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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 31, 2017

Introduction

“God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.” (Galatians 4:4) The presents are unwrapped. Maybe some are put away, never to be seen again. The decorations are put away. The feelings are those of gratitude having seen friends and family over the holiday. Some are feelings of disappointment that the holiday did not turn out as planned. And some feelings are the post-holiday let down. Whatever the case, we can be comforted that though the holiday ends, Jesus stays. He submits to the commandments, the Law. He lives the life we can not live in order that we might be God’s children. After all, the story of this holiday is not about presents and the perfect gathering. It is about the One who comes to be with us, to be one of us. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

Entrance – Confession And Forgiveness (Please stand)

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

Pastor: According to the Lord’s own Word, let us come before Him.
People: **Our eyes shall see the salvation He has prepared for us.**

Pastor: If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

People: **and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us join together and confess our sins to God, our Father:

People: **Lord God, heavenly Father, we acknowledge that we have not walked according to Your love. Our words and actions have not reflected the light of Your presence in our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in the darkness. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we ask for Your forgiveness. Cleanse our hearts and minds with His mercy, and scatter the darkness of our sin with the brightness of His righteousness. Amen.**

Pastor: Our merciful God sends forth the Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem you and I who are under the law, so that we might be adopted into Gods' family and freed by God's forgiveness. When we did not love, Jesus loved for us. When we stumbled in the darkness, Jesus stood in the light for us. As a called and ordained servant of God's Son, Jesus 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.

People: **Amen.**

(We greet each other with the peace of the Lord)

Song – Word Of God Come Down To Earth (ELW #510, please remain standing)

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de-scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to
 we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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A Psalm Of Praise - Psalm 98:1–4; Isaiah 9:6

Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder,

People: **and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.


People: **The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Pastor: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.


People: **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! 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. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

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.

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First Reading - Isaiah 61:10--62:3 (Please remain seated)

To the people who returned to Jerusalem after the exile, the prophet proclaims that the Lord's salvation will fully come to pass. Jerusalem will become a shining light to the nations and righteousness and praise will spring up as surely as the earth puts forth vegetation.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. ... ^{62:1}For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Pastor: To us

People: a child is born,

Pastor: to us

People: a son is given;

Pastor: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

People: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song,

People: for He has done marvelous things!

Second Reading - Galatians 4:4-7 (Please remain seated)

Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God's family as sons and daughters.

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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 - Luke 2:21–40 (Please remain standing)

Luke's narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus' connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a

sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Song - Let All Together Praise Our God (ELW #287, please be seated)



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore the
 2 From God's right hand the Son de - scends, is born an
 3 O ten - der Child, you veil in flesh the splen - dor
 4 Your moth - er feeds you ten - der - ly, sings you a

high - est throne; to - day God o - pens heav'n a - gain and
 in - fant small, and lies in pov - er - ty, his bed a
 of your might; a ser - vant's garb now wraps the one who
 lul - la - by, while an - gels, hail - ing Da - vid's heir, your



sends the on - ly Son, and sends the on - ly Son.
man - ger in a stall, a man - ger in a stall.
clothed the sky with light, who clothed the sky with light.
glo - ry mag - ni - fy, your glo - ry mag - ni - fy.

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!

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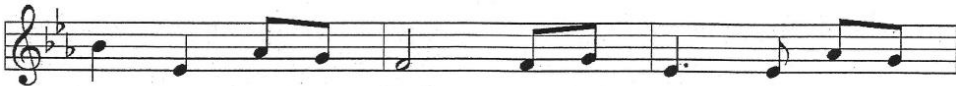
Message

Born Under The Law
In Order To Redeem Those Who Were Under The Law
Galatians 4:4-7

Song - Holy Child Within The Manger (WOV #638, please remain seated)



1 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, long a -
2 Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— how your
3 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, lead us



go yet ev - er near; come as friend to ev - 'ry
love for us was shown, when the im - age of your
ev - er in your way, so we see in ev - 'ry



stran - ger, come as hope for ev - 'ry fear.
glo - ry wore an im - age like our own.
stran - ger how you come to us to - day.



As you lived to heal the broken, greet the
Come, enlighten with your wisdom, come and
In our lives and in our living give us

out-cast, free the bound, as you taught us love un-
filled us with your grace. May the fire of your com-
munion strength to live as you, that our hearts might be for-

spo-ken, teach us now where you are found.
pas-sion kin-dle ev-ry land and race.
giv-ing and our spir-its strong and true.

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Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please remain 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

Prayers (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. - Brief silence - That the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who in great tenderness toward us sent His Son into our flesh to fulfill the Law in perfect love would grant to us, His baptized children, joy in His will and a desire to walk in His ways. let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the year that is almost over, in thanksgiving to God for all the good we were permitted to give and receive, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the year that is almost here, that God would continue to watch over us and bless us, and that He would give us opportunity to serve our neighbor and tell others the good news of His Son, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For patience and vigilance as we await the return of Christ, that God would keep us ever faithful and ready with our lamps burning, always awake and ready, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our government, military, first responders and all who serve us in the civil realm, that they would use the authority and responsibility given to them to serve God's will, protect the innocent, administer justice and provide for the needy, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who cry out to God for mercy: the sick, the hospitalized and injured, the mentally ill, the grieving and lonely, the imprisoned and forsaken, let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Additional prayers

Pastor: For all who have fallen asleep in His promises and who now rest in Him that God would allow us to share with them the joyful feast on the day of His appearing , let us pray to the Lord:
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else we need, we are bold to ask the Lord, because He has made us His people and members of His Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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.

Blessing (Please remain standing)

Pastor: May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest!

People: **Peace to God's people on earth!**

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - The First Noel (ELW #300, please remain standing)

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .
cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
tin-ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Vicki McGowan
Usher:	Laureen Schneeberger
Counters:	Vicki McGowan, Cynthia Smith

Activities This Week:

Sunday – December 31	9:30am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – January 2	9:30-12:30am	Stage Door (PH)

Wednesday – January 3	6pm	Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – January 6	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – January 7	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament

Announcements For December 31, 2017

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:

Wednesday - Dorlane Krausse
Thursday - Billie Zepp

Lay Ministers Meeting – The next Lay Ministers meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 14 after worship in Peace Hall.

Facebook - Like us on Facebook at Peace Lutheran Church Mill Valley or @peacelutheranmill

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

Weekly Devotional Helps

December 31 – January 6, 2017

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 – January 1

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

Tuesday – January 2

Psalm 148
Proverbs 1:1-7
James 3:13-18

Wednesday – January 3

Psalm 110
Proverbs 1:20-33
James 4:1-10

Thursday – January 4

Psalm 110
Proverbs 3:1-12
James 4:11-17

Friday – January 5

Psalm 110

Proverbs 22:1-9

Luke 6:27-31

Saturday – January 6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Baptism Of Our Lord**

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

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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