

Fourth Sunday in Advent



The Candle of Hope

God's promise to send a Savior took a very long time, so we first light the **Candle of Waiting**. As the flame of the candle flickers we remember Jesus' words, "I am the Light of the world" and we light the second candle, the **Candle of Light**. The third candle reminds us of God's great love for us, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" and we light the **Candle of Love**.

And now, as our Advent journey draws to a close, we are so very near to Jesus' birth, so very near to the coming of our Savior, our Hope. We light the last candle, the **Candle of Hope**, and we hear these words from John 15:13...

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

The Angel Announces to the Shepherds of Jesus Birth

Luke 2:8 – 20

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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 Hoese; 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 Hoese-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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES: Ex 13:1 – 3a; 11 – 15 (68); Col 3:12 – 17 (1184); Luke 2:22 – 40 (1027)

| SERVING | This Sunday | Christmas Eve | Next Sunday |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Accompanist | JoAnn Deveny | 3 – JoAnn Deveny, Cynthia Sparks, Peyton Feltmann, Andrew Seefeldt, Isaac Tesch 5 – JoAnn Deveny, Cynthia Sparks, Isaac Tesch 9 – Ruth Clark, Karen Hoernemann | JoAnn Deveny |
| Special Music | Adult Choir | 3 – Children of Peace; Ella May; Ava Heun, Rylee May & Ella May 5 – Marty Malmin, Kevin Schroeder, Adult Choir 9 – Ann Goebel & Rachel Lotito | Emily Hanson |
| Acolytes | Malorie T. | 3 – Dayvin & Ella 5 – Emily & Ava 9 – Peyton & Malorie | Morgen J |
| Greeters | Swensons | 3 – Seefeldts & McLays 5 – Grosshuesches 9 – Weinzierls | Clarks |
| JAM Session | Colette Thorson | 3 – Stephanie Hanson <i>No children's story at 5 & 9</i> | Meghan Weaver |
| Reader | Beth Seefeldt | 3 – Children of Peace 5 – Edie Hanson 9 – Kevin Schroeder | Morgen J & Peyton F |
| Ushers | Weinzierls | 3 – Johnsruds & Mays 5 – Nesvolds & Perezes 9 – Lotitos | Lotitos |
| Communion Assts & MB Serving | Bob & Glen | 3 – Glen & Jon 5 – Beth 9 – Bob | Ben & Glen |
| Peace Café | Lotitos & Baumanns | n/a | Appetizer Potluck (youth serving) |
| Slide Presenter | Jack Heun | 3 – Vanessa Schroeder 5 – Edie Hanson 9 – Dayvin Schroeder | Edie Hanson |
| Sound System | Erik Strand | 3 – Phil Schansberg 5 – Ezekiel Cartland 9 – Bill Hoernemann | Erik Strand |
| Video Recorder | Mikayla Thorson | 3 – Vanessa Schroeder 5 – Edie Hanson 9 – Dayvin Schroeder | Emily Hanson |
| Altar Care | | Barb, Cathy, Sharon & Jackie | |

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



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.

NEED TO REACH PASTOR DAVID? Contact him at (612) 210-3017 or pastor@come2peace.com.

PEACE OFFERINGS: Sunday Worship, Dec 16 – Received: \$4,203 / Attendance : 254



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Angels

Messengers for the Christ



*Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 23, 2018*

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 worshipping with us!



WELCOME GUESTS! 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 23, 2018 ❖ 9:00 AM

Prepare to Worship

Praise Prelude Praise Band

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Litany

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!

His Word Invites us to Worship

Opening Song “Angels from the Realms of Glory” LBW #50

Confession and Forgiveness

People: Lord, sometimes I feel like I’m alone in the dark. I struggle from one step to another, trying not to fall, but sometimes I can’t help myself. At times it feels hopeless and this sin filled world overwhelming.

Lord today, let your love shine in my darkness. Let your forgiveness bring light to my sin. Let the light of Christ shine on me, so that I might walk as a child of the light. You know my darkness. Let me live in your light today.

Pastor: Our God is a great God! Through Jesus’ death on the cross and his resurrection, we can live in his light. The darkness of our sin is forgiven in the love and light of Jesus, our Lord. We are forgiven! Now SHINE! Shine as God created you to shine. Live as a child of the light and let darkness be no more. Let Christ’s light shine!

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) / Lighting of the Advent Candle Colette Thorson

His Word Calls Us to Listen

Scripture Micah 5:2 – 5a (931)
Hebrews 10:5 – 10 (1211)

Gospel A Reading from the Gospel According to Saint Luke, chapter 2 verses 8 – 20 (1027)

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Message “The Awesome Announcement” Pastor David Hanson

We Respond to His Word

Sermon Song “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LBW #60

Apostle’s Creed

Faith Sharing “Yea God”

The Word Made Flesh

Offering

Special Music "Angels’ Carol" Adult Choir

Offering Response “Give Thanks”

Offering Prayer/Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

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 Praise Band

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