

Post-Communion Collect and Candle Ceremony

The pastors will bring the light of Christ to the first person in each pew on the center aisle. Each parishioner should light their candle by tipping the unlit candle into the lit candle of their neighbor until all the candles are lit. Do not tip lighted candles. Allow the candles to burn through the conclusion of the service and the singing of Silent Night.

Hymn to Depart

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

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UPCOMING FESTIVAL SERVICES:

CHRISTMAS DAY DIVINE SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M.

NEW YEAR’S EVE CONFESSIONAL SERVICE AT 5:00 P.M.

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Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024

8:00 p.m.

Blessed Nativity of Our Lord! “It is truly meet, 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.” – Proper Preface for Christmas.

Welcome to the Divine Service. Guests desiring to commune are asked to speak to the Pastor. For the spiritual care and welfare of all we practice closed communion.

Divine Service Setting Three, LSB p. 184

Choral Preservice Music

“Sans Day Carol” Cornish Carol - arr. John Rutter

Stand and face processional cross

Processional Hymn

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“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon

(Is. 9:7)

Unto us a Child is born,
unto us a Son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulder.
And His name shall be called
Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God,
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Psalm

(Ps. 98:1)

Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song,
for He hath done marvelous things.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

(*Antiphon is repeated.*)

Old Testament Reading**Isaiah 9:2-7**

The prophet Isaiah foretells the birth of Christ.

Choral Response

“Christians, Gather Round” Slovak Carol by Carl Schalk

Christians, gather round, hear the joyful sound!
 Man by God this night befriended,
 Heaven’s Light to earth descended.
 Christians, gather round, hear the joyful sound!

Hear we now a voice bidding us rejoice.
 He who in the Godhead rested
 Now in flesh is manifested.
 Hear we now a voice bidding us rejoice.

Glory pure and bright breaks upon our night.
 See our fields with splendor blazing,
 And our hills in light amazing!
 Christians, gather round, hear the joyful sound!

Epistle**Titus 2:11-14**

The grace of God has appeared to bring salvation to all.

*Stand and face the processional cross.***Alleluia Verse** *sung by the choir**(Ps. 2:7)*

Alleluia. The LORD said unto Me,
 “Thou art My Son: this day have I begotten Thee.” Alleluia.

Holy Gospel**Luke 2:1-20**

St. Luke testifies to the birth of Christ.

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“From Heaven Above”

*Stanzas 1–5: Sung by the Choir of Angels**Stanza 6: Congregation**Stanza 11: Congregation**Stanza 7: Choir**Stanza 12: Men**Stanza 8: Congregation**Stanza 13: Women & Children**Stanza 9: Men**Stanza 14: Choir**Stanza 10: Women & Children**Stanza 15 Congregation***Sermon****Choral Offertory**

“Carol of the Lamb”

by David von Kampin

Little lamb, peer in the stall;
 See the Lamb of God for all.
 Wonder how this sacrifice
 Silently will pay the price.
 Through the valley He will tread,
 Up a hill to bow His head.
 In a garden, He will rise;
 Pastures green will be the prize.
 Weary shepherd, come find rest;
 In a stable be a guest.
 Gather near your Shepherd Good;
 He can lead where no one could.
 Staff and rod Himself will bear,
 Streams of life with you to share.
 In His house, forever dwell,
 His unending mercies tell.

Distribution Hymns

“All My Heart Again Rejoices

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“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

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1 Shepherds of Bethlehem,

2 Angels declare to us

Come, see the diadem

Tidings most glorious:

Sparkling brightly

Christ the Lord has

in the heavens high;

left His throne above.

Out of that blinding glow

Now to our race descends

To us who dwell below

And to our nature bends

Angels shout their

God and man in one

very happy cry: *(refrain)*to show His love: *(refrain)**Refrain:*

Lo, a pure maiden bore a pure Baby
 and laid Him down in a cradle of hay.

3 O precious Floweret,

In Thy crude bassinet,

Bless and keep our valleys and our fields,

That we may honor Thee

And serve Thee faithfully

With the bounty that our pasture yields. *(refrain)*

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

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