



The 1st Sunday after Christmas
December 30-31, 2023
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 383 (Maroon): A Great and Mighty Wonder, verses 1-3
10:30am SONG: O Come, Little Children, verses 1-4

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111)

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

¹ I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

² **Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ **They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.**

To him belongs eternal praise. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION

As we gather in joy and celebration, let us confess our sins.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

We come this morning confessing our need and desire for the one true Light.

We are burdened by our sins and the darkness around us.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, forgive us and enlighten us by Your grace that we may forever praise and worship You, with the angels and all of creation.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 383 (Maroon): A Great and Mighty Wonder, verses 4-5

10:30am SONG: O Come, Little Children, verses 5-6



Readers: 6:30pm John Mons; 8:30am Darlyn Egge; 10:30am Sara Peterson

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

¹⁰ I delight greatly in the LORD;
my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.

² The nations will see your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name

that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.

³ You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God. (NIV)

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EPISTLE READING: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir. (NIV) This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HYMN 358 (Maroon): From Heaven Above to Earth I Come, Verses 1, 14, ▲ 15

10:30am SONG: The First Noel, verse 1

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. (NIV)

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

6:30pm & 8:30am Maroon Hymnal, page 211 Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittus)

10:30am SONG: One Small Child

MESSAGE "The Christmas Gift" (Galatians 4:4-7) Pastor Bode

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

6:30 & 8:30am AGNUS DEI, page 198

HYMN 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

HYMN 389 Let All Together Praise Our God

10:30am: Hallelujah

BLESSING

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 519 (Maroon): In His Temple Now Behold Him

10:30am SONG: Good Christian Men Rejoice

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