

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ through worship and ministering to all God's people equipping them for service to God and to each other.

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

PRELUDE

Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace Handbell Choir

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
arranged by Martha Lynn Thompson*

OPENING HYMN

“Savior of the Nations, Come” LSB 332

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.



Confession and Absolution

- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.
- 5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

(stand)

- 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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Stand

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.
- C Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalms 32:5*

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- 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.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

Service of the Word

INTROIT *Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

P Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

**C Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**C The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine
upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the
horns of the altar!**

P You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

GLORIA PATRI

LSB 186



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



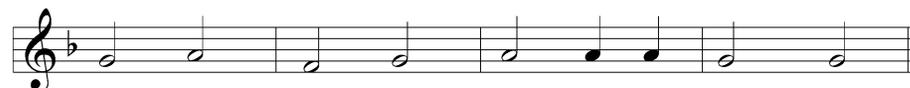
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

LSB 186



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

LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.”
 For out of Zion shall go the law,
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
 and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
 and their spears into pruning hooks;
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war anymore.
⁵O house of Jacob,
 come, let us walk
 in the light of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 122

P I was glad when they said to me,
 “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**C Our feet have been standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

P Jerusalem—built as a city
 that is bound firmly together,

**C to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
 as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name
 of the LORD.**

P There thrones for judgment were set,
 the thrones of the house of David.

**C Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
 “May they be secure who love you!**

P Peace be within your walls

and security within your towers!”

**C For my brothers and companions’ sake
 I will say, “Peace be within you!”**

P For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
 I will seek your good.

EPISTLE

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

LSB 190



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

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Advent of Our King” LSB 331

- 1 The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant’s form puts on
To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion’s daughter, rise
To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise
The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav’n to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin’s dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

(stand)

- 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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SERMON

Rev. Dennis Wenholtz

“A View from the Top”
Isaiah 2:1-5

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*

C Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY *Psalm 51:10-12*

LSB 192



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

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

LSB 196

**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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

LSB 202

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.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" LSB 341

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.

To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.

- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.

- 3 How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He
Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.

- 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov'reign enter in
And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

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CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Organist

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

December 4, 11, 18

9:00 am = English Worship

10:30 am = Bible Study

12 noon = Hmong Worship

WEDNESDAYS

November 30

December 7

December 14

December 21

5:30 pm = Soup Supper

6:30 pm = Worship

LIVING NATIVITY

Monday, December 19

Tuesday, December 20

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT

Saturday, December 24

6:30 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25

10:00 am

(one service only)

