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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!

First Sunday After Christmas

December 29, 2019

As We Gather

Stories of God's dealings with His people can never be sanitized or idealized. The Lord finds His people to be stubborn, rebellious, and forgetful. In the history of Israel is the pattern for God's mercy to the Church and the reason why, when we gather, we recount God's mighty acts of deliverance. The Lord works to forgive us, restore us, and remind us of what He has done to save us. Now more than ever, we are gravely tempted to doubt, despair, and be disillusioned. We see a world filled with even greater tragedy and sorrow than Herod visited upon the firstborn sons of Bethlehem. But even in death, they testify to the Lord's gracious will and His power to rescue, redeem, and comfort His people with His grace in Christ, our Savior. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church!

Prayer Before Worship - God of hope and light, your good news has been emblazoned across the skies, the great starry night of Jesus' birth, sung by angels, celebrated by shepherds, witnessed by animals. You have given to us a new chance, a reminder of your continual love for us. Be with us in this worship, we pray. Guide our thoughts, our lives, our spirits. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen. — Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ring the Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (Galatians 4:4–5. Please stand)

Pastor: When the fullness of time had come,
People: **God sent forth His Son,**

Pastor: born of woman, born under the law,
People: to redeem those who were under the law.

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

Entrance Song - O Savior of Our Fallen Race (Tune: LBW #36. Please remain standing)

- 1 O Savior of our fallen race,
O Brightness of the Father's face,
O Son who shared the Father's might
before the world knew day or night:
- 2 O Jesus, very Light of light,
our constant star in sin's deep night:
now hear the prayers your people pray
throughout the world this holy day.
- 3 Remember, Lord of life and grace,
how once, to save our fallen race,
you put our human vesture on
and came to us as Mary's son.
- 4 Today, as year by year its light
bathes all the world in radiance bright,
one precious truth outshines the sun:
salvation comes from you alone.

Psalm - Psalm 148 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in
the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Pastor: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the
heavens!**

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

People: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Pastor: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

People: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Pastor: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

People: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Pastor: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

People: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

(We share signs of the Lord's peace)

Response - O Savior of Our Fallen Race (Tune: LBW #36. Please be seated)

5 For from the Father's throne you came,
his banished children to reclaim;
and earth and sea and sky revere
the love of him who sent you here.

6 And we are jubilant today,
for you have washed our guilt away.
Oh, hear the glad new song we sing
on this, the birthday of our king!

7 O Christ, redeemer virgin-born,
let songs of praise your name adorn,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.

Text: Latin office hymn, c. 6th cent.; tr. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930. © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

First Reading - Isaiah 63:7-14 (Please remain seated)

God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. God's own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God's gracious deeds. God trusts that God's people will not act falsely.

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸ For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior ⁹ in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰ But they rebelled and grieved his holy spirit; therefore he became their enemy; he himself fought against them. ¹¹ Then they remembered the days of old, of Moses his servant. Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is the one who put within them his holy spirit, ¹² who caused his glorious arm to march at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, ¹³ who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. ¹⁴ Like cattle that go down into the valley, the spirit of the LORD gave them rest. Thus you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

Second Reading - Hebrews 2:10-18 (Please remain seated)

Through Jesus' suffering and death, the trail to eternal salvation has been blazed for us. We do not fear death, because he has conquered the power of death. Thus Christ, our merciful and faithful high priest, has the final say over the destiny of our lives.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." ¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of

Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel - Matthew 2:13-23 (Please remain seated)

In a dream, Joseph is warned to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the jealousy of Herod.

¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." ¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." ¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰"Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Song - Word of God, Come Down on Earth (LBW #187. Please remain seated)

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
- 2 Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.
- 3 Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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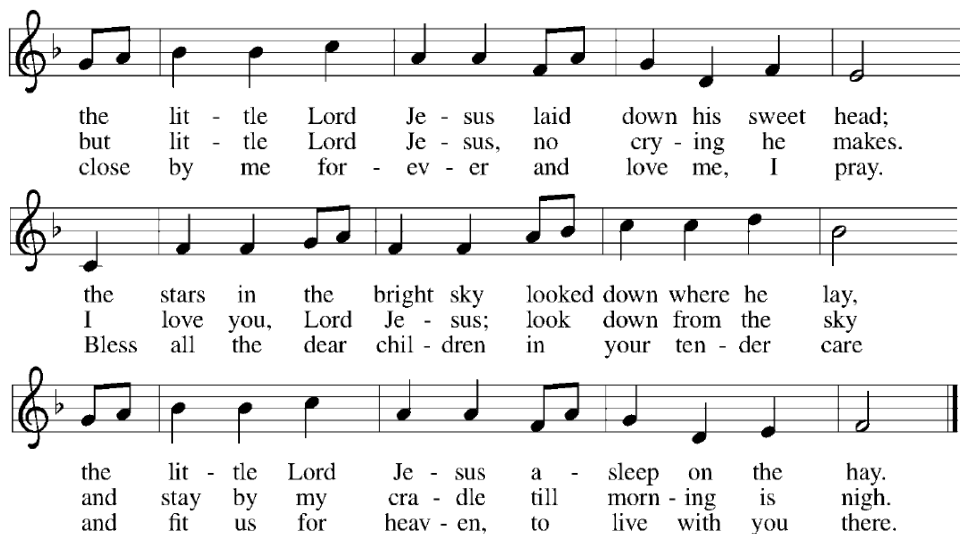
Message

Out Of Egypt I Have Called My Son
Matthew 2:13-23

Response - Away In A Manger (ELW #278. Please remain seated)



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent. Music: CRADLE SONG, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921.

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

Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed (Please stand and confess together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer Of The Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. – Silent prayer - Bring to remembrance, O Lord, all of Your saving acts but most especially the gift of Your only Son, that we be brought to repentance and faith by the proclamation of Christ and trust in Him for the forgiveness of our sins and for everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, as we recall the Holy Innocents of Bethlehem, the first martyrs for the sake of Christ, make us mindful of those who in every time and place have their lives taken from them because they confess Jesus, and give us such boldness that we not shrink from standing in Christ in the face of threat, persecution, and death. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Receive our thanks, O Lord, for establishing Your Church and giving to her faithful pastors who preach Jesus Christ and faithful church workers who aid the cause of Your kingdom in their vocations on our behalf, and raise up those who will heed Your call to service in the next generation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, bestow Your blessing upon our own land and all the nations and those who lead the peoples, that they pursue the causes of peace and justice, punish the evildoer, and honor those who do good, especially for the sake of those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strengthen our life together, O Lord, that we who have been baptized into Christ be united in doctrine and witness and that we who come today to receive the body and blood of Jesus commune worthily, in repentance and faith, and so be equipped by Your grace to live upright, holy, and godly lives to Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, You are the strength of the weak, the peace of the troubled, the comfort of the grieving, and the hope of the dying. Hear us on behalf of the sick and those in any need, that You deliver them according to Your gracious will, strengthen them to endure their afflictions, and sustain them to the day of the resurrection, when all pain and suffering shall cease. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Build within us, O Lord, generous hearts, that we act on behalf of the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the aged, and the infirm, that the riches with which You have supplied us be used to their aid and for the work of Your kingdom here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional Prayers

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O gracious Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (We pray together. Please remain standing)

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.

The Prayer For Peace (Please remain standing)

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: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Bless each of you.

People: **Amen**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (LBW #60. Please remain standing)

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

- 2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*
- 3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Pastor Ricky Adams
Pianist:	Janet Reese
Coffee:	Cynthia Smith
Counter:	Beverly Erbel
Ushers:	Beverly & Don Erbel
Lay Reader:	Cynthia Smith

Activities This Week:

Sunday – December 29	9:30 am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – December 31	9:30am -12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – January 1	2:45-6:15 pm 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (S) Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – January 4	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – January 5	9:30 am	Service of the Word

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.

Birthdays – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week.

Friday - Dorlane Krausse
Saturday - Billie Zepp

January 5 – Please help us as we take down Christmas decorations after worship, next Sunday, January 5th.

Servers – Every Sunday there are several people that help serve during the worship service and coffee hour. Peace Lutheran needs your help. We need people to prepare Coffee hour and serve during that time. We need Ushers. We need lay readers who read the second lesson during worship. Please consider these needs and sign up to serve in the way you choose. Thank you.

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 9, 2019 – January 4, 2020

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 30

Psalm 20
Isaiah 26:1-9
2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Tuesday – December 31

Psalm 20
1 Kings 3:5-14
John 8:12-19

Wednesday – January 1

Psalm 8
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 2:15-21

Thursday – January 2

Psalm 72
Genesis 12:1-7
Hebrews 11:1-12

Friday – January 3

Psalm 72
Genesis 28:10-32
Hebrews 11:13-22

Saturday – January 4

Psalm 72
Exodus 3:1-5
Hebrews 11:23-31

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Commemorations

January 1 - Name of Jesus: By Jewish law, every baby boy was circumcised and named on the eighth day of life, so on the eighth day of Christmas the church celebrates this event in Jesus' life. The keeping of the covenant as well as Jesus' name are signs of God's salvation given to us through him.

January 2 - Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church, died 1872:

A nineteenth-century German Lutheran pastor, Loehe worked to enliven the church with the eucharist at its center, from which would flow evangelism and social ministry. He sent pastors to North America, Australia, New Guinea, Brazil, and the Ukraine.

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