

Prayer of the Church

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Distribution Hymns

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	380
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Choir sings stanza 5

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 363

“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 6:30 P.M.
- NEW YEAR’S DAY DIVINE SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M.

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy
The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025
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 Two, LSB p. 167

Stand and face processional cross

Processional Hymn	360
“All My Heart Again Rejoices”	
<i>Choir Sings Stanza 4</i>	

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon (Liturgical Text)
When all was still, and it was midnight, *
Your almighty Word descended from
the royal throne.

Psalm (Ps. 2:1-2, 4-6)
Why do the nations rage, *
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together, *
against the LORD and against His Anointed.

He who sits in the heavens laughs; *
the Lord holds them in derision.
Then He will speak to them in His wrath, *
and terrify them in His fury, saying:
“As for Me, I have set My King *
on Zion, My holy hill.”

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. (*antiphon is repeated*)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

The prophet Isaiah foretells the birth of Christ.

Choral Response

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” – arr. Carl F. Schalk

Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav’n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!

Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!

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*

(*Luke 2:11*)

Alleluia. For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

St. Luke testifies to the birth of Christ.

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day

“To Shepherds as They Watched by Night”

Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4

Insert

Offertory

“In Bethlehem, the House of Bread” by: Chad L. Bird and Thomas Lock

Stanzas 1-4 sung by the choir

Stanzas 5-7 sung by the congregation

1. In Bethlehem, the House of Bread,
Jesus was born, the Church’s Head.
Within the Church, the House of Bread,
Those born in Christ His flesh are fed.
2. The Babe wrapped up in swaddling clothes
Wraps up His Church, that she enclosed
Within His flesh and blood may be
Clothed with divine humanity.
3. Archangels, angels, saints above,
Magnify Him Who came in love,
To call the hungry to His Feast,
From north and south, from west and east.
4. The manger held the God of life,
Who came to swallow sin and strife.
Christ, let my tongue Thy manger be,
That I may swallow life in Thee.



5. His moth - er's flesh, which Christ as - sumed,
6. Born in the dark - ness of the night,
7. O God made man, make us in Thee



Is by His Vir - gin Bride con - sumed. The Word made flesh makes
The Father's un - cre - a - ted Light, Il - lu - mines us with
Par - ta - kers of di - vin - i - ty. Feed us Thy flesh and



her His own, Joined flesh to flesh and bone to bone.
earth - ly wine, Full of the glow of blood di - vine.
blood, we cry; Fill us with Thee, O God Most High.