

Jesus is God's
gift to you



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

St. Peter Lutheran Church
Deshler Nebraska

Hymn Sing

#1: "Away in a Manger" LSB 364 v. 1, 2

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
The stars in the sky — looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay - tle Lord Je - sus cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.

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#2: "What Child Is This" LSB 370 v. 1, 2

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar-y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
 sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar-y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar-y!

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#3: "Angels We Have Heard on High" LSB 368 v. 1, 3

1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 And the moun-tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Refrain
 Glo - - - - - ri - a
 in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -
 - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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Christmas Video

Christmas Eve Service

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: "Joy to the World" LSB 387

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.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences Isaiah 9:2, 6

- P** The people who walked in darkness,
- C** **have seen a great light;**
- P** those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
- C** **on them has light shined...**
- P** For to us a child is born,
- C** **to us a son is given;**
- P** and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
- C** **and his name shall be called**
- P** Wonderful Counselor,
- C** **Mighty God,**
- P** Everlasting Father,
- C** **Prince of Peace.**
- P** Of the increase of his government and of peace,
- C** **there will be no end.**

Reading: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Recorded Song: "Mary, Did You Know" Sung by Krista Harms

Reading: Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" LSB 361 v. 1, 3, 4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;
A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.
Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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Reading: Luke 2:8-14

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

Mixed Choir: "One Small Child" arr. Tom Fettke

Reading: Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LSB 380 v. 1, 2

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!

With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!

Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

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Sermon

Prayer

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.

Benediction

P 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.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Silent Night" LSB 363

Ushers will come down the center aisle to light candles from the people on the ends. Please allow the person sitting next to you to light their candle from yours. Once all the candles have been lit, "Silent Night" will begin.

Please note: If you are uncomfortable with lighting your candle due to COVID, simply let the person sitting next to you know.

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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For those feeling hopeless – There is **HOPE** IN JESUS!

For those who are hurting – There is **HEALING** IN JESUS!

For those feeling unloved – There is **UNCONDITIONAL LOVE** IN JESUS!

For those facing troubles in life – There is **PEACE** IN JESUS!

For those dealing with guilt and shame – There is **FREEDOM** IN JESUS!

For those dealing with sin – There is **FORGIVENESS** IN JESUS!

All of these things are found in one person, the babe born in Bethlehem – Jesus Christ. In Him you will experience lasting peace, unconditional love and you will have hope for your life. If you are hurting or struggling in life and want to know more about Jesus and hope and peace that are found in Him, please contact Pastor Brian and he would love to tell you more about Jesus. If you need prayer for something in your life, Pastor Brian would love to pray for you. We invite you to come as you are on Sunday mornings to hear more about Jesus and His love and peace that He gives.

May the God of hope

fill you with all **JOY AND PEACE**

as you trust in Him so that you may overflow with **HOPE**

by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

December 25
9:45 a.m.



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