

ADVENT I

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church
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Church of the Lutheran Confession
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PRE-SERVICE PREPARATION: Psalm 85

P: Lord God, You have brought us safely to this hour of evening worship. We thank You for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in Your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts and dispel our sorrows with the comfort of Your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 91: "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

P: We begin in the name of our Triune God:

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

ALL: Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall ever be, eternally. Amen.
Hallelujah!**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to give thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and

bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

ALL: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SING---Advent Psalm 24, Pg. 25 W.S.

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 20:1-11

Confession of Faith: from the Athanasian Creed

ALL: It is necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and Man. He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and He is Man, born in time from the nature of His mother, fully God, fully Man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to His deity, less than the Father as to His humanity; and though He is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons, but one; one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and Man are one Christ. He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire. This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved. Amen.

HYMN 76: "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

**Midweek Sermon Series: ADVENT AMBASSADORS....
Bringing a message of REAL Healing and ETERNAL Peace!
Text: Luke 2:13-14**

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

CHOIR: "Come, Emmanuel, Come"

HYMN 64: "Jesus, Thy Church with Longing Eyes"

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 66: "Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU

A heartfelt welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ. May our Advent preparation lead us to worship and adore our Savior and King! Please come again next Wednesday as we continue our Advent worship of our coming Savior.

ADVENT THEME:
Advent Ambassadors

Dec. 5th: Bringing a message of actual Healing and Peace---II Kings 20:1-11; Luke 2:13-14

Dec. 12th: Sent out with a message of Reconciliation---II Corinthians 5:20-21; Luke 19:14 (Pastor Paul Krause)

Dec. 19th: Delivering a message of Coming Judgment---II Chronicles 32:16-19; Matthew 3:11-12

Scripture Reading:
2 Kings 20:1-11

In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.' " 2 Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, 3 "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what was* good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly. 4 And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 5 "Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. 6 "And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David." ' " 7 Then Isaiah said, "Take a lump of figs." So they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered. 8 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What *is* the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD the third day?" 9 Then Isaiah

said, "This is the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing which He has spoken: *shall* the shadow go forward ten degrees or go backward ten degrees?" 10 And Hezekiah answered, "It is an easy thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees; no, but let the shadow go backward ten degrees." 11 So Isaiah the prophet cried out to the LORD, and He brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz.

Sermon Texts:

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"