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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 30, 2018

As We Gather

Love came down at Christmas. Jesus was God's gift for us all. He'd been promised across the centuries, and in love the Father gave the Son for us. What a gift! God's love means redemption for His people. And what a gift for us to give to one another and everyone we meet! How we do that is spelled out in today's Epistle. Simeon sang the Nunc Dimittis, "Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace," when he held love incarnate, the baby Jesus. Singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in one another's ears is a way of giving God's gift of love. In our personal lives it also means bearing with each other, forgiving, and letting peace rule in our hearts. We've received God's love in Jesus; each day is an opportunity to give it as a gift to the people around us! Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Heavenly Father, Your love knows no bounds, and so You sent Your Son that we might be Your children. Enliven our faith so that we may give the gift of Your love to all whom we meet; help us to love them, forgive them, and sing Your praises with them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pre-Service Music

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Confession And Forgiveness (Please stand)

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Heavenly Father, although You have called us as Your own people, dearly loved, we confess that we have failed to forgive one another as You have forgiven us. We have neglected to reflect Your love at home, school, and work. We have let discord and conflict drown out the peace that You have given us in Christ. We have failed to thank You for Your great love in our private prayers and with our outward words and actions. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and guide us by Your Holy Spirit so that our lives may reflect the love with which You surround us by grace each day.**

Pastor: Rejoice! By God's love, He gives us forgiveness as a gift for the sake of His Son, whose birth we celebrate. The Holy Spirit clothes us with the very compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience the Father expects. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Freely have you received God's love; freely give it as a gift to all you meet.

People: Amen!

Pastor: Paul wrote, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts," and Jesus said, "If your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share God's peace with one another, saying, "Peace be with you."

(We welcome one another with the Peace of the Lord)

Entrance Hymn - Let All Together Praise Our God

(Tune: LBW #47, please remain standing)

- 1 Let all together praise our God
before the highest throne;
today God opens heav'n again
and sends the only Son,
and sends the only Son.

- 2 From God's right hand the Son descends,
is born an infant small,
and lies in poverty, his bed
a manger in a stall,
a manger in a stall.
- 3 O tender Child, you veil in flesh
the splendor of your might;
a servant's garb now wraps the one
who clothed the sky with light,
who clothed the sky with light.
- 4 Your mother feeds you tenderly,
sings you a lullaby,
while angels, hailing David's heir,
your glory magnify,
your glory magnify.
- 5 A wonderful exchange you make:
you take our flesh and blood,
and in return give us to share
the shining realm of God,
the shining realm of God.
- 6 Unlock the door again today
that leads to paradise;
the angel bars the way no more.
To God let praises rise,
to God let praises rise!

Text: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561; tr. hymnal version. Text © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

First Reading - Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15 (Please be seated)

¹ The LORD said to Moses, ² “Dedicate all the first-born males to me, for every first-born male Israelite and every first-born male animal belongs to me.” . . . ¹¹ “The LORD will bring you into the land of the Canaanites, which he solemnly promised to you and your ancestors. When he gives it to you, ¹² you must offer every first-born male to the LORD. Every first-born male of your animals belongs to the LORD,

¹³ but you must buy back from him every first-born male donkey by offering a lamb in its place. If you do not want to buy back the donkey, break its neck. You must buy back every first-born male child of yours. ¹⁴ In the future, when your son asks what this observance means, you will answer him, 'By using great power the LORD brought us out of Egypt, the place where we were slaves. ¹⁵ When the king of Egypt was stubborn and refused to let us go, the LORD killed every first-born male in the land of Egypt, both human and animal. That is why we sacrifice every first-born male animal to the LORD, but buy back our first-born sons.

Gradual (Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a. Please remain seated)

Pastor: To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

People: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

Pastor: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

People: Mighty God,

Pastor: Everlasting Father,

People: Prince of Peace.

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song,

People: for He has done marvelous things!

Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-17 (Please remain seated)

¹² You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own. So then, you must clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you has a complaint against someone else. You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you. ¹⁴ And to all these qualities add love, which binds all things together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Christ's message in all its richness must live in your hearts. Teach and instruct one another with all wisdom. Sing psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts. ¹⁷ Everything you do or say, then, should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks through him to God the Father.

Verse (Luke 2:30, 32. Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. My eyes have seen Your salvation;

People: **a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading - Luke 2:22–40 (Please remain standing)

²² The time came for Joseph and Mary to perform the ceremony of purification, as the Law of Moses commanded. So they took the child to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, ²³ as it is written in the law of the Lord: “Every first-born male is to be dedicated to the Lord.” ²⁴ They also went to offer a sacrifice of a pair of doves or two young pigeons, as required by the law of the Lord. ²⁵ At that time there was a man named Simeon living in Jerusalem. He was a good, God-fearing man and was waiting for Israel to be saved. The Holy Spirit was with him ²⁶ and had assured him that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's promised Messiah. ²⁷ Led by the Spirit, Simeon went into the Temple. When the parents brought the child Jesus into the Temple to do for him what the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took the child in his arms and gave thanks to God: ²⁹ “Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. ³⁰ With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples: ³² A light to reveal your will to the Gentiles and bring glory to your people Israel.” ³³ The child's father and mother were amazed at the things Simeon said about him. ³⁴ Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother, “This child is chosen by God for the destruction and the salvation of many in Israel. He will be a sign from God which many people will speak against ³⁵ and so reveal their secret thoughts. And sorrow, like a sharp sword, will break your own heart.” ³⁶⁻³⁷ There was a very old prophet, a widow named Anna, daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She had been married for only seven years and was now eighty-four years old. She never left the Temple; day and night she worshiped God, fasting and praying. ³⁸ That very same hour she arrived and gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were waiting for God to set Jerusalem free. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had finished doing all that was required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to their hometown of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong; he was full of wisdom, and God's blessings were upon him.

Hymn - Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (LW #57, please remain seated)

1 Gen-tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
 2 An-gels sang a - bout his birth, Wise Men sought and found him;
 3 Gen-tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;

There he lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a stran - ger.
 Heav-en's star shone bright-ly forth Glo - ry all a - round him.
 He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a stran - ger.

Such a babe in such a place, Can he be the Sav - ior?
 Shep-herds saw the won-drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race Who have found his fa - vor.
 All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
 Praise his name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

Text: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1859-1933; Tune: TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM, Swedish, Piae Cantiones, 1582

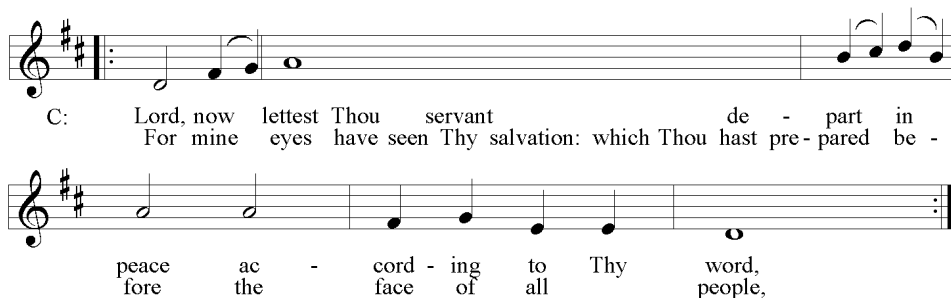
Message

Life In The Wilderness Colossians 3:12-17

Response – The Nunc Dimittis

(From the Latin meaning “Now let us depart”. Please remain seated)

Part 1



C: Lord, now lettest Thou servant de - part in
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast pre - pared be -
peace ac - cord - ing to Thy word,
fore the face of all people,

Part 2



A Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the Glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
ginning, is now, and ev - er shall be: world with - out end. A - men.

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Remain seated as the offerings for today 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 (Colossians 3:12, 15; Matthew 5:23–24Please remain standing)

Pastor: Holy and beloved, let us use the encouragement of the Epistle to guide our prayers to God for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various needs. Put on compassion:

People: **Protect and guide all who serve in the healing professions, O Lord. Give them compassion so that they see their patients as Your dearly loved children.**

Pastor: Put on kindness:

People: **Guide and strengthen all who teach and care for vulnerable teens and senior citizens. Give them wisdom to serve in kindness and love.**

Pastor: Put on humility:

People: **Remind those who fill positions of authority here and around the world to rule with humility as they serve You and the people around them in making, administering, and adjudicating the laws of the land.**

Pastor: Put on meekness:

People: **Protect and guide those who serve in law enforcement at home and armed forces deployed so that they make appropriate decisions at all times.**

Pastor: Put on patience:

People: Open doors of opportunity for the spread of the Gospel here and around the world. Give patience to clergy and lay leaders alike as they proclaim the news of Your Son's birth. Make them aware of Your gracious presence to bless their efforts.

Pastor: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Heavenly Father, we remember before You those who are not at peace because of illness, conflict, loss, and sadness. In Your great love,

People: restore health, resolve conflict, console, and bring renewal of joy as fits Your gracious plans for them.

Pastor: Into Your hands, loving Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer (Prayed 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.

Collect For Peace (Please remain standing)

Leader: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all 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 the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

People: Amen

Benediction (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who gave the gift of His Son, the Son who gave us the gift of eternal life, and the Holy Spirit who gives us to one another in love—bless you and keep you, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve our loving Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song - Go Tell It On The Mountain (ELW #290, please be seated)

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.; Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual. Used as Public domain

Announcements

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Rev. Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Nancy Adams and Cynthia Smith
Counters:	Rick Kenney & Vicki McGowan
Ushers:	Jerry Locey
Lay Reader:	Mary Ann Griller

Activities This Week:

Sunday – December 30	9:30 am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – January 1	9:30-12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – January 2	2:45 – 6:15 pm 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (N) Stage Door (PH)
Friday – January 4	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	German Story Time (N)
Saturday – January 5	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – January 6	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

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.

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

Thursday - Dorlane Krausse

Friday - Billie Zepp

Men's Bible Class – The Men's Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge. We will continue our study on Vocation. Please join us!

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 30, 2018 – January 5, 2019

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 31

Psalm 147:12-20
1 Kings 3:5-14
John 8:12-19

Tuesday – January 1

Psalm 8
Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7

Wednesday – January 2

Psalm 147:12-20
Proverbs 1:1-7
James 3:13-18

Thursday – January 3

Psalm 72
Job 42:10-17
Luke 8:16-21

Friday – January 4

Psalm 72

Isaiah 6:1-5

Acts 7:44-53

Saturday – January 5

Psalm 148

Jeremiah 31:7-14

John 1:1-18

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Epiphany****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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