

Third Sunday in Advent

The Candle of Love



We've lit the candles of **Waiting** and of **Light**. This Sunday we light the third candle, the **Candle of Love**. The Candle of Love reminds us of God's great love for us. We are especially reminded of God's love for us when we hear this favorite memory verse, John 3:16:

"For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

As the Candle of Love is lit, we ask God to grant us this gift of love, so that we might not hoard it greedily, but rather give it away as graciously as it has been given to us. Receiving God's love opens us to loving others. *Share the gift!*



As "**Messengers for the Christ**," we are like the Angels when we share the good news of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. To emphasize the lighting of the Candle of Love, we have Pineapples in the commons area. Take a Pineapple with its special message to help share the story of God's love with a friend or neighbor this week.

Special treats are a part of being family, so join us for a piece of "Happy Birthday Jesus" cake in the fellowship hall. Celebrate the family of God here at Peace by getting to know some new member of the family today.



The Announcement to Joseph by the Angel and the assurance of God's Plan

Matthew 1:18 – 25

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

ALTAR PARAMENTS (Linens) change color with the various church holidays and special events. Today's paraments are Blue for Advent.

WE PRAY FOR COMFORT AND HEALING: Gerald Tesch; Chris Hoes; Fred Tesch; Brian Foster; Phil Schansberg; Doris Swenson; Christopher Sevig (Sundblad's nephew); Stacey Ryan (Rieckenbergs' daughter); Charles Lloyd (Jon Peterson's friend); Kathleen Carlson (Bob Carlson's sister); Emma Multerer (friend of Thorsons); John & Marcia Tuttle; Jennifer Hoes-Kielbasa (Mary Ann's daughter); Dan & Heidi Osborn; Colleen Hoyer (Barfnecht's friend); Linda Carlson (Bob Carlson's sister); Lilly Clark (Mittelstaedt's friend); Keith Ziermann; Barb Schansberg; Carl Choate; Karen Lotito; Kathy Williamson (Diane Malmin's niece); Nels Tuvey; Marlene Frank (Teri Dressel's mom); Julie Toombs (Beulke's friend); Karen Bufton; Kyle Bufton; Judy Curfman (Ziermann's friend); Ben Simon; Missy Meidinger's grandfather; Saffia Elhuraibi (Hanson's friend); Logan Wendland; Laura Wendland; Jill Mallen (Jake Jacobson's sister); those serving in the military; and our area churches' ministries.

✞ Our thoughts are prayers are extended to **the family and friends of Jerry Hendricks** who passed away on December 10, 2018

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES: Micah 5:2 – 5a (931)
Hebrews 10:5 – 10 (1211)
Luke 1:39 – 45 (1025)

SERVING	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Accompanist	JoAnn Deveny	JoAnn Deveny
Special Music	Children's Christmas Program	Adult Choir
Acolytes	Jackson P.	Malorie T
Greeters	Thorsons	Swensons
JAM Session	Children's Christmas Program	Colette Thorson
Reader	Children's Christmas Program	Beth Seefeldt
Ushers	Petersons & Mays	Weinzierls
Communion Assts.	Ben & Glen	Ben & Glen
Peace Café	E. Peterson & J. Peterson (Happy Bday Jesus Cake)	Lotitos & Baumanns
Slide Presenter	Children's Christmas Program	Jack Heun
Sound System	Bill Hoernemann	Erik Strand
Video Recorder	Children's Christmas Program	Mikayla Thorson
Altar Care	Barb, Cathy, Sharon & Jackie	Barb, Cathy, Sharon & Jackie

MINISTRY BOARD MEMBERS SERVING TODAY: Ben Simon & Glen Hulley

BUSY BAGS FOR OUR 'YOUNG' WORSHIPPERS are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please hang them back up after the service. Thank you.

FAMILY ROOM AVAILABLE: Peace loves our young children and wants families to know how welcome they are during worship. We also know that sometimes young children have a difficult time sitting through service. If you feel the need to step out for a moment to settle your child, there is a Family/Calming room available which has activities for children and a ceiling speaker, so parents can still hear the message.



Williams Sound Assistive Listening System and T-Coil devices are available at the Tech Booth in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how they sound, so we can adjust the system for the best sound possible.

IF YOU NEED TO REACH PASTOR DAVID, please call him at (612) 210-3017 or e-mail him at pastor@come2peace.com.

STAYING UP-TO-DATE: be sure to email any new or updated meetings or events to office@come2peace.com with the details. Thank you!

PEACE OFFERINGS: Sunday Worship, Dec 9 – Received: \$5,679 / Attendance : 180



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Angels

Messengers for the Christ



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WELCOME

Visitors, Members and Friends!

This Sunday we continue our special Advent worship series ...

Angels – Messengers for the Christ.

We hope you will feel a part of the family of God here at Peace. In each of our Advent worship services we will lift the importance of being a messenger for Christ. We are to be like the angels, who announced the good news of Jesus’ birth. We will leave each Sunday singing “Go Tell it on the Mountain” to remind us of the good news we are to share in the world.

Each Advent season our sanctuary changes. Our altar is covered with royal blue paraments to remind us of the birth of the Prince of Peace. The Advent wreath and candles are positioned next to the baptismal font. The wreath reminds us of our unity in Christ, the circle of God’s eternal love and the circle of our family. Lastly, the Christmas tree brings beauty to our sanctuary.

Advent is a season of waiting and preparation. We, who God has claimed as His own through Jesus our Lord, wait and prepare together as family. We wait in hope, united in our expectation of the coming of Jesus this Christmas.

Thank you for worshiping with us!



WELCOME GUESTS! All who believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior are welcome to join us for Communion (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available). May the Holy Spirit bless your worship, so you can leave with peace and hope in your heart, ready to follow Jesus. You are always welcome here at Peace! Please leave your name in our guest book by the front door or share your contact information on the *Let’s Get Acquainted* Card. Blessings!



Messengers for the Christ

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December 16, 2018 ❖ 9:00 AM

Prepare to Worship

Praise Prelude Christmas Medley JoAnn Deveny

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn “Angels We have Heard on High” LBW #71

Advent Litany and Lighting of the Advent Candles

Leader: We begin our worship in the name of God the Creator.
People: Who put the stars in the heavens.

Leader: Who sent the ANGELS ...
Men: ... to Zechariah and Elizabeth with the Good News of the birth of John the Baptist.

Women: ... to Mary at the birth of Jesus our Savior.
Men: ... to Joseph with the reassurance of God’s plan.
All: ... to the Shepherds with the Good News of a Savior for all people.

Leader: We too are Messengers for the Christ.
People: Let the Good News be heard! Amen!

The Not So Silent Night

2018 Children’s Christmas Program



Hymn	“Silent Night”	Children’s Choir
Scene One	Welcome to Heaven	
Hymn	“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”	Tristan Johnsrud & Cullen May, soloists
Scene Two	Nine Months Ago...	
Hymn	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	Addison Weaver, soloist
Scene Three	At the Inn	
Scene Four	In the Fields	
Hymn	“The First Noel”	Landon Johnsrud, soloist
Scene Five	The Kings	
Congregational Hymn	“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”	LBW #45
Hymn	“Away in a Manger”	Addison Johnsrud, soloist
Scene Six	Finale	
Congregational Hymn	“Joy to the World”	LBW #39
Congregational Song	“Happy Birthday”	
Offering	“The Angels Knew”	Ava Heun, Morgen Junczewski, & Rylee May

His Word Sends Us Forth

Blessing of the Messengers

Leader: As we leave from here God Sends us forth as Messengers for the Christ.

People: Like the ANGELS . . . God sends us into the world to proclaim to others what we have seen and heard.

Leader: Where there is indifference.

People: We will love!

Leader: Where there is loneliness.

People: We will be friends!

Leader: Where there is sorrow.

People: We will care!

Leader: Where there is fear.

People: We will trust!

Leader: Where there is despair.

People: We will proclaim the hope we have in Jesus our Lord!

Leader: Be strengthened in faith and go now with His Spirit, carrying his peace, his promises and his blessings.

People: As his messengers, we will announce the Good News by lives that tell of what God has done for us in Christ!

Leader: Be Messengers for the Christ!

People: In all that we say and do, let the Good News be heard!

Leader: Go in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
People: AMEN!

Closing Song “Go Tell It on the Mountain” LBW #70

Sending Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!!
ALL: We will!!

Praise Postlude Christmas Medley JoAnn Deveny



Cast


Chief Angel: Pastor David Hanson Angel 1: Cullen May Angel 2: Tristan Johnsrud Angel 3: Brecken Miller Angel 4: Addison Johnsrud Angel 5: Victoria Sprenger Angel 6: Hallie Simon Angel 7: Sophia Pederson Angel 8: Lillian Lundgren Angel Gabriel: Landon Johnsrud Isaiah: Gabriel Lundgren Mary: Addison Weaver Joseph: Aaron Seefeldt Baby Jesus: Derek Dressel Innkeeper: Micah Schmidt Innkeeper’s Wife: Vienna Miller Shepherd 1: Zachary Potter Shepherd 2: Westin Raser Donkey 1: Alex Seefeldt Donkey 2: Grady May	Additional Angels: Piper Boom, Chloe Knutson, Olivia Pederson, Sophia Schmidt, and Juliana Wendland. Additional Shepherds: Logan Boom, Dash Miller, Mason Schmidt, Austin Seefeldt, Wyatt Sprenger, Casey Stuntebeck, and Charley Stuntebeck. Additional Animals: Declan Guth, Sloan Miller, Liam Raser, Caleigh Schmidt, and Heidi Seefeldt Additional Sheep: Harvie Guth, Laura Holmquist, Luke Holmquist, Annabelle King, Adelynn Lindberg, Hazel Lindberg, and Faith Schultz Director: Meghan Weaver Piano Accompanist: JoAnn Deveny Trumpet Accompanists: Peyton Feltmann and Andrew Seefeldt Technology Help: Robert Dean and Robert Lotito Stage Assistants: Middle School Youth
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The Children’s Christmas Program Committee would like to thank all our Peace Family members who helped to make this program possible. We are so grateful for you.

Thank you to Maggie Grosshuesch, Amy Peterson, and Melissa Stuntebeck for the gift bags for the students.

Thank you to the Program Committee Members: Heather Heun, Nicole Johnsrud, Karen Lotito, Rachel Lotito, Joseph Perez, Shawn Perez, Kelsie Simon, Melissa Stuntebeck, and Meghan Weaver.

THIS WEEK @ PEACE

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– Mario’s - Wednesdays @ 6:30 AM
– Mocha Monkey - Thursdays @ 9:00 AM
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