

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025  
3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., & 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor Christian Magnell

PRELUDE

WELCOME

VERSE: Isaiah 9:2

**The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned.**

SONG

*“Almost There”*

READING

All who at the manger finally lay down all power and honor, all prestige, all vanity, all arrogance and self-will; all who take their place among the lowly and let God alone be high; all who see the glory of God in the lowliness of the child in the manger: these are the ones who will truly celebrate Christmas. - - - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**All who are faithful, come now, stand and raise your voices with us all together to celebrate the birth of our mighty King, Christ Jesus!**

SONG

*“O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)”*

VERSE: Isaiah 7:14

**Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Emmanuel.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG

*“What a Glorious Night”*

READING: Luke 2:8-15

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you

will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” <sup>15</sup>When 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.”

HYMN

*“Angels (Glory to God)”*

MESSAGE

READING: Luke 2:16-20

**<sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told**

**them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.**

SONG

*“Away in a Manger”  
“The First Noel”*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*“We Have a Savior”  
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

PRAYER AND BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

SONG

*“Silent Night”*

(with candles)

CLOSING PRAYER

DISMISSAL

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart. - - - Howard Thurman

POSTLUDE

*“Joy to the World”*