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First Week in Advent Wednesday, November 30, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

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Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us and especially to those who may be visiting. We pray that as you worship, you will be strengthened by our Lord's love and grace. If you are our guests, please introduce yourself to the Pastor after the service. Gift bags for our visitors hang on the welcome wall in the Narthex.

Our Mission: "Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to reach the lost and to provide for spiritual growth and nurture of our family of believers through education and ministry of Word and Sacraments."

Education Programs: We offer a Pre-K program, ages 3-5, September through May, here in Peace's education wing. Along with Bethlehem, Mt. Calvary and Zion Lutheran churches, we operate Lutheran South Unity School (K-8) located at 5401 South Calhoun Street.

Holy Communion: If you are a communicant member of an LCMS congregation, we welcome you to receive Christ's body and blood at this altar. If you are unsure of your beliefs or are of another confession, you are also welcome to kneel at the communion rail for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to receive God's blessing of Peace from the Pastor. If you are unable to approach the Communion rail, please let an usher know and Pastor will serve you at your seat. We offer gluten free wafers for those who need them. Please notify the Elder at the Communion rail.

Hospitalization: If you or a family member is hospitalized or scheduled for surgery, please notify the church office or Pastor Mann at 320-295-0082. Even though you mention a church affiliation at check in, hospital staff rarely contact the churches.

Nursery and Children's Bulletins: A nursery for small children is available in Room 222 (The Nursery/Playroom). Children's bulletins may be obtained from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins Available: If you need a large print bulletin, let the ushers know.

LISTEN Personal Sound System is available for people who struggle to hear during the service. They are hanging on the display wall in the narthex. Ask the Elder or an Usher for help.

THIS IS MY SON: CAIN, THE SON OF ADAM



Lighting of the Candles

*(For those who are able, please stand for the portions of the service that are marked with an *.)*

As We Gather

Who is the son of Adam? When Adam and Eve held their firstborn son, Cain, in their arms for the first time, perhaps they wondered, “Who is this son?” After all, following their sin, the Lord God promised salvation from Eve’s offspring (Genesis 3:15). Could this baby boy be that Savior from sin and death? Not yet. Instead, Cain becomes the first murderer and spills the blood of his brother, Abel. Thankfully, a greater Son of Adam would fulfill the promise of a Savior. This Son would be held in the arms of another couple—Mary and Joseph. This Son would allow His very own blood to be shed for the salvation of Adam, Eve, and all their descendants.

Welcome

+ Preparation +

* Opening Hymn “What Hope, An Eden Prophesied” *Hymnal page 342*

* Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

* Opening Sentences

Psalm 146:3–5

P Put not your trust in princes,
C **in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**
P When his breath departs
C **he returns to the earth;**
P on that very day
C **his plans perish.**
P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C **whose hope is in the Lord his God.**

* Service of Light

Psalm 146:3–5

- P** The Spirit and the Church cry out:
- C** **Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** All those who await His appearance pray:
- C** **Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** The whole creation pleads:
- C** **Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Awaiting the Son of Man and the Son of God, we implore:
- C** **Come, Lord Jesus.**

As the hymn is sung, the candles are lighted.

* Hymn of Light “Light of Light, O Sole Begotten”

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* Confession and Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

* Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us give thanks the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who sent Your only begotten Son not to shed another’s blood out of anger or jealousy, but for His own blood to be shed out of compassion and love. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen**

+ Service of the Word +

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1-16

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 5:12-17

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

* Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:17-26

- P** A Reading from Matthew, the fifth chapter.

The Gospel is read.

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

* Readings Response

- P** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Sermon Hymn

“In This Precious Baby Boy”

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¹ In this precious baby boy,
We are given peace and joy.
By the Spirit, hope is won—
Mary bore the Father’s Son.
Son of God and Son of Man:
He fulfills the holy plan.

² God’s own children, we have strayed,
Constantly have disobeyed
In the garden, in the sand,
Through the river, in the Land.
But the Child who takes our place
Bears the cross to earn us grace.

³ Through this baby in the hay,
God has given us the Way
To inherit life above,
Rescued by His perfect love.
In this Child, we all may be
Children of eternity.

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*** Nicene Creed**

☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

*** Prayers**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers then continue:

P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Alleluia.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*** Lord's Prayer**

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

*** Preface**

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*** The Words of Our Lord**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*** Pax Domini**

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Distribution

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*** Distribution Hymn**

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

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"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

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*** Prayer**

- P** During this season of Advent, we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus.” True Son of Adam,
C **come, Lord Jesus.**
P True Son of Abraham,
C **come, Lord Jesus.**
P True Son of David,
C **come, Lord Jesus.**
P True Son of God,
C **come, Lord Jesus.**
P True Son of Man,
C **come, Lord Jesus.**
P That we might receive adoption as sons,
C **come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

*** Benediction**

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- P** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C **whose hope is in the Lord his God.**
P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
C **Amen.**

*** Closing Hymn**

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

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Announcements



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

*Preacher: Rev. Kevin Mann Field Worker: Tanner Sawall
 Communion Assistant: Marty Blessing
 Organist: Krista Koch*

Greeters: John Bercot Karen Bercot Mike Murphy

Ushers: Gene Koch Tom Fuelling Marshal Heingartner
 Mike Murphy Sharon Weaver Ken White

Acolyte: Kemora Underwood

Lesson Reader: Barb Bradtmueller

Altar Server: Debbie Lahrman

The Flowers on the Altar are given in thanksgiving to the glory of God by Linda Mahrt for her birthday.

Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

FOR HEALING:	Colton and Meghan (friends of Matthew Paetz), Pastor Paul Spira, Paul Sawall (Tanner's father), Don Parker, and all those confined at home. <i>Prayers continue for 2 weeks. Notify the office to add or repeat names.</i>
PRAYER FAMILIES:	Brian and Bianca Blessing, Sarah and Nicholas Myers, Tanner Sawall
PRAYER ANGELS:	Seth/Dawn Mann, Brinn/Joyce Trzynka
CHURCH:	Peace Congregation, Cross Connections, The Indiana District, and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
SHARING PEACE:	That God would help us reach out to our school families and neighbors to foster new relationships that give glory to God.
IN SYMPATHY:	For the family of Marlene Hitzfield, sister-in-law of Nancy Lohr, who fell asleep in Christ. For the family of Jeremy Smith, son-in-law of Dick and Becky Rutkowski, who fell asleep in Christ last week.

Attendance and Stewardship Summary:

Worship Attendance for November 20 and 23:	65/50
Adult Bible Study:	14
Amount needed for the month of November:	\$ 27,824.83
Our response for the month of November:	\$ 24,383.03
Difference:	(\$ 3,441.80)