

**Peace Lutheran Church
Family Christmas Eve Worship
December 24, 2024 + 3:00 pm**

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“O Come all Ye Faithful”

OPENING VERSES

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given,

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Baby Jesus came from heaven to earth. He came to take our mistakes, our bad words, our bad thoughts, and our hurtful actions upon Himself.

C: We are sorry for our sins, Jesus. Thank you for coming to save us.

L: The name “Jesus” means “The Lord saves.” Through faith in Jesus you are forgiven, loved and saved!

C: Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth, good will to men!

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L: Today we light all of the candles on the Advent Wreath. This wreath symbolizes the promises that were made to God’s people for hundreds of years as they waited for the Savior to be born. The lighted candles remind us that Jesus brought the light of God’s grace, forgiveness, and love into our world.

C: Jesus is the light of the world!

SONG

“O Holy Night”

MESSAGE

Pastor Jarod Fenske

Children are invited to come forward.

CHRISTMAS READING

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Mary Did You Know”

Marty Kolpack ?

OFFERING & PRAYER

PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

LIGHTING OF GLOW STICKS

SONG

“Silent Night”

BENEDICTION

L: Go with the blessing of our Savior born this night and placed in a manger!

C: **Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth! Goodwill to men!**

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 grant you His peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

“Angels We Have Heard On High”