

**Christmas Day  
December 25, 2024  
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.**

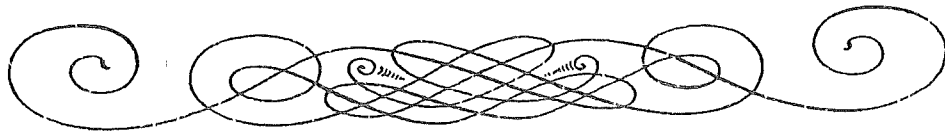
Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority; I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**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 9:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. (ESV)

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

**EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (ESV) 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: Luke 2:8-20**

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

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> **"Glory to God in the highest,**

**and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"**

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. (ESV)

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

## Children's Message

### HYMN 368 Angels We Have Heard on High

MESSAGE "He was born to Save Us" (the Son of God was born to save us from our sin and bring us peace) Pastor Kurt Weber

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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.

**Presentation of Offerings SOLO: Light of the World, Grace Puckett**

*Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.*

**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 388 Go Tell It on the Mountain**

**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**

