

**Sermon:** The Advent of a New Creation  
Part 2: "The Paradise of the Church" (Isaiah 11:1-10)

### 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)

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**Lord's Prayer** (p. 251)

**Benedicamus** (p. 252)

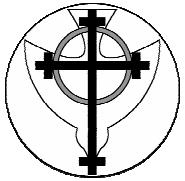
**Benediction** (p. 252)

**Closing Hymn:** 922 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

**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 Second Wednesday in Advent

## Populus Zion Midweek

12 December Anno ✝ Domini 2007



### Welcome

We welcome you to the Lord's House this evening for our Second 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.

### EVENING PRAYER, PAGE 243

#### 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 50:1-15**



The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and sum- | mons the earth\*  
from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of | beauty,\***

**God | shines forth.**

Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;\*

before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty | tempest.

**He calls to the heav- | ens above\***

**and to the earth, that he may judge his | people:**

“Gather to me my | faithful ones,\*

who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”

**The heavens declare his | righteousness,\***

**for God him- | self is judge!**

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify a- | gainst you.\*

I am | God, your God.

**Not for your sacrifices do I re- | buke you;\***

**your burnt offerings are continually be- | fore me.**

I will not accept a bull | from your house\*

or goats | from your folds.

**For every beast of the for- | est is mine,\***

**the cattle on a | thousand hills.**

I know all the birds | of the hills,\*

and all that moves in the | field is mine.

**“If I were hungry, I would not | tell you,\***

**for the world and its full- | ness are mine.**

Do I eat the | flesh of bulls\*

or drink the | blood of goats?

**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanks- | giving,\***

**and perform your vows to the | Most High,**

and call upon me in the day of | trouble;\*

I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.”

**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.**

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from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

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**Office Hymn:** 431 “Not All the Blood of Beasts”

## Readings

### The First Reading

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples- of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**I** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### The Second Reading

**Revelation 5:6-14**

<sup>6</sup>And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

<sup>8</sup>And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshipped.

**I** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**I** 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.