



Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Order of Worship

December 17, 2023 Third Sunday in Advent (11am Service)

Welcome

Call To Worship

P Prepare ye the way of the LORD,

C **Hallelujah!**

P Make His paths straight,

C **O come, let us worship Him**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C **And to the Holy Spirit.**

P As it was in the beginning,

C **Is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn – LSB 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,

“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the_angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Refrain

ref Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,

Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the_incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain

3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of
Peace! Hail, the Sun of
Righteousness! Light and life to all
He brings, Ris’n with healing in His
wings. Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Refrain

Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead

of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. . . .

⁸For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong;

I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

L This is the Word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God**

Epistle Reading, 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil. ²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

L This is the Word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God**
(Please stand as you are able)

The Holy Gospel, John 1:6–8, 19–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John

C **Glory to You, O Lord**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am

not the Christ.”²¹ And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”²² So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.)²⁵ They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know,²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

📖 This is the Gospel of the Lord 🎤 **Praise to You, O Christ!**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Sermon Song LSB 344 On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

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| 1 | On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings! | 2 | Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God
within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there. |
| 3 | We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flow’rs that wither and decay. | 4 | Lay on the sick Thy healing hand
And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face
Till beauty springs in ev’ry place. |

- △ 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.

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(Please stand, as you are able)

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.**

Peace of the Lord *(Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)*

Prayers of the Church

After each petition respond: **P** Lord in your mercy **C** Hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

Preface

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 Word 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Lamb of God by Marty Haugen

Lamb of God you take away the sin of
the world: have mercy on us,
mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God you are the way of mercy
and love: have mercy on us,
mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

In The Beginning

1. In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was God
And the Word was with God
In the beginning was the Word
And the Word was God
And the Word was with God

Pre-Chorus

In Him was life
That life was light for everyone
The darkness tries
But the light will not be overcome

2. He made his dwelling in the world
As the Word made flesh
And we've seen his glory.
He made his dwelling in the world
As the Word made flesh
And we've seen his glory

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 2X

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763 When Peace, like a River

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
Refrain

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain

4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

And everything that has been made
Has been made through Him
Nothing made without Him
And everything that has been made
Has been made through Him
Nothing made without Him

Chorus

The light that shines for everyone
Has come into the world
The light of Christ the only Son
Has come into the world
Has come into the world

And in the sending of the Son
Grace and truth have come
Through the one and only
And in the sending of the Son
Grace and truth have come
Through the one and only

ref It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul! Refrain

The Gift Of Love

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE Shalom

Shalom, good friends, Shalom, good friends,
Shalom shalom! 'Til we meet again,
'Til we meet again, Shalom, shalom!

(Please Stand, as you are able)

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen**

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

P Go in peace!

C Serve the Lord

P Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Closing Song: Closing Song You Are My All in All (Dennis Jernigarn)

You are my strength when I am weak,

You are the Treasure that I seek.

You are my All in All.

Seeking You as a precious jewel,

Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool.

You are my All in All.

Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God,

Worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,

Rising again I bless Your name.

You are my All in All.

When I fall down, You pick me up;

When I am dry, You fill my cup;

You are my All in All.

Chorus - 2 more times

(Please be seated)

Announcements

Welcome!

We are happy you are worshiping our Lord at St. Peter's.

As a Guest,

**You are welcome to worship here as long as you would like, and
to continue receiving the Lord's Supper.**

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If you are considering joining St Peters; there are three ways.

Transfer

**If you're a member of an LCMS church; you can transfer
your membership to St Peters.**

Profession of Faith

**Is a statement that you agree with the Faith
as proclaimed at St. Peters:.**

- **The Apostles Creed,**
- **The 10 Commandments - Law & Gospel**
- **Baptism - Doth now save us (1 Peter 3:21),**
- **The Lord Supper is Jesus' true body and blood given and
shed for the forgiveness of sins.**

**A Conversation about the Basics of the Christian Faith and
Doctrine**

Usually, 6 to 8 sessions

And fill out an information sheet for the office.