



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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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 3, 2021

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor

* = Stand

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

*Hymn of Invocation

LSB 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



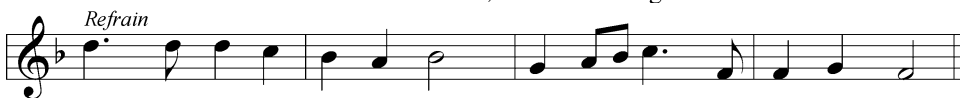
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



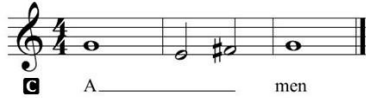
With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to 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 147:1, 5, 11–12

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
C **glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

P Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
C **for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

P Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
C **his understanding is beyond measure.**

P But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
C **in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

P Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
C **Praise your God, O Zion!**

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

***Confession**

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.**

***Absolution**

C Amen.

***Gloria Patria**



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

***Kyrie**

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

***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

1 Kings 3:5-14

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your

enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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 2:40–52

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will 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 in 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.

Office Hymn

LSB 383 A Great and Mighty Wonder



1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
 2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,
 3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,
 4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
 And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
 Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
 The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.

Refrain

Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

Sermon

"The Search"

(Luke 2:40-52)

*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**

***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.

Service of the Sacrament

***Preface**

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

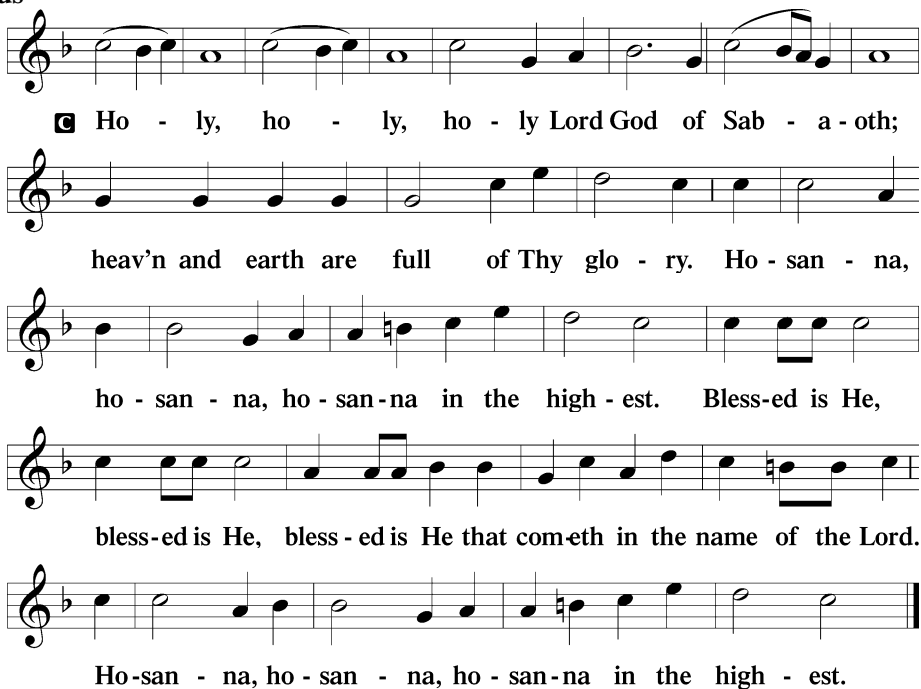
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P We should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*Sanctus




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Words of Our Lord

*Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



G 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 Hymn

LSB 392 God Loves Me Dearly

1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -

va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

Refrain

There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me
 dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 370 What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the

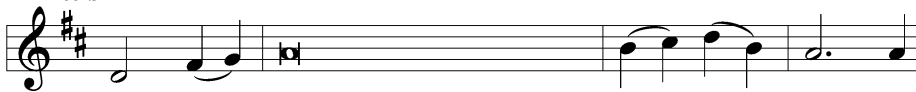


Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar-y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar-y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar-y!

*Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

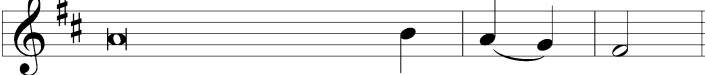



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

***The Dismissal**

***Thanksgiving**

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. . .

C A - men.

Induction of Officers

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

*Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

*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 375 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising



1 Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the
6 Gra - cious Child, we pray, O hear us, From Your



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing His love a -
low - ly man - ger cheer us, Gent - ly lead us and be



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.
near us Till we join Your choir a - bove.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Robert M. Brown
Liturgist: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson
Organist: Alice Kastens
Cantor: Rachel Wildman
KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Matt Thiel/Terry Hutton

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 beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns! Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held this Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00p.m.

LADIES GUILD will not have a meeting in January.

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 will be this Thursday morning in Sanctuary Hall from 6:00-7:00a.m. The group is open to all interested in attending, including non-members and visitors.

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!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

- Sunday, January 3: 11:30 – Life Ministry Team
- Monday, January 4: 3:30 – GP Practice
6:30 – Council Meeting
6:30 – Co-Ed Volleyball
7:00 – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
- Tuesday, January 5: 9:00 – Quilters
3:30 – GP Practice
6:00 – Chancel Schola Rehearsal
7:00 – Chancel Voices Rehearsal
- Wednesday, January 6: 4:00 – 5/6/7/8 Confirmation Classes
7:00 – Epiphany Worship Service
- Thursday, January 7: 6:00 – Men’s Morning Bible Study
3:30 – GP Practice
7:00 – Chancel Singers Rehearsal
- Friday, January 8: 3:30 – GP Practice
6:00 – GP-Youth BB Practice
- Saturday, January 9: 3:30 – Drive-in Worship Service
- Sunday, January 10: 8:00/9:20/10:30 – Worship Services