

# Second Sunday in Advent

December 5, 2021



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## Welcome to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

Divine judgement is swift and decisive! In time, the Lord is sure to obliterate all opposition to what is good and right. In spite of this conflict, divine grace in Jesus fortifies the Church in prayer, partnership, good works, affection, love, discernment, and excellence. God's Word and Sacraments continuously equip the forgiven and forgiving Church to be vigilant about the coming wrath, but also to be generous in bearing fruits of repentance as we await the salvation of God.

**Contact Information** – To request prayer or to set up an appointment, contact the church office at 853-3217 or [stpeterhilbert@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterhilbert@gmail.com). In case of emergency, please contact one of the elders or Pastor Peterson.

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**Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184**

**Hymns: 816, 702, 763, 642, 924**

### Serving in our worship...

Preacher: Pastor Mark Peterson

Audio/Visual: Dan Bergelin

Altar Guild: Cheri Koffarnus, Bonnie Ott, Bonnie Teinert

Greeter: LouAnn Seidl

### This Week at St. Peter

December 5-12, 2021

Sunday, 12/5	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Tuesday 12/7	9:00 a.m.	Cookies
	7:00 p.m.	Revelation Bible Study
Saturday, 12/11	9:00 a.m.	Bake/Craft Sale
Sunday, 12/12	<b>Third Sunday in Advent</b>	
	<i>(Zeph. 3:14-20; Phil. 4:4-7; Luke 7:18-35)</i>	
	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service (NC)
	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Brunch

## **Second Sunday of Advent**

On this second Sunday of Advent,  
as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ,  
we light the candle of peace.

Jesus Christ is our peace. (Ephesians 2:14)  
He is the Prince of Peace,  
and the fruit of His presence is peace. (Isaiah 9:6; Galatians  
5:22)

Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony  
to every relationship throughout all creation.  
He wants to continually grant us peace in every situation. (2  
Thessalonians 3:16)

Jesus, we pray,  
guide our feet into the path of peace. (Luke 1:79)

## Introit

*Ps. 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

**P** The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”

**C** Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!\*

**O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!**

**P** I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land  
of | Egypt.\*

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.

**C** But my people did not listen | to my voice;\*

**Israel would not sub- | mit to me.**

**P** Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,\*

that Israel would walk | in my ways!

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**P** The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:\*

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”

## Gradual

*Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*

**P** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

**C** Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*

**righteous and having sal- | vation.**

**P** Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bake/Craft Sale** – The Women in Mission of St. Peter would like to invite you to a Bake/Craft Sale on **Saturday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** from **9-1** in the St. Peter Fellowship Hall. Cookies, sweet breads, candy and assorted crafts will be available to purchase. Proceeds will be used to help provide knapsacks for foster children and to help fund W.I.M. projects in the new year.

We will be making and frosting cookies this **Tuesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** at **9:00 a.m.** If you are able to join us, help will be appreciated. Donations of baked goods or crafts for the sale are also helpful. If you have questions, contact Eva Kamps at 853-3321.

**Christmas Brunch** will be **Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** after the service. We hope that you will be able to join us as we come together to prepare for Christmas. Please take a moment to sign up on the sheet in the narthex today to help us with our planning. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Teinert at (920) 522-3964.

**No Sunday School** next week.

**Free Stuff** – We have found some ornaments commemorating our church's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They are on display on a table in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to pick up an ornament for yourself or for family members, who might enjoy having this remembrance of our church and school.

**Offering Envelope Boxes** for 2022 are now in the narthex. You may notice your box number has changed. Continue using the 2021 (blue) envelopes until December 31<sup>st</sup> and begin using the new (yellow) envelopes beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you did not receive a box of envelopes and would like to, please email the church office or let Pastor know.

**Portals of Prayer** devotionals for January-March have been distributed. We will be updating our digest size order (5.5 x 8.25) before January 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to change your current size or quantity of these quarterly devotionals, please contact the church office.

## Old Testament

*Malachi 3:1–7b*

<sup>1</sup>Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.

## Epistle

*Philippians 1:2–11*

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 3:1–20*

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea,

and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.