

Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

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

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24, 2017



Hymn 68: "The Advent of Our King"

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 75: "Ye Sons of Men, Oh Harken!"

The Sermon — *Thomasius Epistle Text: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29*

Theme: *Why the Advent of God's Grace to Poor Sinners
Is NOT of Comfort to ALL*

- I. *Those who pride themselves in their intellect are not interested.*
- II. *The mighty of this world find it unnecessary and unattractive.*
- III. *Those who imagine themselves to be of noble heritage regard it as being beneath their dignity.*

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

General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 73: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"

Collect for the Word

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** here 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 24th

— Immediately following the service, a **GROUP Communion Announcement** for the Lord's Supper on **New Year's Eve** and also on **Sunday, January 7th**.

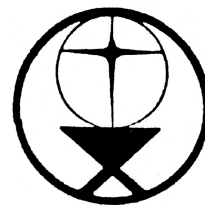
— 1:30 p.m., Decoration of the **Christmas Tree** by those who volunteered.

— 7:00 p.m., our **Christmas Eve Service** featuring the children of our Sunday School in song and recitation. (So that they are ready for the processional right at seven o'clock, the children should plan to arrive by 6:45.)



Monday, December 25th

— 10:00 a.m., **Christmas Day Service** with the **Christmas sermon** by our Pastor and festive Christmas hymns.



NOTE: This week and through the week after New Year, there will be no regular classes or meetings here at the church. Our regular schedule will resume on Monday, **January 8th**, with our Confirmation classes in the afternoon and early evening.

Next Sunday, December 31st The Sunday after Christmas

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

— 10:00 a.m., **The Divine Worship Service** also for all.

— 8:00 p.m., **New Year's Eve Communion Service** with the Lord's Supper for our members who announced beforehand and examined themselves according to the Apostle's exhortation in I Corinthians 11:28.