



# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

## DECEMBER 28, 2025

WELCOME TO PEACE! 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!

NEWS AND NOTES for this week can be found on the Commons Counter. Please take one home to stay informed about upcoming events at Peace Lutheran Church.

**P** = Pastor      \* = Stand      △ = Stand for Trinitarian stanza      **C** = Congregation

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Opening Voluntary

### \*Opening Hymn

LSB 389 Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

### \*Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**C** A \_\_\_\_\_ men

**\*Psalm**

*Psalm 111:1-6*

- P** Praise the LORD!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
- C** **In the company of the upright, in the congregation.**
- P** Great are the works of the LORD,
- C** **Studied by all who delight in them.**
- P** Full of splendor and majesty is His work,
- C** **And His righteousness endures forever.**
- P** He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;
- C** **The LORD is gracious and merciful.**
- P** He provides food for those who fear Him;
- C** **He remembers His covenant forever.**
- P** He has shown His people the power of His works,
- C** **In giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

**\*Confession**

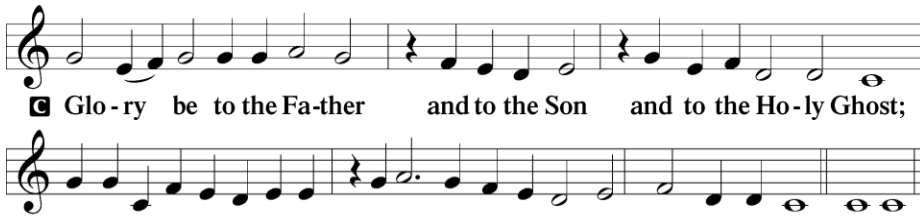
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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**



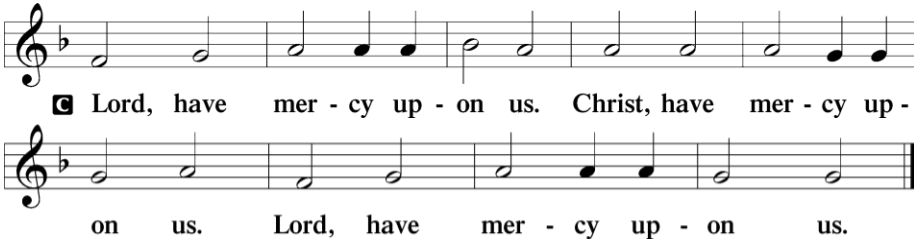
**C** A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

**\*Gloria Patri**



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

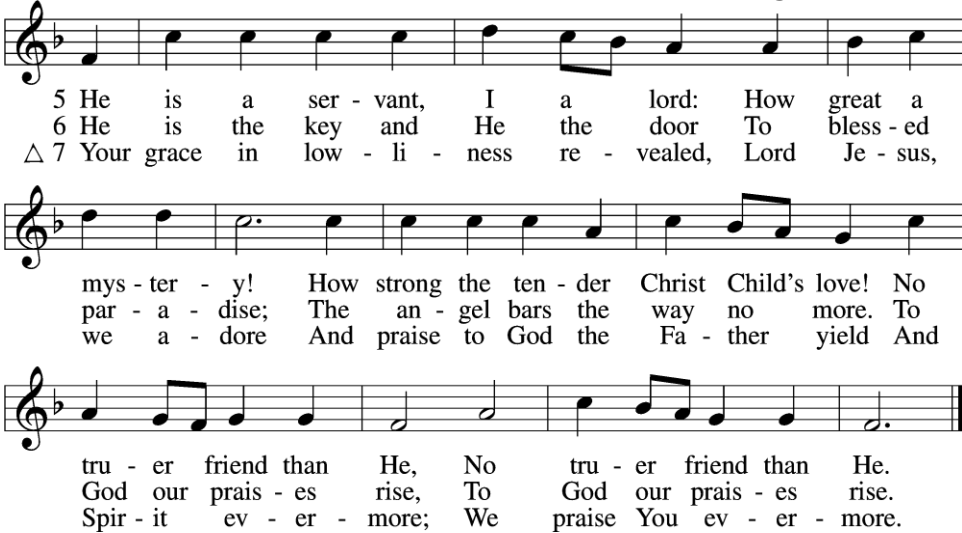
**\*Kyrie**



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

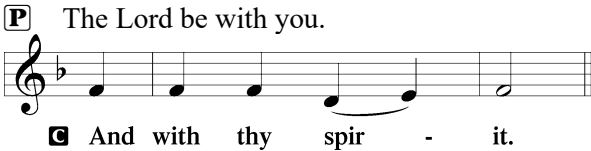
**LSB 389 Let All Together Praise Our God**



5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a  
6 He is the key and He the door To bless - ed  
△ 7 Your grace in low - li - ness re - vealed, Lord Je - sus,  
mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No  
par - a - dise; The an - gel bars the way no more. To  
we a - dore And praise to God the Fa - ther yield And  
tru - er friend than He, No tru - er friend than He.  
God our prais - es rise, To God our prais - es rise.  
Spir - it ev - er - more; We praise You ev - er - more.

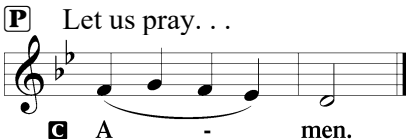
**\*Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. . .



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 63:7–14*

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,  
the praises of the LORD,  
according to all that the LORD has granted us,  
and the great goodness to the house of Israel  
that he has granted them according to his compassion,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.  
<sup>8</sup>For he said, “Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely.”  
And he became their Savior.  
<sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted,  
and the angel of his presence saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.  
<sup>10</sup>But they rebelled  
and grieved his Holy Spirit;  
therefore he turned to be their enemy,  
and himself fought against them.  
<sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old,  
of Moses and his people.  
Where is he who brought them up out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?  
Where is he who put in the midst of them  
his Holy Spirit,  
<sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm  
to go at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself an everlasting name,  
<sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths?  
Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.  
<sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley,  
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.  
So you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious name.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Galatians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption

as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\*Alleluia**



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**\*Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 2:13–23*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

<sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**\*Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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.

**Children's Message**

Stephanie Torbeck  
Kindergarten Teacher, Green Park Lutheran School

**Hymn of the Day**

**LSB 387 Joy to the World**



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

## Sermon Notes:

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

## \*Offertory



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

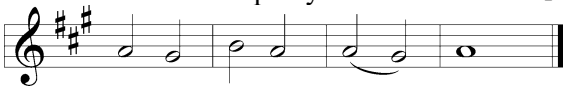
## \*Prayer of the Church

## \*Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### \*Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### \*Hymn to Depart

### LSB 352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - ya year,  
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

### \*Silent Prayer

### Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Robert Brown

Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: 5:00 & 8:00: Michelle Sliger; 9:20 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: A. Hopfer/B. Dressel/W. Schuessler

Elders: 5:00: Rich Behnke, Steve Kienstra; 8:00: Art Hoeflerlin, Kyle Hopfer;

9:20: John Roesch, Ralph Wolters; 10:30: Erik Lunsford, John Rastorfer

Ushers: 5:00: Team #14 – Greg Wirtel, Captain; 8:00: Team #3 – Barry Hammon, Captain;

9:20: Team #9 – John Wiesehan, Captain; 10:30: Team #6 – Darrell Ewald, Captain

Acolytes: 8:00: Truman Davis, Andrew Lunsford; 10:30: Corbin Kurtz




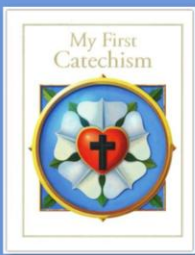
## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

David K. Beutler to the Glory of God  
Inga Duke in Loving Memory of Rev. John Duke, Sr.  
Eaton Family, in Memory of Eldor & Vernell Bock and Freida & Donnie Eaton  
Bill Eydman in Loving Memory of Kala Eydman  
Nancy Fischer in Loving Memory of her parents, Ernie & Mildred Truemper and  
her brother Ken, and in honor of her family's gift of love  
Merrily Goldsmith in Loving Memory of Bruce  
Helen Hellwege in Loving Memory of Wil Hellwege  
Vern Keck in Honor of Peggy Zimmerer  
Vern Keck in Loving Memory of Cindy, Vince, Leah, Charlotte  
Leon and Mary Jane Knoernschild in Loving Memory of their parents  
Marlene Kruse in Loving Memory of her daughter-in-law Karen Kruse  
Jim and Jan Luepke to the Glory of God  
Patricia Maetten in Loving Memory of Carolyn & Lyman Kaiser and Suzzann & Ted Maetten  
The Maschhoff Family in Loving Memory of Roy and Ginnie Baese  
Vicki McConnell in Memory of Jim McConnell  
The Meyer Kids in Loving Memory of Karl F. Meyer  
The Meyer Kids in Loving Memory of Jim Fiasco  
Louise Mullen in Memory of Mark Mullen  
Deborah and John Prideaux to the Glory of God for their children John M. (Caitlyn) Prideaux and Elizabeth  
Prideaux, and their parents Carole and John Schultz and Henry (Mary) Prideaux  
Deborah and John Prideaux in Loving Memory of Gloria Prideaux and Elizabeth Schultz  
and their Grandparents  
Dean Rahn in Loving Memory of his sister Tammie (Tootse) Vollmer and his father Philip (Moon) Rahn  
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Reisenbichler in Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Reisenbichler,  
Mr. & Mrs. Federito Veliganilao, and Maryln Rastl  
Carol Robertson to the Glory of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit  
The Roenfeldt Family in Loving Memory of Grace and Harold Roenfeldt  
John and Tracey Roesch in Loving Memory of Loved Ones no longer with us  
The Saberton Family in Loving Memory of Jane and Richard Hacker  
Mary Sanders in Loving Memory of Cliff Sanders and Josie Sanders  
Jackie Schramm in Loving Memory of Gerry Schramm  
Jackie Schramm in Loving Memory of Jackie Seitz  
Wayne and Marilyn Schuessler to the Glory of God  
James and Donna Stabile in Honor of their grandchildren Brayden, Madelyn, Ethan, and Alex Stabile  
Donna Stine in Loving Memory of Robert Stine  
Jeff and Valerie Teague in Loving Memory of Dale Hooks  
The Thompson/Posadas/Jacobsmeier Families in Memory of Jan Thompson  
Ralph and Grace Truemper in Loving Memory of their parents Ernie & Mildred Truemper  
and Gilbert & Adelma Mueller  
Jack and Betty Via in Loving Memory of Jack's brother Bob Via  
Diane Woehr in Loving Memory of Albert & Christine Woehr and Larry & Doris Woehr

**If you purchased a poinsettia, it will be available for pickup after Epiphany, Tuesday, January 6.**

*Epiphany Worship*  
 Tuesday, January 6  
 7:00 p.m.

Service with  
 Holy Communion

*My First Catechism*  
 Class and Presentation  
 January 18  
 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  
 Kitchen Meeting Room

Kindergarten parents, sign up today on the Peace website. After the class, during the 10:30 service, you will present your child with their first catechism, continuing to help them grow in their faith.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**  
 7:00PM  
 Sanctuary Hall  
 studying the Book of Acts

**Resumes Wednesday, January 7**

