



**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday, December 3, 2023**  
**Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA**

# WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

## MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** — Prelude on "Picardy", (French), Lani Smith, arr., © 1998 Lorenz Publishing Co. Organist — Brenda Peck

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who opens the heavens  
and draws near to us with salvation.

**Amen.**

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance.  
Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Everlasting God,

**you love justice and you hate wrongdoing.**

**We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness  
that make us reluctant to work against oppression.**

**We are complicit in systems of exploitation.**

**We choose comfort over courage.**

**We are careless with creation's bounty.**

**Look upon us with mercy.**

**Turn our hearts again to you.**

**Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways  
for the sake of our waiting world.**

**Amen.**

Hear these words of assurance:  
 God clothes you with garments of salvation  
 and covers you with robes of righteousness.  
 In the tender compassion of ✝ Jesus Christ,  
 your sins are forgiven.  
 God's covenant is eternal,  
 and God's blessing rests upon us all.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Hark, the Glad Sound!*

**ELW #239**



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751  
 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

*O Tender God, Have Mercy (2 times)*

O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us.

O liv - ing Christ, have mer - cy, for you will heal us.

O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us,

for you are for us.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

### *Gloria!*

E A B E A B  
Glo - ri - al Glo - ri - al High - est glor - y to you!

C<sup>#</sup>m A B E A B E *Fine*  
Glo - ri - al Glo - ri - al High - est glor - y to you!

E F<sup>#</sup>m A B  
O - pen now our lips and our mouths shall give praise.  
O Lord, rush to help to de - liv - er Your world.  
Mak - er, Spir - it, Friend, You are Great My - ster - y!

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## + WORD +

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

*This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.*

- <sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,

and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

**READ RESPONSIVELY**

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>**O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

*As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ

Jesus,<sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God. Word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia!* (2 times)

Al - le - lu - ia! the Word of God is liv - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia! The gos - pel is a - mong us! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - jah!



## **GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 13th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>“In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.

<sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

<sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

## **THE SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

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## + THE MEAL +

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### OFFERING HYMN

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW #186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God our provider,  
**by your merciful hand**  
**abundance springs up from the earth.**  
**Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.**  
**Let them be a sign of your steadfast love**

**and faithfulness for all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,  
through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**ELW P. 190**

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

## **Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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,**

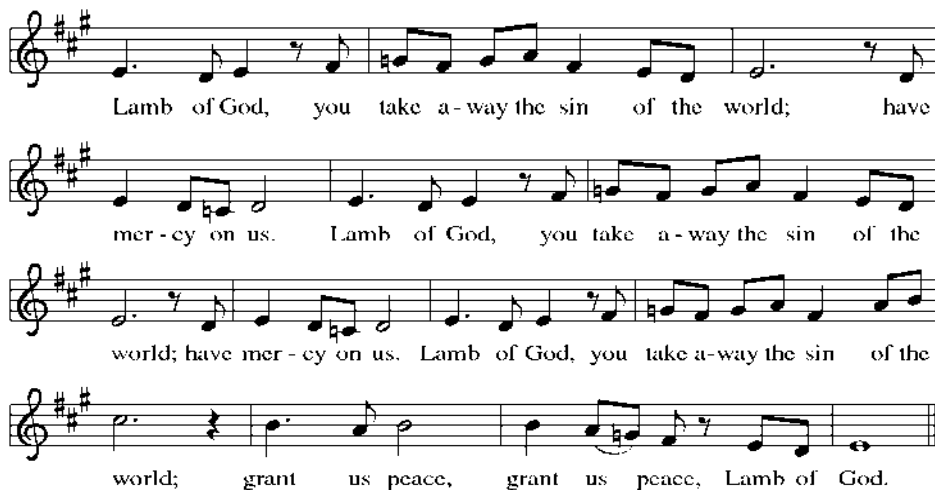
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.  
Come, take your place at the table.

### LAMB OF GOD

ELW P. 191



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### COMMUNION SONG/HYMNS

*When the King Comes*  
*My Lord, What a Morning*

*Contemporary*  
**ELW #438**

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and  
keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**





**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** *Holy One, Now Let Your Servants Go*

The image shows a musical score for a post-communion canticle. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff with lyrics underneath. The second system also has a treble and bass staff with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are written above the treble staves. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly One, now let your ser - vants go in pre - the in - We our - selves, we know the heal - ing you've to - We pro - claim the light to show you the in - Ho - ly One, now let your ser - vants go in'. The second system's lyrics are: 'peace. pared, world, peace. Your word and all for glo - ry, Your word - has been the world ry, Is has been - ful - filled. can see. ra - el. ful - filled.'

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**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. Generous God,  
**in bread and cup you have revealed your glory  
for all people to see together.  
Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim  
your good news of liberation and release,  
brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The God of peace bless you,  
the love of Christ sustain you in hope,  
and the anointing of the Spirit ✝ remain upon you  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davission, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** — Postlude in C Major, Gustav Merkel, Donald Hustad, ed., © 1990  
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## ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TEXT

STIR UP YOUR POWER, AND COME! THE PSALMIST'S PLEA IN PSALM 80:2 HAS BECOME FAMILIAR TO US IN THE ADVENT PRAYERS. ISAIAH WANTS GOD TO RIP THE HEAVENS OPEN. BOTH CRY OUT FOR AN APPARENTLY DISTANT, ANGRY GOD TO SHOW UP, TO SAVE, TO RESTORE. WHEN WE HEAR JESUS DESCRIBING THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN WITH STARS FALLING FROM HEAVEN, IT CAN SOUND DIRE AND HORRIBLE, NOT LIKE ANYTHING WE WOULD EVER HOPE FOR. BUT WHEN WE REALLY LOOK AT THE SUFFERING OF PEOPLE GOD LOVES, WE CAN SHARE THE HOPE THAT

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, PAULA TONELLATO,  
NORM KOEFOED, IVY KOEFOED, RON WEBER,  
GENE WALKER, ALLEN TURLEY, MARK HENDERSON

*If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to [peace.lutheran@comcast.net](mailto:peace.lutheran@comcast.net) OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.*

## ASSISTING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3:

**PRESIDING AND PREACHING:** PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC

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**MUSICIAN:** BRENDA PECK

**FELLOWSHIP:** VALERIE SPURGEON

**FLOWERS:** GARY AND LINDA SHUDROWITZ— **IN MEMORY OF GARY'S MOTHER ON WHAT WOULD BE HER 100TH BIRTHDAY**

## ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3</b>	IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM FAITH FORMATION — 10:45AM YOUTH TO ASSIST DURING WORSHIP DECORATE COOKIES AFTER WORSHIP
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 4</b>	PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING — 6:00PM
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6</b>	ADVENT DINNER/SERVICE — 5:30PM CHOIR PRACTICE — 7:00PM
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7</b>	FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING — 6:00PM
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10</b>	IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Plan to join us Wednesday evenings for our Midweek Advent Services. This year we will follow a “Dinner Church” style service. We gather in the fellowship hall at 5:30p.m. for a meal, scripture, discussion, and the breaking of bread! Come, as we step out of the business of the season and spend time

*PAUSING, PREPARING, & PONDERING.*

(December 6, 13, 20)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**HELP US  
STOCK OUR  
MICRO  
PANTRY  
STORAGE  
SHELVES**



- OATMEAL, CEREAL AND PANCAKE MIX
- PASTA SAUCE IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- PASTA
- PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- BROTH
- INSTANT POTATOES
- CRACKERS
- SOUPS
- TUNA IN A POUCH INSTEAD OF A CAN
- OTHER CANNED MEATS
- NOODLE OR POTATO SIDES
- STUFFING MIX
- CEREAL BARS, GRANOLA BARS, TRAIL MIX AND NUTS
- COFFEE
- PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBORS!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BLACKHAWK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS GIFTS

**DUE BY SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 10**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



HELP FILL THE FOOD  
BASKETS FOR  
BLACKHAWK FAMILIES

## November 19

40 cans each of peaches and pears  
20 cans of pork and beans

## November 26

40 cans each of tomato soup and  
chicken noodle soup  
20 cans of beef ravioli

## December 3

40 boxes of cereal

## December 10

20 jars each (non-glass) of jelly  
and peanut butter  
20 boxes/packages of spaghetti

## HOPE FOR THE FIRST NATIONS

Invites you to our 2023

## ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, Nov. 26 to Dec. 3

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## UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

G.F. Handel: Messiah, Part One    ✦    C.P.E. Bach & W.A. Mozart  
J.S. Bach: Magnificat

**Springfield Choral Society**  
Jacobsen Woollen, director

*Sat., Dec. 9, 7:30. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*



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