December 4, 2016
Second Sunday in Advent
Organist: Paul Otto

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Loving Father,
Let the freedom we have through forgiveness allow us to be effective in bringing the Good News of eternal life in Christ to other people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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The order of worship begins on page 151 in the front of the hymnal. We will sing the "Hymn of Praise" on page 154. There is no Holy Communion today, so the service will conclude with the prayers and the benediction.

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Hymns: 343, 611, 644
Text: Matthew 1:8-25
Sermon: By Rev. Dr. William Utech

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2016	62
Sunday, November 27, 2016	127
Sunday School	51

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible verse to memorize this week: John 15:5 – "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing".

The following member of Peace Lutheran have been hospitalized this past week: Bruce Pinske

The "Special Project Offering" for the next three Sunday's will be for the Children's Christmas bags.

We thank the Rev. Dr. William Utech for filling in for Pastor Lehmkuhl as he takes a few days off. Your willingness to serve is much appreciated.

Members of the church council are asked to meet with Dr. Utech after worship. Just grab your refreshment and go to the special table. Other interested folks are welcome to sit in as well.

Members of Peace Lutheran donated a total of $51.26 to "My Cup Runneth Over", which will be donated to the Sibley County FoodShare. Thank you again for your generosity.

Prayer Partners Pondering: A line of lyrics from, Joseph's Song" by Michael Card is, "How can a man be father to the Son of God". During this advent, consider what some of Joseph's prayers were as he stepped into the role of being, father to the Son of God". How does that help you as you think of tasks God has given you?

We will be selling Cards and napkins starting today after Worship until Christmas.

Next Sunday, December 11th we will be honoring our members who have reached the milestone age of 80. Please join us in honoring these individuals for all they have done for our congregation.

A new class which will cover the basics of the Christian faith will begin in January. The class is good for a basic review, as well as for preparation for membership in our congregation.

"Martin Luther Art and the Reformation" is a unique exhibit making only one appearance in the U.S. The Minneapolis Art Institute from October 30. 2016 – January 15, 2017. Part of the Thrivent Financial collection of Religious Art is included in this exhibit. If you are interested in seeing this exhibit, contact the church office (964-2959). If there is enough interest, free or discounted tickets are available through Thrivent.

The reading from "The Story" for today and this week is chapter 33.

In 2017 we will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The Minnesota South District will make some suggestions. The Art exhibit previously mentioned above is part of the emphasis.

Sibley County Public Health & Human Services are collecting new toys, hats, mittens, quilts and monetary donations for "Santa's Helpers" from now until December 12th. You can drop off your donation at Sibley County Health & Human Services, 111 8th St., P.O. Box 237, Gaylord, MN 55334. If you have any questions or would like to help with this event, please call 507-237-4000.

Mayo Clinic will again host a Children's memorial Service at Hilltop Methodist Church, 108 S. Manitou Dr., Mankato. The service will take place on Sunday, December 11th from 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. For more information on this event please call 1-800-327-3721, ext. 4-2989.

Mayer Lutheran is seeking applicants for the position of Head Girls Soccer coach. The position involves direct oversight of the girls' soccer program, a co-operative program with Central schools of Norwood Young America. The head coach is responsible for the recruitment of new players, as well as the development of skills and advancement of the program. For more information or to submit a name for consideration, please contact Kris Gustin at kris.gustin@myerlutheran.org or 952-657-2251 x1217.

Please join us today for fellowship following worship service.

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE

Today	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion (Over 80 Birthday Recognition)
	10:30 a.m.	Guild Christmas Luncheon

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In case of emergency while Pastor Lehmkuhl is gone, you may contact Rev. Rapp in Green Isle at 320-3451.