

Peace Lutheran Church

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SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER

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RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: All those who await His appearance pray:

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: The whole creation pleads:

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

HYMN & CANDLE LIGHTING

1 O Light whose splen - dor thrills and glad - dens
2 As twi - light hov - ers near at sun - set,
3 In all life's bril - liant time - less mo - ments,

With ra - diance bright - er than the sun,
And lamps are lit, and chil - dren nod,
Let faith - ful voic - es sing Your praise,

2

Pure gleam of God's un - end - ing glo - ry,
In eve - ning hymns we lift our voic - es
O Son of God, our Life - be - stow - er,

O Je - sus, blest A - noint - ed One;
To Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son: one God.
Whose glo - ry light - ens end - less days.

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Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

PSALM 32:1-7, 10-11

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

People: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Pastor: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up^[b] as by the heat of summer.

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

People: surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

Pastor: You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

People: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Pastor: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

MAGNIFICAT (Mary's Song of Praise)



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38

¹⁷ In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸ Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹ And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁰ He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹ And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶ Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷ But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸ For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



CHOIR ... "We Wait"

GOSPEL John 1:14-18

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ

For
GOD
so
LOVED
the
WORLD
- John 3:16

HYMN

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
 2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
 All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
 “To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.
 In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
 Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 “My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”
 And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 “Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!

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MESSAGE

“Light For Our Darkness: Where There Is Smoke There’s Fire -
 And A Whole Lot More!” (Exodus 40)

Pastor Mike Schultze

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me”



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.

LITANY

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

We pray, O Lord, for Your wisdom and guidance as we live our lives this week in the world. Empower us to be bold witnesses for You that we may sing Your praises in such a way that people are drawn to Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the sick, O Lord, we ask for Your mercy. Place Your healing hand upon them and grant true wisdom to the medical professionals who minister to them on Your behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

(Cont'd)

Pastor: For those in need, for the hungry, the hurting, the lonely, and the depressed we pray, O Lord, that they may find in You all they need to bring peace to their hearts and provisions for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the elderly, and the homebound, O Lord, we pray for strength of body, mind, and spirit. Grant them to see the value of their lives and the contribution they make to be a blessing to each of us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you now and always.

People: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”



1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the
2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that
3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as
4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - sings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,
I this day have done, That with the world, my -
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that
sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.
self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.
vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



Please join us for:

Advent Soup Suppers

Wednesday - December 15th

6 pm followed by

Advent Worship Service 7 pm

Preschool program

December 16th/17th 12:15pm

*Children's Christmas Program and
Traditional Service*

One Service Only

10:00 am

Sunday, December 19

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

5:00pm Contemporary & 7:00pm Traditional

Christmas Day Service

One Service Only

10:00 am

December 26th- Worship Service

10:00 am

One Service Only



PEACE CHRISTMAS PARTY

(a catered event)

DECEMBER 19TH

AFTER THE 10AM SERVICE