship (10 am worship in summer). 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. A gluten-free option is available. If you are worshiping remotely, prepare bread and wine/grape juice for yourself. 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 and press 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

Welcome

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"

Burgundy Book Hymn 47

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

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God's creative task:

This, the labor of people who struggle to see

How God's trust and justice set ev'rybody free.

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell: "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel";

She conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth

Restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;

New highways opened, new protocols declared.

Almost here! God is nearing in beauty and grace!

All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.

This same Lord Jesus today has come to live in our world;

He is present, in neighbors we see our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

Advent Litany

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

The Gospel Song "Emmanuel"

Burgundy Book Hymn 45

Text: Bob McGee, b. 1944; Music: MCGEE, Bob McGee, b. 1944; © 1976 C.A. Music (div. of Christian Artists Corp.), admin. Word Music, Inc. *

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us; his name is called Emmanuel.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

The Gospel Song "Emmanuel"

Children's Message and 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"

Red Book Hymn 257

Text: Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. Composite; Music: French processional, 15th cent.; Text sts. 2, 6, 7 (c) 1997 Augsburg Fortress *

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

The Prayers of the People of God *(After each petition, "God, hear our prayer.")*

Prayer Response:

"Wait for the Lord"

Red Book Hymn 262

Text: Taizé Community; Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994; Text and music © 1984 Les Presses de Taizé, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

THE MEAL

The Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer

Burgundy Book pg. 39

The Meal Is Shared

(All who desire God's gifts of grace and love are invited to share in the meal of Holy Communion. The red glasses are wine; the white glasses are grape juice. Individual prayer for comfort, strength, and encouragement is offered in the prayer corner during Communion and following the worship service.)

Communion Music - Special Music

Kathy Hanawalt & Gretchen Duggan

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "Soon and Very Soon"

Burgundy Book Hymn 38

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

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

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