

Peace Lutheran Church

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CHRISTMAS EVE

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



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



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

*Please join us on Christmas Day at 10:00 am
for our Christmas Day Communion Service.*

*You are invited to worship with us at our
regular worship times on Sundays at:*

9:00 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Praise Service

9:15 am Sunday School



HYMN

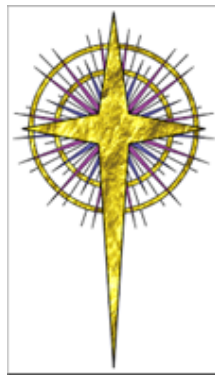
“Silent Night”

Silent night, Holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child
Holy infant, so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, Holy night
Shepherds quake, at the sight
Glories stream from heaven above
Heavenly, hosts sing Hallelujah.
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

*(Worshippers extinguish your candles.
Candles will be collected at the door.)*



INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL PART 1 Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.

CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE

Pastor: Behold I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people, for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

People: Oh, come, let us adore Him!

Pastor: Unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given.

People: Oh, come, let us adore Him!

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory.

People: Oh, come, let us adore Him!

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, because You once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant that we who have known the mystery of the Light here on earth may come to the full measure of its joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.



HYMN DURING CANDLE LIGHTING

“O Holy Night”

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;

It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth!

Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices,

For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!

O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

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Truly He taught us to love one another;

His law is love and His Gospel is peace.

Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother

And in His Name all oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raising,

Let all within us praise His holy Name!

Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!

His pow’r and glory evermore proclaim!

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CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Pastor: May the Christmas presents remind you of God’s greatest gift—His only begotten Son.

May the Christmas candles remind you of him who is the light of the world.

May the Christmas tree remind you of another tree on which he died for you.

May the Christmas cheer remind you of Him who is the bread of life.

May the Christmas bells remind you of the glorious proclamation of his birth.

May the Christmas carols remind you of his glad tidings which we are to proclaim to all mankind.

May the Christmas season remind you in every way of Jesus Christ your King.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.**

CANDLE LIGHTING *(Please Stand)*

*Pastor lights a candle from the one that symbolizes Christ, the
Light of the world. The light is passed from person to person by
holding your **UNLIT** candle to the lighted candle.*

*For unto us
a child is
born, unto us
a Son is given;...
And His name will
be...
Prince of
Peace.*
ISAIAH 9:6

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL PART 2Luke 2:8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

HYMN

"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!"

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL PART 3 Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Mike Schultze
Director of Youth**

HYMN

"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.



Refrain
Glo - - - - ri - a



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



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HYMN DURING OFFERING

"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!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition ends, "Lord, in your mercy.")

Congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

All: 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.

OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7*

Pastor: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light
has dawned.
People: You have enlarged the nation and increased their
joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the
harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.
Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulders,
People: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Pastor: Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and
over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with
justice and with righteousness from that time on and
forever.
People: The zeal of the LORD almighty will accomplish this.

CHOIR

"Come, All Ye Unfaithful"
*Soloists: Bob Hutchison
Donna Pickler
Toni Radle*



EPISTLE LESSON *Titus 2:11-14*

Pastor: For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared
to all men.
People: It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and
worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright
and godly lives in this present age,
Pastor: while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious
appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,
People: who gave himself for us to redeem us from all
wickedness and to purify for himself a people that
are his very own, eager to do what is good.

HYMN

“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,
3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,
4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



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.
Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:
When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king.”
A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,
Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,
His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-ern 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 Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

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CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE Pastor Mike Schultze

HYMN

“Joy to the World”



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



King; Let ev-'ry heart pre-pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless-ings
prove The glo-ries of His righ-teous-



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.

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