



Peace Lutheran Church

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DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20 & 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Furgeson, Senior Pastor, 601-1039

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS:
CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS
DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor

* = Stand

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

*Hymn of Invocation

LSB 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



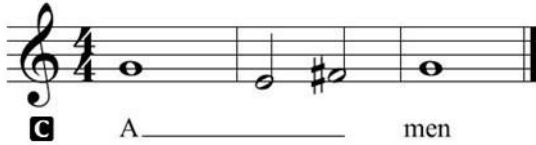
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



***Introit**

Psalm 98:1-4

P The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
C **and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
C **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

P The LORD has made known his salvation;
C **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
C **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
C **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **We confess before You, and in the presence of our sisters and brothers in Christ, that we are sinners, born separated from God. We do not always live the godly and holy lives You call us to live. We are not spotless, blameless or at peace apart from You. Lord, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we repent of our sin. Forgive us for the sake of the Incarnation, life, death, and work of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

***Kyrie**



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

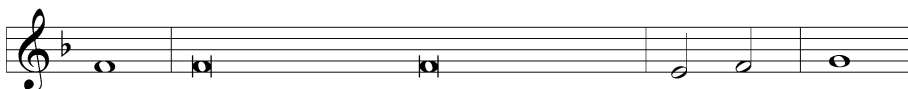


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***Gloria in Excelsis**



☐ Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

***Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

*Alleluia



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of

turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law,²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Apostles’ Creed

G I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Christina Stackle

Hymn of the Day

LSB 389 Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

Sermon

“O Gladsome Light”

Luke 2:30-32

Interlude



***Offertory**



C 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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

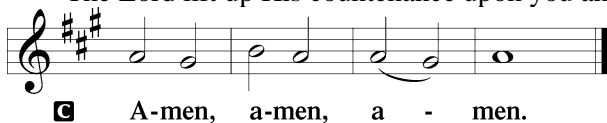
***Prayer of the Church**

***The Lord's Prayer**

C 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

***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.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 368 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens
Liturgist: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson
Organist: Kendra Ruesler
Sat. Cantor: Alex Arensmeier
KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Dean Seyfert/Jeanette Mattingly

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES: New Year's Eve Worship this Thursday, December 31, at 6:00p.m. Epiphany Worship on Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00p.m.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES that were not picked up have been placed in mail slots. If your family had more than one box, the extras are in the church office. Please remember that the Building For Tomorrow campaign has ended. Any contributions made to Building For Tomorrow will be applied to the General Budget.

MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY is held every other Thursday morning (except for adjustments around the holidays) in the Sanctuary Hall from 6:00-7:00a.m. The group is open to all interested in attending, including non-members and visitors. A prepared text is studied; however, other topics also will be presented. The upcoming dates for the sessions are January 7, January 21, February 4, February 18, March 4, March 18, April 8, and April 22.

NEW FLOWER ORDERS may be placed for the coming year, starting with Sunday, January 10. To order, please contact the church office, 892-5610.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS A limited supply of red and blue 75th Anniversary Christmas ornaments are still available for \$6 each. If interested, contact the church office.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY UPDATE We had a wonderful response again this year! We adopted 26 families with a total of 101 people. We also received additional checks, cash, and gift cards to use as needed. What a blessing it is to be a part of such a faithful congregation that loves to give and support in so many ways! God has been so faithful to us. Thank you for sharing His Love and Joy! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Social Committee – Joyce Sorth

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

Tuesday, December 29: 9:00 – Quilters
Thursday, December 31: 6:00 – New Year's Eve Worship w/Comm
Friday, January 1: OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday, January 2: 3:30 – Drive-in Worship Service
Sunday, January 3: 8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services