

## Second Sunday after Christmas

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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 850 410 523

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

Jan. 3 8:30 a.m. Worship at English  
Jan. 3 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies  
Jan. 3 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace  
Jan. 5 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
Jan. 6 2:30 p.m. Confirmation  
Jan. 7 Noon Bible Study  
Jan. 13 3:30 p.m. Daughters of Peace

**A DAY IN WORSHIP:** Following the Nunc Dimittis, we conclude our services with a prayer and the benediction. The benediction we use is found in Numbers 6:22-27. In that text, God commands Aaron (the first high priest of Israel) to bless the people saying, "The Lord bless you and keep you..." God then gives this promise, "So shall they (the priests) put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." Therefore, when the pastor offers the blessing, we believe that though the words are spoken by human lips, the blessing is given by God. Thus we begin our service by invoking the great name of our great God (in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit), and we end our service by receiving the blessing of this God, who goes with us into the world and into our daily lives.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Our hymn of the day is *Within the Father's House*. This hymn is a commentary on our Gospel reading, where Christ is in the temple conversing with the "doctors of the Law." The hymn proclaims this wonderful truth. Though the doctors of the law are astounded by Jesus' wisdom, they fail to grasp who he truly is. He is the Son of the Father, the incarnate Word of God (verses 2-3). But if these wise and learned men cannot understand who Christ is, then who can? The answer is in verse 4. The secret of the Lord is given to faithful, pondering hearts. It does not matter how much or how little a person knows. It does not matter how much education someone

does or does not have. If she wants to know Christ, then all she must do is ponder Christ's word. He will reveal himself to every faithful heart.

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** Jesus increased in wisdom. In His divine nature, the Son of God has all knowledge and wisdom. He has no need for anyone to teach Him and yet in humility deigns to become a child, taking on our human nature. So, according to His humanity, He grows in wisdom. Jesus has become like us, except without sin in order to redeem the whole of who we are.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12;  
Matthew 2:1-12

**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 worshipers.

**THIS MONTH** Daughters of Peace will collect cereal, hot and cold for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

**ACOLYTE TODAY is Lexi Davis. Next Sunday will be Harper Flying Horse.**

**USHERING TODAY is Team 5; Next Sunday is Team 6:** Steve Janssen, Aaron Janssen, Jesse Janssen, Arnold Vogel, Robert McKenney, Gary Dieren, Adam Vogel

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**OPENING HYMN: GOD OF GRACE AND GOD 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 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14*

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,  
**glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**  
Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
**his understanding is beyond measure.**  
But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
**in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

**Praise your God, O Zion!**

**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 Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,  
**glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** 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. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*1 Kings 3:4–15*

**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**

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

Luke 2:40

Alleluia. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:40–52

- 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: WITHIN THE FATHER'S HOUSE

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### 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

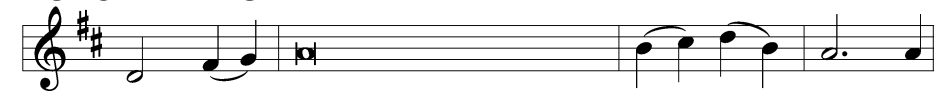


world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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## DISTRIBUTION

## 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

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- 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: O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

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