

## ***First Sunday after Christmas***

***December 27, 2020***

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember: Ron Steinberg, Marcia Neelly, Kirk Aeilts, Kim Kimmel, Ray Delfs

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service Hymns 367 358 388

### **THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:**

Dec. 27 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Dec. 27 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies

Dec. 27 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Jan. 13 3:30 p.m. Daughters of Peace

**A DAY IN WORSHIP:** After the elements (the bread and wine) are consecrated and distributed, the congregation responds to God's gift by singing the *Nunc Dimittis* (nunc dimittis is Latin for "now you dismiss"). This brief hymn is drawn from the Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32), which was read as part of our Gospel lesson this morning. In this song, Simeon declares that he is ready to depart in peace because he has seen Christ, God's gift of salvation. Simeon's departure is more than a readiness to leave the temple grounds. It is a readiness to die. Now that he has seen the savior, he can be confident of God's salvation. This confidence gives him peace as he prepares for his departure from this world. When we sing this song following communion, we mean the same thing. Now that we have seen and received God's salvation through the body and blood of Christ, we are prepared to leave our lives in peace, confident of God's ultimate salvation which he won for us in Jesus.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Our hymn of the day is *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*, a Christmas hymn written by Martin Luther. Luther originally wrote the hymn for use in family worship. The first five verses of the hymn paraphrase the words of the angel to the shepherds, while the remaining verses interpret the angel's words and form our reaction to the angel's message. We will be singing verses 1-3, which ends with the promise that Christ will save us from our sins, and responding to this news by singing verse 13, asking Jesus to come and dwell within our hearts.

**BIBLE STUDIES:** There will be no Bible studies at Peace or English this week.

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** How joyously Simeon must have exclaimed as he held the Savior of the world in his hands! We are not told how long Simeon waited to see the Messiah, but what a divine peace that God gives in this little child. Christ has come to die and rise in order to bring life, and this means peace for those who wait on the Lord. Because Jesus has come to us, our lives are in God's hands!

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 1Kings 60:1-6; Ephesians 1:3-14;  
Luke 2:40-52

**BIBLE STUDY:** There will not be Bible Study at English during January and February.

**WEBSITES:** Peace and English both have new websites. There you will find sermon recordings, manuscripts, bulletins, service times and events, as well as an option for online giving. Web addresses for both churches can be found at the top of the bulletin.

**ALTAR COMMITTEE:** Altar committee at Peace for January 3 is Karen Olson and Cheryl Timmerman. At English the committee is Elaine Cherry and Barb Magnuson.

**COVID-19:** Please help us keep others safe by wearing a mask while attending services at Peace Lutheran. Masks may be removed during the service if you are a safe distance from other worshippers.

**FRONTIER BANK** During the month of December, Frontier Bank is offering a \$5.00 donation check to the charity of your choice. Anyone can stop in for a check; they do not need to be a customer. If you do not want to go into the bank, call ahead and they will bring the check to your car.

**THIS MONTH** Daughters of Peace will collect drinks (fruit juice, vegetable juice, tea, water, Gatorade, tang, etc.) for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

**ACOLYTE TODAY is Porter Vogel. Next Sunday will be Lexi Davis.**

**USHERING TODAY is Team 4; Next Sunday is Team 5:** Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick, Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartz, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**OPENING HYMN: ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY**

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

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)*

**P** 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.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as 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.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10*

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
**and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**  
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

The LORD has made known his salvation;

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

**and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** 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. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 61:10—62:3*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

**and the government shall be upon his shoulder.**

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Sing to the Lord a new song,

**for he has done marvelous things!**

**EPISTLE**

*Galatians 4:4–7*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

Luke 2:30, 32

Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22–40

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*After the Reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON HYMN: FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME** *LSB 358 sts. 1-3, 13*

## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

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**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

### SANCTUS

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### LORD'S PRAYER

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

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

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### AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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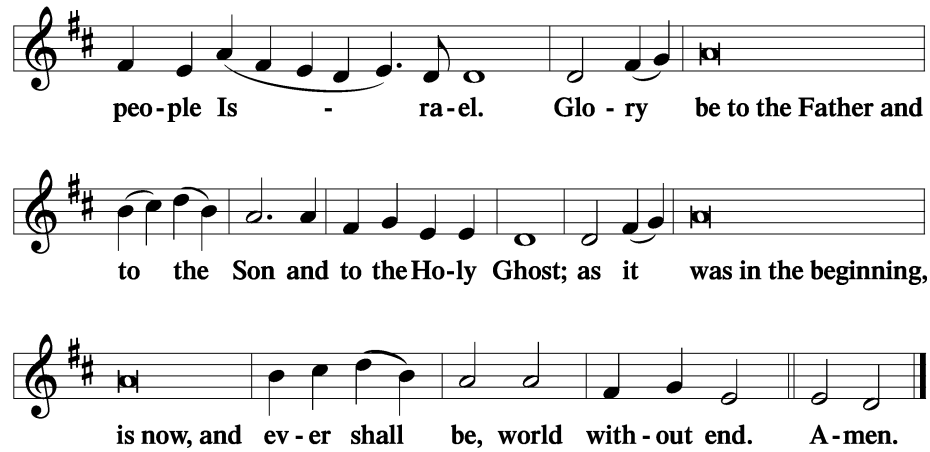
### NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

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peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

*LSB 200*

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

### SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with your spirit.
- P** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

- 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: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*LSB 388*

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