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Mission Statement

To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. **We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.**



Some Helpful Information

Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service: During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

Restrooms – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

Fellowship and Refreshments – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

Please join us again next week!

**What Child Is This?
The Child Who Is John's Joy
Third Sunday In Advent
December 16, 2018**

As We Gather

The palpable joy of God's people as they recognize His blessings pervades Scripture. David couldn't contain himself when the ark of the covenant came into the city. Unborn John the Baptist jumped for joy inside his mother, Elizabeth, when Mary arrived, bearing Jesus. And Paul encourages us to "rejoice in the Lord always." In each case, they rejoiced as they saw God's plans coming to fruition. Because Advent is a time of preparation, we do not always let joy pervade our worship. But the third Sunday and its week are "lighter." They help us to join the saints of long ago in singing the praises of God, who comes to us to dispel our doubts, meet our deepest needs, and clear away the darkness of whatever has burdened us. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church

Prayer Before Worship - Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

- By Nancy C. Townley from Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Hymn - What Child Is This (Stanza 1, LBW #40, please stand)

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Opening Sentences (Please remain standing)

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Pastor: May my meditation be pleasing to Him,

People: for I rejoice in the Lord.

Confession And Absolution (Please remain standing)

Pastor: When Mary, bearing Jesus inside her, approached Elizabeth, her son, who would become John the Baptist, jumped for joy inside her. Let us confess to God and one another that we have not always fully appreciated the joy He brings to each of us.

People: I confess to God Almighty and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have allowed the cares and worries of this world to dampen my spirit and mute my joy. I have given the expectations of others more weight than my desire to thank our heavenly Father for all His blessings. I have rejoiced in times of

elation but failed to thank our Lord for the gift of each new day. And I have forgotten to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, seldom jumping for joy over the abiding presence of God in my life.

Pastor: May God's forgiving grace become a part of your daily awareness so that you may rejoice in your thinking, speaking, and acting. . . . I confess to God Almighty and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have allowed the cares and worries of this world to dampen my spirit and mute my joy. I have given the expectations of others more weight than my desire to thank our heavenly Father for all His blessings. I have rejoiced in times of elation but failed to thank our Lord for the gift of each new day. And I have forgotten to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, seldom jumping for joy over the abiding presence of God in my life.

People: **May God's forgiving grace become a part of your daily awareness so that you may rejoice in your thinking, speaking, and acting.**

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always! The baby in whose presence John jumped for joy is your Savior from every failing of yours and from sin itself. That you may rejoice now and always, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Let it be as you have said. Amen!**

(We share the peace of the Lord with one another)

Hymn - What Child Is This (Stanza 2, LBW #40, please stand)

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

First Reading – 2 Samuel 6:12-22 (Please be seated)

¹² King David heard that because of the Covenant Box the LORD had blessed Obed Edom's family and all that he had; so he got the Covenant Box from Obed's house to take it to Jerusalem with a great celebration. ¹³ After the men carrying the Covenant Box had gone six steps, David had them stop while he offered the LORD a sacrifice of a bull and a fattened calf. ¹⁴ David, wearing only a linen cloth around his waist, danced with all his might to honor the LORD. ¹⁵ And so he and all the Israelites took the Covenant Box up to Jerusalem with shouts of joy and the sound of trumpets. ¹⁶ As the Box was being brought into the city, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked out of the window and saw King David dancing and jumping around in the sacred dance, and she was disgusted with him. ¹⁷ They brought the Box and put it in its place in the Tent that David had set up for it. Then he offered sacrifices and fellowship offerings to the LORD. ¹⁸ When he had finished offering the sacrifices, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty ¹⁹ and distributed food to them all. He gave each man and woman in Israel a loaf of bread, a piece of roasted meat, and some raisins. Then everyone went home. ²⁰ Afterward, when David went home to greet his family, Michal came out to meet him. "The king of Israel made a big name for himself today!" she said. "He exposed himself like a fool in the sight of the servant women of his officials!" ²¹ David answered, "I was dancing to honor the LORD, who chose me instead of your father and his family to make me the leader of his people Israel. And I will go on dancing to honor the LORD, ²² and will disgrace myself even more. You may think I am nothing, but those women will think highly of me!"

Second Reading – Philippians 4:4-9 (Please remain seated)

⁴ May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord. I say it again: rejoice! ⁵ Show a gentle attitude toward everyone. The Lord is coming soon. ⁶ Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. ⁷ And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus. ⁸ In conclusion, my friends, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable. ⁹ Put into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading - Luke 1:39-45 (Please stand)

³⁹ Soon afterward Mary got ready and hurried off to a town in the hill country of Judea. ⁴⁰ She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby moved within her. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and said in a loud voice, "You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ Why should this great thing happen to me, that my Lord's mother comes to visit me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby within me jumped with gladness. ⁴⁵ How happy you are to believe that the Lord's message to you will come true!"

Response (Please remain standing)

Pastor: And David danced before the LORD with all his might.

People: **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice.

People: **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

Pastor: The baby leaped in her womb.

People: **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

Confession Of Faith - Apostles' Creed, Second Article (Please remain standing)

Pastor: What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

People: **This, this is Christ the King, the Father's 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—the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

Hymn - Joy to the World (LBW #39, please be seated)

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Children's Message

Message

The Child Who Is John's Joy
2 Samuel 6:12–23
Luke 1:39–45

Response - My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord (Tune: LBW #269, please remain seated)

- 1 My soul now magnifies the Lord;
my spirit leaps for joy in him.
He keeps me in his kind regard,
and I am blest for time to come.
- 2 For he alone who shows such might
has done amazing things to me.
His mercy flows; his name like light
remains in time perpetually.
- 3 His arm is strong; his strength is great.
He scatters those of proud intent,
and casts them down from high estate;
then gives the low his nourishment.

- 4 He feeds the hungry as his own;
the wealthy leave with empty hands.
He gives his help to Israel;
his gracious promise always stands.

Text: Stephanie K. Frey, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat. © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please remain seated as the offerings are received)

Response - What Child Is This (Stanza 3, LBW #40, please stand)

- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Prayer Of The Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, once a child laid to rest on Mary's lap,

People: **grant us such faith that we may entrust all things into Your care,
finding peace in our hearts and sleep at the end of the day.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

People: **grant us daily opportunities to sing Your praises in word and
deed, reminding friends and neighbors of Your blessings, too
many to number.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, Christ the King,
People: grant wisdom and guidance to those in power among the nations of the world, that they govern in justice and compassion, hastening to bring You laud and honor.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, who endured nails and piercing spear, bearing the cross for us,
People: grant confident hope in Your all-availing sacrifice for us and all who trust in the Word made flesh.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, whose coming brings salvation,
People: grant us loving hearts to enthrone You, raising the song on high, rejoicing in Your birth, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Additional prayers:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in Your name and as You have taught us:
People: 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 pray. Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary,
People: be part of our living each day; bring joy to our minds, smiles to our speaking, and rejoicing through our actions;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,

People: 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;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction (Please remain standing)

Pastor: May God Almighty—the Father, who kept all His ancient promises; the Son, who entered human history as one of us to save us from our sins; and the Holy Spirit, who has worked faith in our hearts that we may celebrate the birth of the Babe, the Son of Mary—bless you and keep you, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn - Hark, the Glad Sound! (LBW #35, please remain standing)

- 1 Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
and ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring
with your beloved name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Rev. Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Eric and Elizabeth Risberg
Counters:	Vicki McGowan and Rick Kenney
Ushers:	Keith and Jackie Stoneking
Lay Reader:	Janet Reese

Activities This Week:

Sunday – December 16	9:30 am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – December 18	9:30-12: 30 pm 4:30 5:30 pm	Stage Door (PH) Music Class (LL)
Wednesday – December 19	2:45 – 6:15 pm 4:30 5:30PM 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (N) Music Class (LL) Stage Door (PH)

Friday – December 21	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	German Story Time (N)
Saturday – December 22	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – December 23	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God

Refreshments - will be served in Luther Lounge and surrounding areas following worship today. Guests and members stay and meet one another again or for the first time.

Anniversaries – Christ's blessing to those celebrating Anniversaries this week.

Today – Dave and Betty Erickson

Birthdays – Christ's blessing to those celebrating birthdays this week.

Thursday – Nicole Brenes
Friday – Marlene Halden

Christmas Eve Worship: Remember Christmas Eve Worship on Monday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. We will sing the favorite Christmas Carols and sing "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Flowers – If you would like to donate flowers for worship in memory of a person or observing a personal event, please contact pastor via email at pastor@plcmarin.org

Sunday Bulletins - for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is <http://bulletin.plcmarin.org>

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Weekly Devotional Helps

December 16 – December 22, 2018

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – December 17

Isaiah 11:1-9
Numbers 16:1-19
Hebrews 13:7-17

Tuesday – December 18

Isaiah 11:1-9
Numbers 16:20-35
Acts 28:23-31

Wednesday – December 19

Isaiah 11:1-9
Micah 4:8-13
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday – December 20

Psalms 80:1-7
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 10:10-18

Friday – December 21

Psalms 80:1-7
Isaiah 42:10-18
Hebrews 10:32-39

Saturday – December 22

Psalms 80:1-7
Isaiah 66:7-11
Luke 13:31-35

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a
Psalms 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:46-55

Commemorations

December 20 - Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552:

Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.

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