

## ADVENT III

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2012

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church  
3232 West Point Rd. Middleton, WI  
Church of the Lutheran Confession  
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### ADVENT AMBASSADORS

**PRE-SERVICE PREPARATION:** Psalm 110

**Hymn 63:** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

**P:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** The Lord be with you. \*

**C: And with you, His servant.**

**P:** Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the LORD.

**C: With hearts uplifted thanks to Him we render:**

With joy we come before Him,

In gratefulness implore Him,

With thankful hearts adore Him Evermore!

\* To the melody of "O Come All Ye Faithful"

*All my heart this night rejoices As I hear Far and near  
Sweetest angel voices. "Christ is born," their choirs are singing  
Till the air ev'rywhere Now with joy is ringing.*

**P:** Heavenly Father, as we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of Your only begotten Son, we come to You confessing our many sins. We have sinned against You with our thoughts, words, and actions. We are not deserving of the great love You have shown to us.

**C: But by Your grace You sent Jesus, the Christ, into the world, to be born of the Virgin Mary, and to fulfill all righteousness for us.**

*Shall we still dread God's displeasure, Who, to save, Freely gave  
His most cherished treasure? To redeem us, He hath given  
His own Son from the throne Of His might in heaven.*

**P:** Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He shall reign as King and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

**C: And this is the name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

**P:** In His days we will be saved and dwell securely.

**C: And this is the name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

**P:** Truly the Child of Bethlehem is our righteousness, for He took upon Himself all our sins so that we might stand holy and righteous before God.

*Guilt no longer can distress me; Son of God, Thou my load  
Bearest to release me. Stain in me Thou findest never;  
I am clean, All my sin Is Removed forever.*

**P:** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

**C: And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**P:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**C: And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Forth today the Conqueror goeth, Who the foe, Sin and woe,  
Death and hell, o'erthroweth. God is man. Man to deliver;  
His dear Son now is one With our blood forever.*

**Scripture Readings:** II Chronicles 32:16-19

**Confession of Faith:** Apostles' Creed, page 12

**Hymn 272:** “When All the World was Cursed”

**Midweek Sermon Series: ADVENT AMBASSADORS....  
Delivering a message of Coming Judgment and Final Deliverance!  
SERMON TEXT: Matthew 3:11-12**

**OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS**

**HYMN 61:** “Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”

**ADVENT PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 85 (13-14):** “Ah, Dearest Jesus, Holy Child”

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU**

A heartfelt welcome to all in the name of Jesus, the One who will come again to judge all of mankind and deliver us from this sinful world and take us to be with Him forever in heavenly joy. Please come again on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day to celebrate the miraculous birth of our Savior-King!

### **NEXT WEEK:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS:** 9:00 a.m.

**FAMILY WORSHIP:** 10:00 a.m.

**Children's/Choir Christmas Practice:** 11:20 a.m.

**MONDAY: Children's Christmas Eve Service** 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY: Christmas Day Song Service** 10:00 a.m.

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** Church Cleaning Schedule for 2013,  
Christmas letter from Pastor & Ruth.

## **SCRIPTURE READING** **II Chronicles 32:16-19**

Furthermore, his servants spoke against the LORD God and against His servant Hezekiah. 17 He also wrote letters to revile the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, "As the gods of the nations of *other* lands have not delivered their people from my hand, so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver His people from my hand." 18 Then they called out with a loud voice in Hebrew to the people of Jerusalem who *were* on the wall, to frighten them and trouble them, that they might take the city. 19 And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth -- the work of men's hands.

## **SERMON TEXT**

Matthew 3:11-12

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 "His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.