



# **Peace Lutheran Church**

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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.**

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## 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.

**Holy Communion** – At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

**Please join us again next week!**

# **What Child Is This**

## **The Child Who Is a Virgin's Great Son**

### **Second Sunday In Advent**

#### **December 9, 2018**

### **As We Gather**

When Jesus was about to be conceived, Gabriel told Mary, "The child to be born will be called holy" (Luke 1:35). *Holy* means "set apart for a purpose." Centuries before, Samson was one of the judges God set apart to lead His people. His birth was announced to his mother by the angel in words similar to those of Gabriel. Though holy in his calling, Samson had many human failings, as do we, hopeless in our inability to free ourselves from sin. In direct contrast to Samson, Mary's Son, Jesus, "in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). Samson saved God's people from the Philistines, but Jesus saves us from all sin. When Jesus gave His life, He offered us His own holiness. Now, God's Word "You shall be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16) applies to us by grace. In every circumstance, we are able to echo Mary's response: "Let it be to me according to your word." Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church

**Prayer Before Worship** - We have prepared our homes, and our gifts, Lord, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace. Free us from the stresses and strains of this time, and place your peace which passes all our understanding in our hearts. 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: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

Pastor: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

**People: for the Lord our God is holy!**

Pastor: The child to be born will be called holy.

**People: Let it be to me according to your word.**

## Confession And Absolution (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Gabriel said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." God has now graciously favored us by giving us faith in the Son born to her. Let us go to Him, seeking His grace for Jesus' sake.

- Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition. - Father in heaven,

**People: we confess that although You have declared us to be Your set-apart, holy people, too often we resemble the world around us in our speaking and acting. Instead of letting Your will be done as Your humble servants, we follow our own paths. We cannot**

**serve You in holiness and righteousness without Your aid. As You have ransomed us not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18–19), so now assure us of Your forgiveness and move our feet to walk in paths pleasing to You for the sake of Your holy Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**Pastor:** Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God. Our heavenly Father sent His Son to enter human history to be born of a virgin and live the obedient life for you. God raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God (1 Peter 1:21). Because God declares you to be holy, you are free from sin to serve Him in joy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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 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 – Judges 13:2-7** (Please be seated)

The angel of the Lord announces Samson's coming birth: "He shall begin to save Israel." Samson foreshadows Jesus' work.

<sup>2</sup> At that time there was a man named Manoah from the town of Zorah. He was a member of the tribe of Dan. His wife had never been able to have children. <sup>3</sup> The LORD's angel appeared to her and said, "You have never been able to have children, but you will soon be pregnant and have a son. <sup>4</sup> Be sure not to drink any wine or beer, or eat any forbidden food; <sup>5</sup> and after your son is born, you must never cut his hair, because from the day of his birth he will be dedicated to God as a nazirite. He will begin the work of rescuing Israel from the Philistines." <sup>6</sup> Then the woman went and told her husband, "A man of God has come to me, and he looked as frightening as the angel of God. I didn't ask him where he came from, and he didn't tell me his name. <sup>7</sup> But he did tell me that I would become pregnant and have a son. He told me not to drink any wine or beer, or eat any forbidden food, because the boy is to be dedicated to God as a nazirite as long as he lives."

## **Second Reading – 1 Peter 1:13–21** (Please remain seated)

We are holy because we have been given Jesus' holiness by grace.

<sup>13</sup> So then, have your minds ready for action. Keep alert and set your hope completely on the blessing which will be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>14</sup> Be obedient to God, and do not allow your lives to be shaped by those desires you had when you were still ignorant. <sup>15</sup> Instead, be holy in all that you do, just as God who called you is holy. <sup>16</sup> The scripture says, "Be holy because I am holy." <sup>17</sup> You call him Father, when you pray to God, who judges all people by the same standard, according to what each one has done; so then, spend the rest of your lives here on earth in reverence for him. <sup>18</sup> For you know what was paid to set you free from the worthless manner of life handed down by your ancestors. It was not something that can be destroyed, such as silver or gold; <sup>19</sup> it was the costly sacrifice of Christ, who was like a lamb without defect or flaw. <sup>20</sup> He had been chosen by God before the creation of the world and was revealed in these last days for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from death and gave him glory; and so your faith and hope are fixed on God.

## Gospel Reading - Luke 1:26-38 (Please stand)

The angel Gabriel announces Jesus' coming birth to Mary. He shall be the Son of the Most High.

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## Response (Please remain standing)

Pastor: And he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines.

**People: He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.**

Pastor: You shall be holy, for I am holy.

**People: He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.**

Pastor: Behold, I am the servant of the Lord.

**People: He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.**

## 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 - O Lord, How Shall I Meet You** (Tune: LBW #108 Please be seated)

- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,  
how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you,  
my hope, my heart's delight!  
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy,  
your lamp within my breast  
to do in spirit lowly  
all that may please you best.
- 2 Your Zion strews before you  
green boughs and fairest palms;  
and I, too, will adore you  
with joyous songs and psalms.  
My heart shall bloom forever  
for you with praises new  
and from your name shall never  
withhold the honor due.
- 3 I lay in fetters, groaning;  
you came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning;  
you came to honor me.  
A glorious crown you give me,  
a treasure safe on high  
that will not fail or leave me  
as earthly riches fly.



- 4 Love caused your incarnation;  
love brought you down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation  
procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling,  
that led you to embrace  
in love, all love excelling,  
our lost and fallen race.
- 5 Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,  
who sit in deepest gloom,  
who mourn your joys departed  
and tremble at your doom.  
Despair not; he is near you,  
there, standing at the door,  
who best can help and cheer you  
and bids you weep no more.
- 6 He comes to judge the nations,  
a terror to his foes,  
a light of consolations  
and blessed hope to those  
who love the Lord's appearing.  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
send forth your beams so cheering  
and guide us safely home.

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## Children's Message

### Message

The Child Who Is a Virgin's Great Son  
Judges 13:2–7  
Luke 1:26–38

## Response – My Soul Proclaims Your Mercy Lord (ELW #251, please remain seated)



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.  
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.  
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—  
The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat. Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune. Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

## Prayer Of The Church (Please stand)

**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.

**Additional Prayers**

Pastor: Lord in your mercy

**People:** Hear our prayer

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

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

**Response - What Child Is This** (Stanza 3, LBW #40, please remain seated)

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

## ✠ Sacrament ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has deigned to visit us with His merciful presence so that we would be united to Him and reconciled to You. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy King (Tune: LBW #28, please remain standing)

Holy, Holy, Holy King,  
Come and visit us, and bring  
Peace throughout the heav'ns and earth,  
As we raise Hosanna's mirth.

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Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and

preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." ... In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ... As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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:** God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**People:** **Amen.**

## Hymn

O Lamb of God, You Take Away (Tune: LBW #34, please remain standing)

O Lamb of God, You take away  
Each sin that leads our hearts astray.  
Have mercy on us, great High Priest,  
And lead us to Your endless feast.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,  
Your peace is here, O Israel.

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## Distribution (Please be seated)

Approach the altar at the usher's direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray carried by the acolyte or lay minister. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

### **Prayer before Communion** (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

### **Prayer After Communion** (Prayed privately after returning to your seated)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

## Blessing (Please stand)

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 – Away In A Manger** (LBW #67, please remain standing)

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay;  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Text: North American, anonymous, 19th cent.

## **Announcements**

## **Recessional**

# Serving The Lord With Gladness

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Ricky Adams</b>
<b>Organist:</b>	<b>Janet Reese</b>
<b>Lay Minister:</b>	<b>Gary Glover</b>
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	<b>Christmas Decorating</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>Janice Hellman and Vicki McGowan</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Vicki McGowan and Beverly Erbel</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Don and Beverly Erbel</b>
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Sharon Sides</b>

## Activities This Week:

<b>Sunday – December 9</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>After Worship</b> <b>After Meeting</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b> <b>And Sacrament</b> <b>Congregational Meeting</b> <b>Decorate Sanctuary</b>
<b>Tuesday – December 11</b>	9:30-12: 30 pm 4:30 5:30 pm	Stage Door (PH) Music Class (LL)
<b>Wednesday – December 12</b>	2:45 – 6:15 pm 4:30 5:30PM <b>5:30 pm</b> 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (N) Music Class (LL) <b>Fireside Gathering</b> Stage Door (PH)
<b>Saturday – December 15</b>	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
<b>Sunday – December 16</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>



**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 - John & Ana Hilda Mosher**

**Wednesday - Charles Keine & Kathy Doyle**

## **Looking Ahead**

**Today, December 9:** Congregational Meeting  
Church Decorating

**Wednesday, December 12:** Fireside Holiday Gathering

**Monday, December 24:** Christmas Eve Worship, 7:00 p.m.

**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](mailto: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 – December 15, 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 10**

Psalm 126  
Isaiah 40:1-11  
Romans 8:22-25

### **Tuesday – December 11**

Psalm 126  
Isaiah 19:18-25  
2 Peter 1:2-15

### **Wednesday – December 12**

Psalm 126  
Isaiah 35:3-7  
Luke 7:18-30

### **Thursday – December 13**

Isaiah 12:2-6  
Amos 6:1-8  
2 Corinthians 8:1-15

**Friday – December 14**

Isaiah 12:2-6

Amos 8:4-12

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

**Saturday – December 15**

Isaiah 12:2-6

Malachi 4:1-6

Luke 9:57-66

**Scripture Readings For Next Sunday****Third Sunday of Advent**

**2 Samuel 6:12-23**

**Psalms 98:1-6**

**Philippians 4:4-9**

**Luke 1:39-45**

**Commemorations**

**December 13 - Lucy, martyr, died 304:** Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

**December 14 - John of the Cross, renewer of the church, died 1591:** John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order, and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.

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