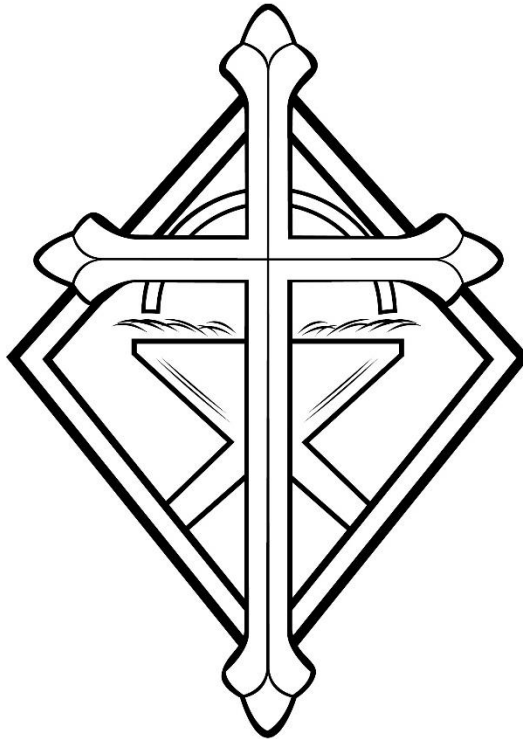


CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
DECEMBER 25, 2019



WHAT WILL YOU FIND IN THE MANGER?

LUKE 2:8-20

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Divine Service – 9:00 AM

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WELCOME TO PEACE! – The purpose of our congregation is to worship God, who gives life through Word and Sacrament; to serve one another in love and fellowship; and to proclaim forgiveness and salvation to all through Jesus Christ alone.

PARENT’S ROOM

A room is available if your little one needs a moment. It is the first room on the right as you walk into the church building. Sound and video are piped into the room to enable you to hear and see the service. Changing tables are in both restrooms.

FACILITIES

Restrooms are located down the hall and on the right side.



An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to “T.”

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet minutes in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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HYMN #114 *"ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY"*

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, who sent His Son into the world out of love,
In the name of the Son, born in Bethlehem to save us from our sin,
In the name of the Holy Spirit, who leads us to embrace the Christ Child in sincere faith.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have seen His star in the east

C: And have come to worship Him.

P: But we come with tainted life and empty hands.

C: O Christ Child in the manger, we are not worthy to bow before You. We have sinned against you in our desires, words, and actions. We do not deserve to be called your brothers and sisters. Yet we have longed for your coming and need your perfect life and innocent death to cover our multitude of sins. Have mercy on us.

P: "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people. Today, in the city of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord." It is in his stead and by his command, that I, a called servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

C: To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

HYMN OF PRAISE #116 *"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of your Son who humbled himself to become our Brother. Grant that the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ free us from the slavery of sin and bring us into the glorious liberty of serving him in his kingdom. We ask this in His name.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON – ISAIAH 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of a herald,
who proclaims peace and preaches good news,
who proclaims salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God is king!”

⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voices.
Together they shout for joy,
because with both eyes they will see it
when the LORD returns to Zion.

⁹Break out, shout for joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem,
because the LORD is comforting his people.
He is redeeming Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD lays bare his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation from our God.

RESPONSE HYMN #144:1, 2 *“THY LITTLE ONES, DEAR LORD, ARE WE”*

SECOND LESSON – HEBREWS 1:1-9

¹In the past, God spoke to our forefathers by the prophets at many times and in many ways. ²In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact imprint of the divine nature. He sustains all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

⁴The Son became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say:

You are my Son. Today I have begotten you?

And again:

I will be his Father, and he will be my Son.

⁶And again, when he brought his firstborn into the world, he said:

Let all God’s angels worship him.

⁷About the angels he says:

He makes his messengers winds and his ministers flaming fire.

⁸But about the Son he says:

God, your throne is forever and ever,
and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of joy beyond your companions.

RESPONSE HYMN #144:3, 4 *“THY LITTLE ONES, DEAR LORD, ARE WE”*

GOSPEL – JOHN 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him everything was made, and without him not one thing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. ⁵The light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man, sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as an eyewitness to testify about the light so that everyone would believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light.

⁹The real light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, yet his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³They were born, not of blood, or of the desire of the flesh, or of a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

SERMON HYMN #133 *“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”*

EXORDIUM¹

EXORDIUM HYMN #142 *“REJOICE, REJOICE THIS HAPPY MORN”*

SERMON – LUKE 2:8-20

WHAT WILL YOU FIND IN THE MANGER?

⁸There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified! ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. For behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people: ¹¹Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind.”

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Now let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they told others the message they had been told about this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it were amazed by what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things,

¹ The Exordium is an “introduction” for the festival day. This is a tradition of Norwegian Lutherans that dates to the 16th century.

pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

THE CREED

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of Very God,
Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father,
By Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
And He shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead
and the Life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

THE OFFERING

The members of Peace Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.

For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Luke 6:38

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

HYMN #123:1, 2, 13, 15 *“FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME”*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P:** On this holy day, dear Father, we rejoice to hear the good news of great joy that a Savior has been born for us. For fulfilling your prophecies and in the fullness of time sending your Son to be our Savior, we give you our heartfelt thanks and praise.
- C:** **To us a child is born! To us a Son is given.**
- P:** What a great mystery of our faith is this: that God has become fully human for our salvation! Even though he is the all-powerful Lord of all, he is wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.
- C:** **Help us always believe that this precious child was born as our substitute to be our Savior.**
- P:** In the midst of our joy, we grieve for the many people in our world who do not know that Jesus has come to bring them forgiveness and healing. As the shepherds spread abroad the good news of the birth of the Savior born for all the world, may we also make use of the unique opportunities this holiday presents to tell others of what we have seen and heard concerning the child.
- C:** **Grant that the true peace between God and fallen mankind may comfort all people.**
- P:** As the angels sang out their praise, move us also to sing out our praise to you, today and every day, as the joy of Christmas remains in our hearts.
- C:** **Glory to God in the highest! Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - IN PARAPHRASE, SUNG TO THE TUNE OF “AWAY IN A MANGER”

**Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!
Your kingdom among us, your will done the same
By mortals and angels; come, Lord, reign alone.
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.**

The bread that we yearn for provide us each day.
 As we forgive others, our sins take away.
 In times of temptation, to lead us be near.
 From evil deliver your children most dear.

For yours is the kingdom. O'er all things you reign.
 And yours is the power. All things you maintain.
 To you be the glory, resounding again
 From all of creation, forever. Amen!

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN, WITH ADULT CHOIR #138 "JOY TO THE WORLD"

CW #62

Choir – verses 1, 3
 Congregation and Choir – verses 2, 4

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; He comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of his right - eous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Tune: George F. Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.

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Thank you to those who served in our service today:

Adult Choir; Director: Rachel Moldstad; Accompanist: Rachel Lowrey;
Flute: Rachel Olsen; Organist: Laura Harstad;
Ushers: Brandon Evers, John Gunderson.

To God be the Glory!

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December 29th – 8:15 & 10:45 am Divine Service, **No** Sunday School or Bible Class
December 31st – 6:30 pm New Year's Eve Divine Service with Holy Communion

To our Peace family,

*We wish you all God's richest blessings as we celebrate
the birth of His Son. We give Him thanks for you and for
the many blessings He has poured out on us through you!*

Merry Christmas,

The Hartwig Family

The Moldstad Family

*The Word became flesh and
made his dwelling among us.*



John 1:14

Poinsettia from:

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Chopp/Krattiger families
DeWitt family (2)
Terry Field (2)
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Sarah Hartwig
Mark & Donna Hensel
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Cristen Manthe
Sarah Merritt
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Lowell Ploostor
Walter & Viola Schulz, Ervin & Berdina Wrucke,
Helen Wrucke, Wayne Wrucke

Amanda Madson
Our parents
Brad Wosmek

In honor of:

Teachers
Millie Smiley
Our parents
Our Children
Our family



You may take your plant(s) home after Christmas. There is a list on the wall in the sacristy of who ordered which plants. Thank you for helping beautify the sanctuary this Christmas season.

