

Sermon: The Advent of a New Creation
Part 1: "Mount Eden" (Isaiah 2:1-5)

Canticle

Magnificat ~ Song of Mary (pp. 248-249)
Congregation sings refrain; soloist chants stanzas

The Offering is gathered for the Lord's work

Prayer

Litany (pp. 249-251)

Collect for Peace (p. 251)

Lord's Prayer (p. 251)

Benedicamus (p. 252)

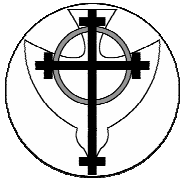
Benediction (p. 252)

Closing Hymn: 920 "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"

Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria!

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.

The First Wednesday in Advent Ad Te Levavi Midweek

5 December Anno ✝ Domini 2007



Welcome

We welcome you to the Lord's House this evening for our First Wednesday in Advent Service. The theme for our evening Advent Services this year will be *The Advent of a New Creation*, enabling us to meditate upon our Lord's wonderful promise to restore the Paradise of Eden unto His faithful children. May the God of peace richly bless you through His Holy Word, strengthening and preserving your faith in His Holy Son, that you may pray now, and always, "Come, Lord Jesus, come." Amen.

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Service of Preparation

(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)

Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

(At the conclusion of the Ringing of the Bells, the congregation stands)

Service of Light

Opening Versicles (p. 243)

Phos Hilaron ~ Hymn of Light (p. 244)

Thanksgiving for Light (p. 245)

Psalmody

Psalm 141 (pp. 245-247)

C - sung by congregation; **I** and **II** - sung by soloist

Psalm Prayer (p. 247)

Psalm 24



The earth is the LORD's and the full- | ness thereof,*
the world and those who | dwell therein,

for he has founded it up- | on the seas*

and established it upon the | rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill | of the LORD?*

And who shall stand in his | holy place?

He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,*

**who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not
swear de- | ceitfully.**

He will receive blessing | from the LORD*

and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.

Such is the generation of those who | seek him,*

who seek the face of the God of | Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King | of glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King | of glory?*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

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.

The earth is the LORD's and the full- | ness thereof,*
the world and those who | dwell therein,

for he has founded it up- | on the seas*

and established it upon the | rivers.

Office Hymn: 644 "The Church's One Foundation"

Readings

The First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands- ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.