



Christmas Eve

Peace Lutheran Church

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DIVINE SERVICES

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

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2020

Pre-Service Music

12:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm

O Come Little Children
O Holy Night
Ding Dong Merrily On High
O Christmas Tree
O Little Town of Bethlehem
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
A Great and Mighty Wonder
Once in Royal David's City
Angels from The Realms of Glory
Away In A Manger

German Carol
Alphonse Adam
Thoinot Arbeau
German Carol
Arranged: Joeline Mayes
English Carol
Cologne Gesangbuch
Henry Gauntlett
French Carol
James R. Murray

10:00 pm

Wachet Auf (Sleepers Wake)
Concerto Grosso Opus 6, Number 8
I. Allegro
II. Adagio - Allegro - Adagio
III. Allegro

J.S. Bach
Arcangelo Corelli

What Child Is This?
Gesu Bambino
O Holy Night
For Unto Us A Child Is Born
from MESSIAH

GREENSLEEVES/John A. Behnke
Pitro Yon
Alphonse Adam
G. F. Handel

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions! Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Opening Voluntary

*Opening Carol

LSB 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

*Invocation

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



C A _____ men

*The Confession

P We confess our sins to God. Merciful Father,

C We confess that we have sinned against You and against one another. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do sincerely repent of our sins and ask Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, to

grant us forgiveness. Give us the will and desire to amend our sinful lives by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we come to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

***The Absolution**

C Amen.

***Gloria In Excelsis**

A Joyful Christmas Gloria

Jeanne Cotter and Tony Alonso

Glory to God in the highest, glory to God, and on earth peace, peace to people of good will.

C

Glo -

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

ri - a

in ex-cel-sis De - o.

*We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.*

C **Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

*Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.*

C **Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

*For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

C **♪ Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

The Proclamation

John 1:1–5; Isaiah 40:9

P In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”

First Reading

Luke 1:26–38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.



Magnificat

LSB 933 My Soul Rejoices



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

Second Reading

Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who

was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Carol

LSB 364 Away in a Manger

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay.

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

Third Reading

Luke 2:8–12

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who 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.”

Anthem *The Shepherds' Nowell*

Anna Laura Page

Little lambs lay sleeping, shepherds watch were keeping;

Suddenly a starry host appeared in the sky.

Alleluias singing, gladsome tidings bringing; On this night the Savior Jesus is born!

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.

Have no fear, but hurry to the manger lowly;

There you'll find the newborn King asleep on the hay.

Bow down before Him, worship and adore Him; On this night the Savior Jesus is born!

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Shepherds sing Nowell, Nowell, Nowell.

Fourth Reading

Luke 2:13–14

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Carol

LSB 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”

*Fifth Reading

Matthew 2:1–11

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they

had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

***Carol**

LSB 370 What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

***Christmas Creed**

☐ I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent His Son as my Savior.

I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshipped by the Wise Men, who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, to free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship, my life, my love; to live under Him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Sermon

“The Beginning of the End”

Luke 2:1-12

Interlude

Quem Pastores Laudavere

German Melody

*Prayer of the Church

*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.

*The Words of Our Lord

*Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

*Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Carol

LSB 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Interlude

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM/David Catherwood



Distribution Carol

LSB 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
 3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
 Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
 Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
 Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
 Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
 Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
 Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
 May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
 Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Interlude

12:00 pm *Come, Jesus Prince of Peace*

3:00 and 5:00 pm *All Is Well*

7:00 and 10:00 pm *Pavane for a Silent Night*

Diane Hannibal

Arranged: Lloyd Larson

Arranged: Patrick Liebergen

Carol

LSB 366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold;
 And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-’ring wing,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.
And ev-er o’er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.

*The Dismissal

*Carol

LSB 363 Silent Night, Holy Night



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love’s pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav’n-ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the Virgin Mary. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they be ready for Your visitation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C** Amen! Glory to God in the highest! And peace to His people on earth!

*Carol

LSB 387 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions
King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -
ness And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

Good Christian Folk, Rejoice

Traditional German Tune

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PIANO: Kendra Ruesler

PIANO: Vernon Saunchegrow (12:00 and 3:00 pm)

ENSEMBLES: The Chancel Schola (12:00 pm)

The Chancel Voices (3:00 and 5:00 pm)

The Chancel Singers (7:00 and 10:00 pm)

The Bells of Peace

The Winds of Peace

The Strings of Peace (10:00 pm)

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion

Friday, December 25, 2020

9:30 am

New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Thursday, December 31, 2020

6:00 pm

Epiphany Worship

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

7:00 pm