

Peace Lutheran Church  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

Saturday, December 28, 2024 + 6:00 PM & Sunday, December 29, 2024 + 8:00 AM

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK** - "For my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples."

*Luke 2:30-31*

**INVOCATION**

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

C: **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

**LSB 367 v. 1-5**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Time is given for reflection on our sinful condition.)*

L: 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.**

L: Upon this your confession, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord

Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

**LSB 380 v. 1-3**

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

L: Let us pray. O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15*

The Lord said to Moses, “Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the Lord brought you out from this place. . . .

“When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord’s. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Colossians 3:12-17*

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE

*LSB p. 190*

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

*Luke 2:22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword

will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **SERMON HYMN**

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

**LSB 368 v. 1-3**

### **SERMON**

“Simeon: Still Singing about Christmas”

Pastor Dave Karolus

Luke 2:22-35

### **SERMON RESPONSE**

**LSB p.192**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

**Amen.**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

### **OFFERING**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **COMMUNION LITURGY**

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**

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**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna. hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

### **AGNUS DEI**

*LSB p.198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

*"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"  
"Once in Royal David's City"*

*LSB 374 v. 1-3  
LSB 37 v. 1-5*

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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**

“Joy to the World”

**LSB 387 v. 3**