

## **Peace Lutheran Church**

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#### **Mission Statement**

To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ

**Sunday Worship** 9:30 a.m.

## **Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!**

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.

## **Some Helpful Information**

Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service: During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

**Restrooms** – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

**Fellowship and Refreshments** – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

**Holy Communion** — At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

## Please join us again next week!

## Last Sunday Of The Church Year November 26, 2017

#### Introduction

This is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. The theme is the coming of Jesus at the end of time. This theme segues into the Advent theme of Jesus' coming at his birth in Bethlehem. Until Jesus returns, he shepherds us as his flock. Your challenge today is to look at the Shepherding image throughout the worship service. Truly Jesus is our Shepherd and we are the sheep of his pasture! Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

**Prayer Before Worship -** Tender, comforting Shepherd, your steadfast love is present in this place and resides within each of us. But sometimes it is hard to open ourselves to your love. We feel like scattered sheep, frightened and alone. Help us know your loving presence as we live as your gathered community. Enlighten our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we have been called. Amen. - By Ken Burton from Ministry Matters website

Pre-Service Music (A time of reflection)

Ringing The Bell

Welcome

#### **Opening Sentences** (Revelation 4:8b, 11, please stand)

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us into an

everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who

enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,

People: who was and is and is to come!

Pastor: Worthy are You, our Lord and God,

People: to receive glory and honor and power,

Pastor: for You created all things,

People: and by Your will they existed and were created.

## Confession And Absolution (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, sheep of the Good Shepherd, we know of His

abiding goodness and mercy. With confidence, let us come before our Lord to confess our sin and to hear of the Shepherd's forgiveness

for each one of us.

People: Good Shepherd, we admit our sin, both that which is within us

from the beginning and that which continues to occur in our day to day lives. Forgive us, renew us, and create in us clean hearts so that we may serve You as Your sheep, now and forever.

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Pastor: Jesus, our Good Shepherd, hears our cries for mercy. Because the

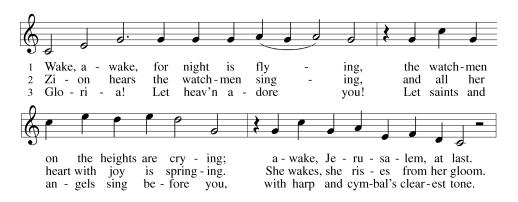
Good Shepherd became the Lamb who was slain, we are forgiven. Therefore, by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you live confidently in this life as you await the joy of life

everlasting. Be at peace!

People: Amen.

(We greet one another with the Peace of the Lord)

## Entrance Song - Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying (ELW #436, please remain standing)





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#### Psalm - Psalm 95:1-7a (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our

salvation.

People: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise

a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

Pastor: For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

People: In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills

are also yours.

Pastor: The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the

dry land.

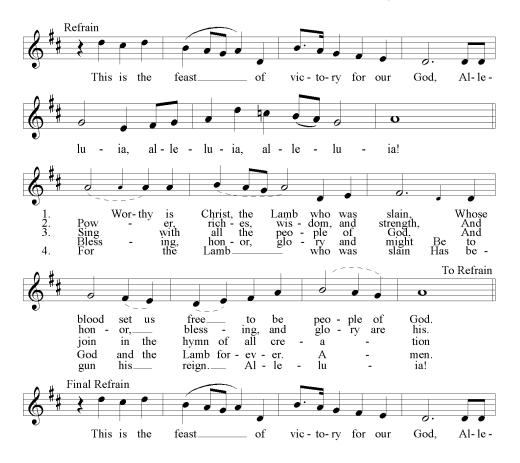
People: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the

LORD our maker.

Pastor: For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and

the sheep of God's hand.

## Hymn Of Praise - This is the feast ..." (Please remain standing)





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#### First Reading - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (Please be seated)

Since Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheed, and will seek them out. 12As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GoD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Gradual (Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5, please remain seated)

Lay Minister: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

People: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Lay Minister: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, **People:** in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

## Second Reading - Revelation 14:1-5 (Please remain seated)

This reading in Revelation comes after the vision of the dragon and the two beasts. When it seems as if this unholy triumvirate is going to control all things with its dark and evil power, the Lamb appears triumphant.

Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion! And with him were one hundred forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder; the voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, <sup>3</sup> and they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the one hundred forty-four thousand who have been redeemed from the earth. <sup>4</sup> It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins; these follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They have been redeemed from humankind as first fruits for God and the Lamb, <sup>5</sup> and in their mouth no lie was found; they are blameless.

**Verse** (Revelation 22:13. Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega,

People: the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel - Matthew 25:31–46 (Please remain standing)

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

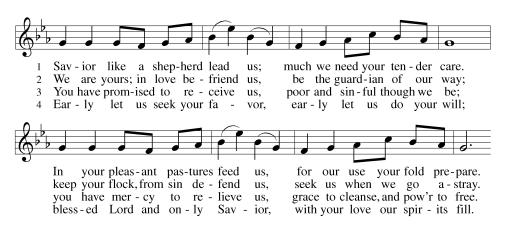
[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his

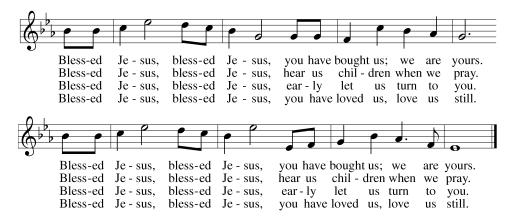
right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food. I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

**Song -** Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us (ELW #789, please be seated)





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## Message

# The Shepherd Who Became A Lamb Revelation 14:1-5

## Confession Of Faith - Third Article Of The Apostles Creed (Please stand)

Pastor: In the Third Article, we affirm our confession of the last things and

add our "Amen" to all we have professed that we believe.

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection

of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in

Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

## Prayers Of The Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all

people according to their needs. - silent prayer - We pray for the whole Christian community around the world that, as people united in faith, we may witness to the good news that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Together we say:

People: Amen and amen.

Pastor: We pray for all nations of the earth, that in those places where strife

and discord rule, there may be peace. And we pray for our own nation, that it may seek to bring that which is good and God-pleasing

about in every global situation. Together we say:

People: Amen and amen.

Pastor: We pray for all those who labor in the fields of the Lord, that the Good

Shepherd would lead them to pleasant pastures and give them joy in their callings. And we pray that the God of all grace would continue to raise up men and women to serve in vocations of service in the

Church. Together we say:

People: Amen and amen.

Pastor: We pray for our lives and for the situations in which we are placed

day by day at home, in the workplace, in schools, or wherever our paths lead us, that we may be peacemakers and peace bringers, carrying out the command to love one another as our Lord has loved

us. Together we say:

People: Amen and amen.

Pastor: We pray for the special needs of this day, including health and family

concerns, joys and sorrows, and all that is on our hearts, Together

we say:

People: Amen and amen.

Additional prayers

Pastor: With gratitude, we remember all those who have completed their

earthly journeys in faith, whose witness remains to bless and inspire us. May we with confidence follow in their footsteps and be led by

the Holy Spirit. Together we say:

People: Amen and amen.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting

in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

## Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please be seated as the offerings are received)

## Offering Prayer (Please remain seated)

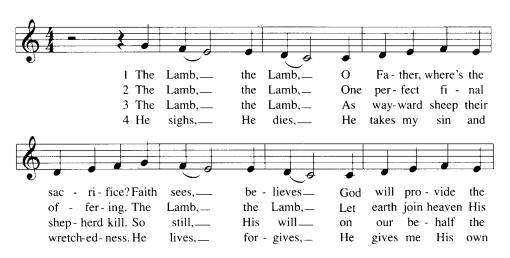
Lay Minister: Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need.

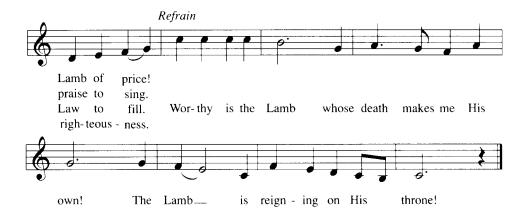
The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and

boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

#### **Song -** The Lamb (AGPS #229, please remain seated)





5. He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows. His song prolong 'Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain* 

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#### The Words Of Our Lord (Please stand)

Pastor:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\stackrel{\blacksquare}{}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." ... In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\stackrel{\blacksquare}{}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ... As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor:

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

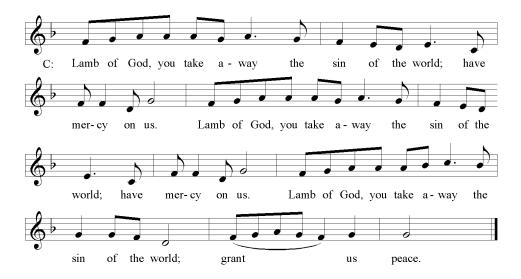
#### People:

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor:

Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

## Lamb Of God (Please remain standing)



#### **Distribution** (Please be seated)

Approach the altar at the usher's direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray carried by the acolyte or lay minister. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

#### Prayer before Communion (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer After Communion** (Prayed privately after returning to your seate) Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

#### Blessing (Please stand)

#### Thanksgiving Prayer (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Gracious God, heavenly Father, You have again welcomed us at

Your Table and have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. We thank You for being present among us and for holding us in Your hand. As we follow in the way of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, give us faith to live with assurance and confidence, even in times of challenge and conflict. Grant Your Holy Spirit to keep us connected to Your Body, the Church, that together with all Your saints we may live to Your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus,

our Savior.

People: Amen.

## **Blessing** (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The love of God surround you; the grace of + Christ release you;

and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

People: Amen.

#### **Dismissal**

Lay Minister: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Closing Hymn - Crown Hymn With Many Crowns (ELW #855, please remain standing)



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#### **Announcements**

#### Recessional

## **Serving The Lord With Gladness**

Pastor: Ricky Adams
Organist: Janet Reese
Lay Minister: Jim Sides

Altar Guild: Vicki McGowan

Coffee Hour: John and AnaHilda Mosher

Usher: Laureen Schneeberger and Mary Ann Griller

Counter: Vicki McGowan
Lay Reader: Mary Ann Griller

## **Activities This Week:**

Sunday – November 26	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament
Tuesday – November 28	9:30-12:30am 4:15-5:45	Stage Door (PH) Kids Music Class(LL)
Wednesday – November 29	4:15-5:45 6pm	Kids Music Class(LL) Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – December 2	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 11:00 – 1:00	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) SF Chinese Academy(N)
Sunday – December 3	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament

## **Announcements For November 26, 2017**

**Information About Peace Lutheran Church -** If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

Office Phone – (415) 388-2065 Home Phone – (415) 388-7190 Email – pastor@plcmarin.org **Flowers** – Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

**Refreshments -** will be served in Luther Lounge and surrounding areas following worship today. Guests and members stay and meet one another again or for the first time.

**Birthdays** – Christ's blessing to those celebrating birthdays this week:

Today - Beverly Erbel Wednesday - Dahlia Stein Saturday - Jackie Stoneking

## **Important Dates In December**

**December 10 – Congregational Meeting and Sanctuary Decorating** 

**December 14 – Fireside Holiday Celebration** 

**December 24 –** Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.

**The Giving Tree -** This year we are supporting our friends and neighbors at Fireside.

#### We are asking for:

32 ~ \$15 Walgreens Gift Cards

18 ~ \$15 Target Gift Cards

#### **Monetary Donations**

(Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church, writing Fireside in the "For" section)

#### The last day to donate or bring gift cards: Sunday, December 10

As you know, we have been partnering with Fireside for many years. They are all so appreciative of what we do for each of them.

Giving these low income seniors and families a gift at Christmas truly brightens their holiday season. For many, this is all they will receive.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Christmas Open House - You are invited to a Christmas Open House!

**Who -** Hosted by Gary Glover & Shila Clement **When -** Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 3 to 6 pm **Where -** 2450 Spanish Trail Road, Tiburon

Please RSVP by December 3, 2017 garylglover@yahoo.com 415 435 4724

**Congregational Meeting-** Please note the annual congregational meeting for Peace Lutheran Church will be Sunday, December 10 immediately following worship.

**Facebook -** Like us on Facebook at Peace Lutheran Church Mill Valley or @peacelutheranmill

**Sunday Bulletins -** for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is http://bulletin.plcmarin.org

## Weekly Devotional Helps November 26 – December 2, 2017

#### **Morning Prayer**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### **Prayer For The Sick**

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## Scripture Readings Through The Week

#### Monday – November 27

Psalm 7 Esther 2:1-18 2 Timothy 2:8-13

#### Wednesday - November 29

Psalm 7 Ezekiel 33:7-20 John 5:19-40

#### Friday - December 1

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Zechariah 14:1-9 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

#### Tuesday - November 28

Psalm 7 Esther 8:3-17 Revelation 19:1-9

#### Thursday - November 30

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Zechariah 13:1-9 Revelation 14:6-13

#### Saturday - December 2

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Micah 2:1-13 Matthew 24:15-31

## Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

## First Sunday In Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

#### Commemorations

**November 30 - Andrew, Apostle:** The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands. - Copyright © 2017 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS009220.