

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS JANUARY 5, 2025

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

<u>WELCOME TO PEACE!</u> If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

<u>NEWS AND NOTES</u> for this week can be found in the narthex by the door. Please take one as you leave today to stay informed about upcoming events at Peace Lutheran Church.

<u>CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD</u>, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

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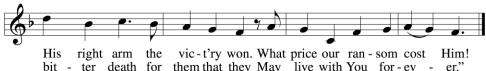
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C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary





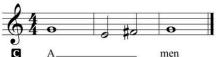
bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for -ev - er." ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To where I am you may re-main; The foe shall not di - vide us. heav'n-ly trea - sure should de-stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you."

*Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



*Opening Sentences

Ephesians 1:3, 6–7

- P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
- **C** To the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.
- **P** In Him we have redemption through His blood,
- The forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

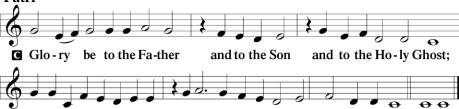
*Confession

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

*Absolution

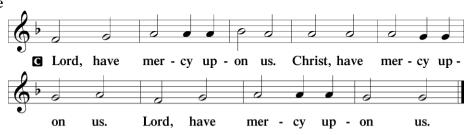


*Gloria Patri



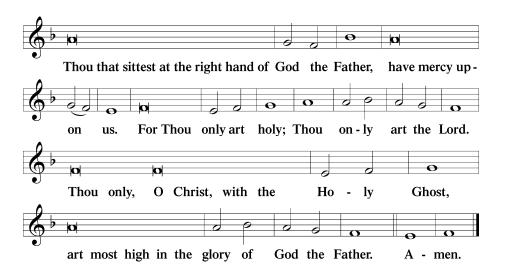
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.





*Gloria in Excelsis





*Salutation and Collect of the Day





Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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*Holy Gospel Luke 2:40–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.



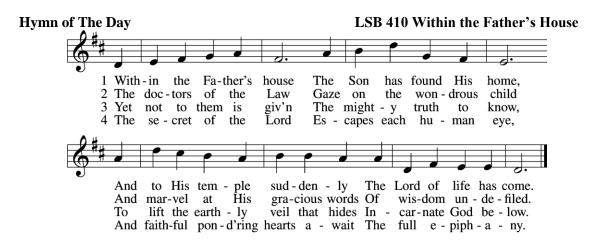
*Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the

Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



- 5 Lord, visit Thou our souls And teach us by Thy grace Each dim revealing of Thyself With loving awe to trace
- △ 6 Till we behold Thy face And know as we are known Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Coequal Three in One.

Sermon "Your Father's House is Your House" (Luke 2:40-52)

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate *Offertory

*Prayer of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Preface

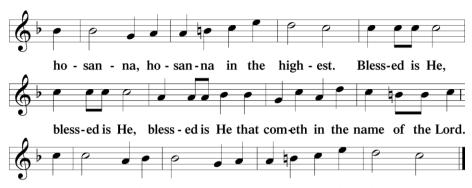


*Proper Preface

We should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:







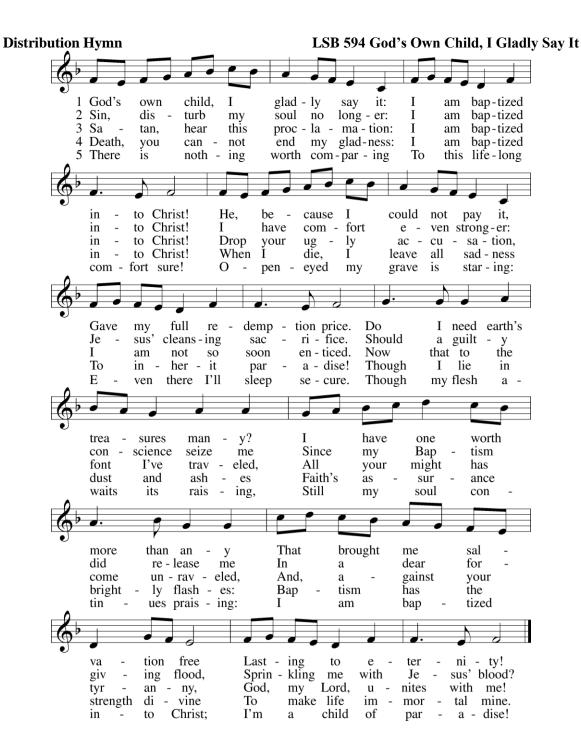
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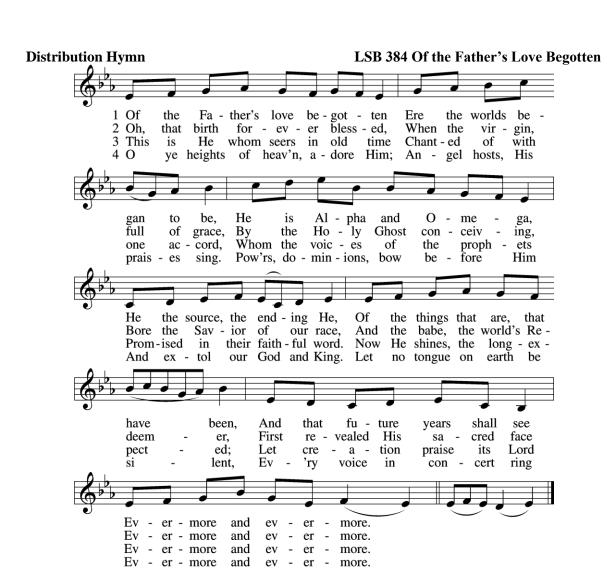
*The Words of Our Lord

*Pax Domini











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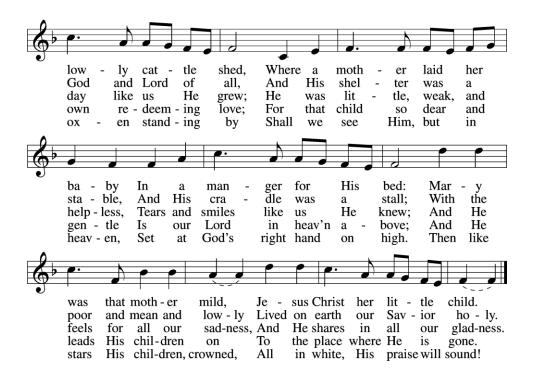
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LSB 366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear



- 1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,
- 2 Still through the clo ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un furled, 3 All you, be neath your heav y load, By care and guilt bent low,
- 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By prophets seen of old,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.
Who toil a - long a drea - ry way With pain - ful steps and slow:
When down in - to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore - told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king."

A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,
Look up, for gold - en is the hour, Come swift - ly on the wing,
His word of peace shall to the earth God's an - cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing. And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing. The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an - gels sing. And all who take this gift will hear The song the an - gels sing.

*Nunc Dimittis



*Thanksgiving

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.



*Benedicamus

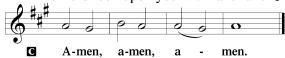


*Benediction

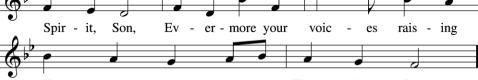
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

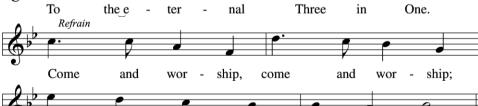
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The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.









*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Jon Furgeson Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: <u>5:00 & 8:00</u>: Michelle Sliger; <u>9:20 & 10:30</u>: Burnell Hackman

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: A. Hopfer/M. Thiel/L. Palma

Elders: 5:00: Steve Kienstra, Bob Wolff; 8:00: Jeff Akers, Mark Dowell;

9:20: Aaron Baese, Steve Shawcross; 10:30: Rick Goodman, John Hooss

Ushers: 5:00: Team #15 – Steve Kienstra, Captain; 8:00: Team #4 – Dan Prange, Captain;

9:20: Team #10 – Jim Maschhoff, Captain; 10:30: Team #7 – Bryan Dressel, Captain

Acolytes: 5:00: Ben Posadas, Aleah Jacobsmeyer; 8:00: Madison Gersman, Annabelle Sanders;

10:30: Madison Gersman, Lyla McCarty

Greeters: 8:00: Fred & Pamela Sanders; 9:20: Eric & Stephanie Holler; 10:30: Sara Hopfer

Altar Committee: Mary Eaton, Jeanette Mattingly

