

# Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

Central Avenue at 171st Place  
Oak Forest, Illinois 60452  
Rev. David T. Mensing, Pastor

## Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2016



*Hymn 66: "Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes!"*

*Opening Liturgy – Order of Service, Hymnal, p. 5ff.*

*Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7*

*Gospel Lesson: John 1:19-28*

*The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 12)*

*Hymn 275: "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord!"*

*The Sermon: Thomasius Gospel Text: Luke 1:46-55*

*Theme: With Mary, Let Us Praise the God of Our Salvation!*

*I. It is the love of Christ that constrains her to sing;*

*II. It is the immensity of His grace that joys her heart.*

*The Offering... "to probe the sincerity of your love." (II Cor. 8:8)*

*The General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

*Hymn 74: "Once He Came in Blessing"*

*Advent Collect*

*Congregation: "Amen."*

*The Benediction of the Lord Congregation: "Amen, Amen, Amen!"*



## Announcements for the Week

For spiritual care during the week, particularly in case of serious illness or urgency, please call Pastor Mensing, either at his **study** at church, (708) 532-4288, at **home** at the parsonage, (708) 532-9035, or on his **cell phone**, (708) 601-3943.

**VISITORS** are always welcome to attend our services. Please register in our Guest Book, and leave also your address and telephone number if you would like our Pastor to contact you further. And please come again!

**TODAY, December 18th** — 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., **Interim Rehearsal** of the children for Christmas Eve. Only the recitations and the two Sunday School songs will be practiced.

— Immediately following the rehearsal (at about 4 p.m.), **DECORATION of the Sanctuary** for the holidays. This is about a two-hour project, and all are welcome to participate. The children too can help at the discretion of their parents.

— 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., **Choir Rehearsal** in the balcony

### Our Pastor's Schedule this week:

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., are the Pastor's regular "**Office Hours.**" Unless he is running an errand, attending a meeting elsewhere, making a pastoral call at a hospital or nursing home, or is at lunch, he will normally be "on site." However, if you need to see him in person, it always pays to call first.

**Thursday, December 22nd** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., the **FINAL REHEARSAL** for Christmas Eve. All the children should be present, as well as members of the choir.

**Saturday, December 24th** 7:00 p.m., the **Christmas Eve Service** with the children of our Sunday School in song and recitation and special music by our choir.

### Next Sunday, December 25th **The Nativity of Our Lord**

— 8:30 a.m., **Sunday School** and **Adult Bible Class** for ALL.

— 10:00 a.m., **The festive Christmas Day Service** also for all, with music by our choir. The sermon is a homily on the Christmas message, "and on earth peace" (Luke 2:14b). Liturgy: *Order of Matins*, p. 32.

*A Happy and Blessed Christmas to All of You!*