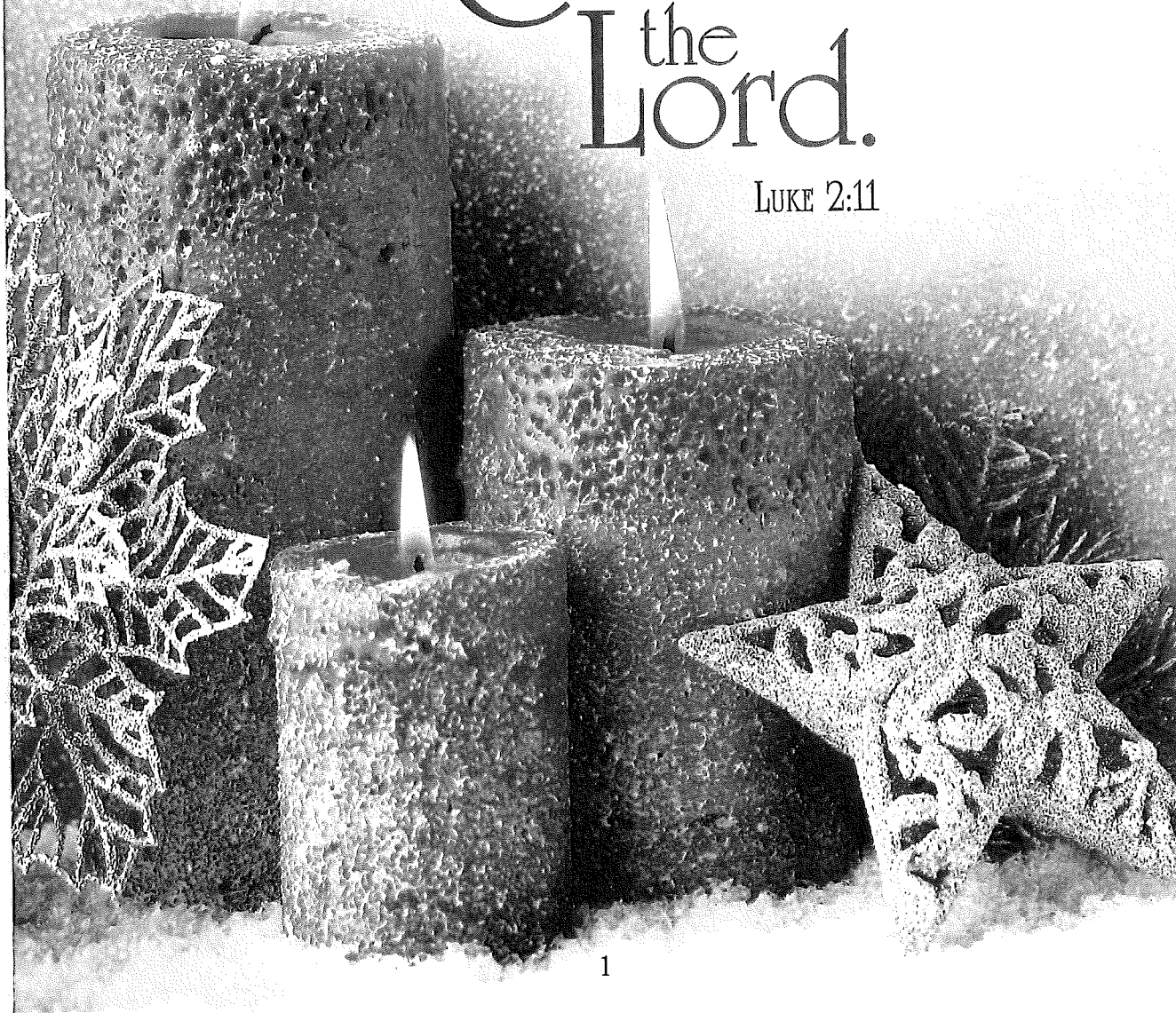


Unto you is born this day
in the city of David
a saviour,
which is
Christ
the Lord.

LUKE 2:11



**Christmas Day
December 25, 2022
Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN**

WELCOME

HYMN 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lighting the Advent and Christ Candles - Broll Family

We gather together this morning to celebrate the birth of God's one and only Son: Jesus, Emmanuel, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Where there is despair, Jesus brings us hope—the hope of Christmas.

Psalm 33:20 "We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield."

As we gather to worship: **We light the candle of HOPE.** *(Light a blue candle.)*

Where there is war and discord, Jesus brings us peace—the peace of Christmas.

Psalm 29:11 "The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace."

As we gather to worship: **We light the candle of PEACE.** *(Light a blue candle.)*

Where there is sorrow, Jesus brings us joy—the Joy of Christmas.

Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice!"

As we gather to worship: **We light the candle of JOY.** *(Light the pink candle.)*

Where there is despair, Jesus brings us love—the love of Christmas.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

As we gather to worship: **We light the candle of LOVE.** *(Light a blue candle.)*

Where there is darkness, Jesus brings us light—the light of Christmas.

John 8:12 Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

As we gather to worship: **We light the Christ Candle.**

Jesus is the light of the world! *(Light the Christ candle.)*

HYMN 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CONFESSION

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

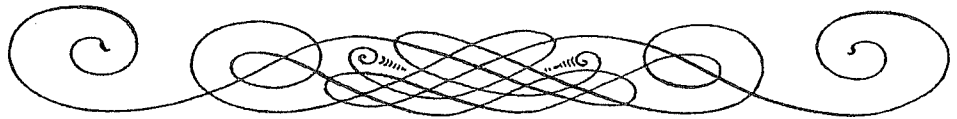
Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN: Gloria in Excelsis (Maroon hymnal page 204)

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" Our glad reply.



OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
⁸ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.
When the LORD returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.

⁹ Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰ The LORD will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God. (NIV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 1:1-6

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.
³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.
After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.
⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say,
"You are my Son; today I have become your Father"?
Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?
⁶ And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,
"Let all God's angels worship him." (NIV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

▲ *If you are able, please stand for v. 5 and remain standing for the Gospel reading.*

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE 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.

Children's Sermon

The Wonder of Christmas: The Word Became Flesh (John 1:1-14)

HYMN 368 Angels We Have Heard on High

MESSAGE

The Power and Joy of Christmas (John 1:14; Luke 2:6-12) Pastor Meyer

Presentation of Offerings

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

HYMN 364 Away in a Manger

HYMN 393 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

HYMN 363 Silent Night

HYMN 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come, verses 1-6, 14, 15

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN 387 Joy to the World



Wednesday, December 28th – No Noon Bible Study or Confirmation Classes.

Saturday, December 31st at 6:30pm, with communion

Sunday, January 1st at 9:00am in the Sanctuary, with communion

(Note: No services at 8:30am or 10:30am. No Bible class or Sunday School.)

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