

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Circumcision and Name of Jesus

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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 ONE

PRELUDE

Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace Handbell Choir

"In the Bleak Midwinter" -- arranged by Cynthia Dobrinski

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" LSB 900

- 1 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.
- 2 Jesus! Name decreed of old,
To the maiden mother told,
Kneeling in her lowly cell,
By the angel Gabriel.
- 3 Jesus! Name of priceless worth
To the fallen of the earth
For the promise that it gave,
"Jesus shall His people save."
- 4 Jesus! Name of mercy mild,
Given to the holy Child

When the cup of human woe
First He tasted here below.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved
Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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Confession and Absolution

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the
truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and
just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.** 1 John 1:8-9

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature
sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and
by what we have left undone. We have not loved You**

**with our whole heart; we have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present
and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us,
and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and
walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.** [John 20:19-23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for
you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a
called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His
authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the
name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

INTROIT Psalm 40:6-8; antiphon: 40:16

P May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation say continually,
"Great is the LORD!"

**C Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you
have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin
offering you have not required.**

P Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**C I desire to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."**
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.**

P May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
 may those who love your salvation say continually,
 "Great is the LORD!"

KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us
 pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of
 the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to
 the Lord.



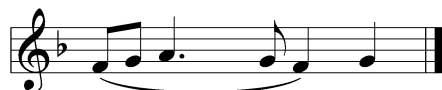
Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their
 worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST *Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

LSB 155



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.

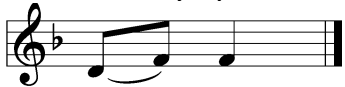
2 Timothy 4:22



And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Sit

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22–27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

²⁷“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 8

P O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

C Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

P When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

C what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

P Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

C You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

P all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

C the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

P O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23–29

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA *John 6:68* LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:21*

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY *"The Ancient Law Departs"* LSB 898

- 1 The ancient Law departs,
And all its fears remove,
For Jesus makes with faithful hearts
A covenant of love.

- 2 The Light of Light divine,
True brightness undefiled,
He bears for us the pain of sin,
A holy, spotless child.
- 3 His infant body now
Begins the cross to feel;
Those precious drops of blood that flow
For death the victim seal.
- 4 Today the name is Thine
At which we bend the knee.
They call Thee Jesus, child divine;
Our Jesus deign to be.
- △ 5 All praise, eternal Son,
For Thy redeeming love,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
In glorious might above.

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SERMON *Rev. Dennis Wenzholz* "Our Guardian Has Changed" Galatians 3:23–29

Stand

OFFERTORY *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19* LSB 159

What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 158

C 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, 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 *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LSB 161

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

LSB 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

LSB 162

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*Revelation 22:20*

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Matthew 6:9-13

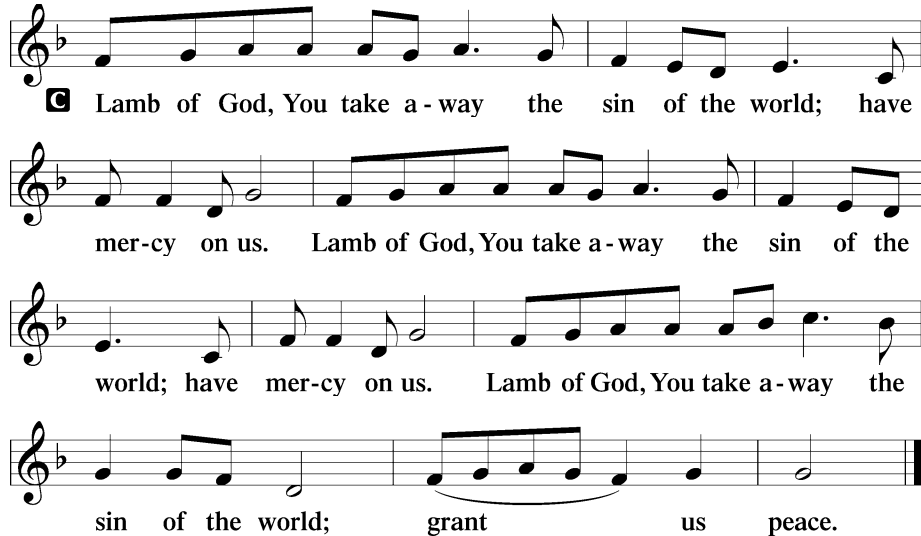
PAX DOMINI *John 20:19*

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*



Sit

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” LSB 524

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 In a believer’s ear!
 It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
 And drives away our fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole
 And calms the heart’s unrest;
 ’Tis manna to the hungry soul
 And to the weary, rest.
- 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,
 My shield and hiding place;
 My never-failing treasury filled
 With boundless stores of grace.
- 4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
 My Prophet, Priest, and King,
 My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
 Accept the praise I bring.
- 5 How weak the effort of my heart,
 How cold my warmest thought!
 But when I see Thee as Thou art,
 I’ll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
 With ev’ry fleeting breath;
 And may the music of Thy name
 Refresh my soul in death!

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"O Sing of Christ" LSB 362

- 1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known
The kindness of the Lord,
Eternal Word made flesh and bone
So we could be restored.
Upon our frail humanity
God's finger chose to trace
The fullness of His deity,
The icon of His grace.
- 2 What Adam lost, none could reclaim,
And Paradise was barred
Until the second Adam came
To mend what sin had marred.
For when the time was full and right
God sent His only Son;
He came to us as life and light
And our redemption won.
- 3 He came to that which was His own,
But He was not received;
Yet still through Him God's glory shone,
And some His name believed.
To these He gave the right to be
The heirs of heav'n above,
Born not of human ancestry
But born of God in love.
- 4 Lord Jesus Christ, You deigned to dwell
Among us here on earth
As God with us, Emmanuel,
To bring this holy birth.

Though rich, You willingly became
One with our poverty,
That we might share Your wealth and name
For all eternity!

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"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" LSB 395 (v. 1, 3, 5, 6)

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
All victorious,
Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- 3 Lord, when You look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy
Warm and cheer us!
O draw near us!
For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us.
- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,

Our voices gladly blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
 The Lord we love is first and last,
 The end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place
 Beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 For the day of Your returning!

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Stand

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

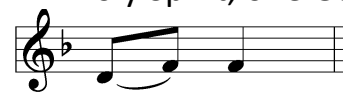


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 166

A Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

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.



☐ A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year” LSB 896

- 1 Now greet the swiftly changing year
With joy and penitence sincere.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.
- 2 Remember now the Son of God
And how He shed His infant blood.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.
- 3 This Jesus came to end sin’s war;
This Name of names for us He bore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.
- 4 His love abundant far exceeds
The volume of a whole year’s needs.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.
- 5 With Him as Lord to lead our way
In want and in prosperity,
What need we fear in earth or space
In this new year of grace!
- 6 “All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth!” the angels cry.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.
- △ 7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!
To all our pleas incline Your ear;

Upon our lives rich blessing trace
In this new year of grace.

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POSTLUDE

Organist

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