

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2008

Pre-service Meditation

Psalm 57; pg. 135



2nd Sunday
in Advent

Opening Hymn 55

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

Our Order of Worship:

~ The Order for Holy Communion ~

Lutheran Hymnal pg. 15

Psalm for the Day:

(from Psalm 102)

- P: Hear my prayer, O LORD,
C: And let my cry come to You.
- P: Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble;
C: Incline Your ear to me;
In the day that I call, answer me speedily.
- P: I said, "O my God, Do not take me away in the midst of my days;
C: Your years are throughout all generations.
- P: Of old You laid the foundation of the earth,
C: And the heavens are the work of Your hands.
- P: They will perish,
C: But You will endure;

- P: Yes, they will all grow old like a garment;
C: Like a cloak You will change them,
And they will be changed.
- P: But You are the same,
C: And Your years will have no end.
- P: The children of Your servants will continue,
C: And their descendants will be established before You."
- P: **Glory be to God!**
ALL: ♪ "Glory be to the Father..." _____

~ The Collect ~

P: *Let us pray* - Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son that at His second coming we may worship Him in purity; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

ALL: ♪ "A- - - men"

Scripture Readings

"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." - *John 20:31*

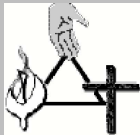

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. 2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins. 3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. 6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: 7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. 8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. 9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! 10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and

his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. 11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

P: Alleluia, Alleluia. We look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Alleluia! (2 Pt 3:13)

ALL: ♪ Jesus comes again in mercy
When our hearts are bowed with care
Jesus comes again in answer
To an earnest heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:1-8 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; 2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. 5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; 7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. 8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

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|  | <p><u>Confession of Faith:</u> The Nicene Creed; <i>Hymnal pg 22</i></p> |  |
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Hymn 75

“Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Harken”

~ The Sermon ~

2 Peter 3:8-14 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

The Day of the Lord WILL Come!

- I) *Why it has not yet come*
- II) *How it will come*
- III) *What that day will bring*
- IV) *While we wait for that day*

~ The Offertory ~

♪ “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me...”

~ *Offering of Thankful Hearts and Prayers* ~

Communion Preparation Hymn 310

“Thy Table I Approach”

~ COMMUNION LITURGY CONTINUES ON HYMNAL PAGE 24 ~

Communicant Prayers can be found on pp 118-119; Hymn 315

The Benediction

Closing Hymn 605:5

“The World Is Very Evil”

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We rejoice at the opportunity to share with you the hope that is within us. We pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the glorious Son of God, our Savior from sin, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, our teachings, or today's service please speak with the pastor. We hope you may be able to join us again! We ask that our visitors record their visit by signing our guest register.

THANK-YOU! Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and talents to decorate the Lord's house. Truly it is a joy and privilege that we have the means and ability to prepare His house as we celebrate His birth!

CHRISTMAS BAG MATERIAL If you would like to donate material (candy, fruit, etc) for this year's Christmas Eve bags you are asked to have them to church by Sunday, December 21.

PARENTS Copies of the Christmas Eve program are now available. Your children will be receiving their copies in Sunday School. A "PDF" copy of the program will also be available on the "EDUCATION" page of our website.

WANTED! Anyone who would like to contribute to our Christmas Eve service by playing an instrument. Please speak with Pastor if you are interested!

CLC NEWS 2008 Seminary graduate, Scott Schiermeister has received and ACCEPTED the call from St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston, WA and Peace Lutheran, Orofino, ID. His installation is scheduled for Sunday, January 4. <>> Laura Ude has received and ACCEPTED the call from Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC. Her call begins in the fall of the 2009-10 school year and is for pre-K through 3rd grade. Miss Ude graduated from ILC's teaching program in 2006 and has been continuing her education at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. <>< We praise the Lord for graciously supplying laborers for His fields!

This Week @ Prince of Peace...

Today 10:15 Sunday School (NT 1)
10:30 Gospel's Study
11:00 Adult Choir Practice
11:15 Children's Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Wednesday
5:00 Catechism Class in Oakes
7:30 Christmas Song-Fest

Sunday, December 14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
9:00 Worship Service
10:15 Bible Study / Sunday School (NT 2)
11:00 Adult Choir Practice
11:15 Children's Christmas Eve Rehearsal

Monday, December 15
4:00 Board of Elders Meeting @ Parsonage

Sunday, December 21 - Material for Christmas Bags



**THEN I SAW A NEW HEAVEN
& A NEW EARTH, FOR THE
FIRST HEAVEN & THE FIRST
EARTH HAD PASSED AWAY...**
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