

Peace Lutheran Church
Epiphany

Saturday, January 4, 2025 + 6:00 PM & Sunday, January 5, 2025 + 8:00 AM

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK - "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you." Isaiah 60:1

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" *LSB 394 v. 1,3,4,5*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
L: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of 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.
C: **Amen**

KYRIE *sung*

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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain***

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain***

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain***

**For the Lamb who was slain
Has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Refrain***

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on
the hip.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the
abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations
shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of
the Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you
Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that
was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation,
as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into
the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other
generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the
Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same
body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace,
which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very
least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the
unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan
of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the
church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and

authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

LSB 395 vs. 1-4

SERMON

“The Light Has Come”
Isaiah 60:1-6

Pastor Jarod Fenske

APOSTLES CREED

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

PREPARATION TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

L: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”
“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

*LSB 386 v. 1-4
LSB 358 v.1,9,12-14*

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION RESPONSE

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a fore-taste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING HYMN

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

LSB 366 vs. 4