CHRISTMAS DAY



Portion of the Frontispiece to the Gospel of John, St. John's Bible, Donald Jackson, artist

December 25, 2022

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Peace – your presence here enriches our community.

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As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation or our God."

O come. let us adore!

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We celebrate Christ's presence in the Sacrament of the Table each week at Peace. Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal.

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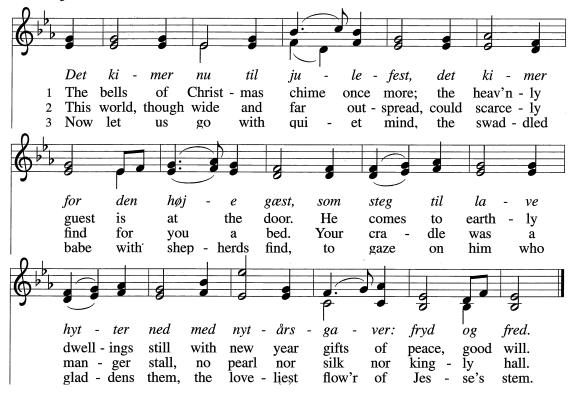
PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

The Bells of Christmas

ELW #298 verses 1-3



DIALOG Based on Psalm 98 Read with vigor!

- P Sing to God something brand new!
- C For God has done wonderful things!
- P God has not forgotten to love us all!
- C Even the ends of the earth have heard!
- P Make a joyful noise!
- C Break forth in song!
- P With strings and horns,
- C sing praise to the Holy One!
- P With the roaring sea and everything in it!
- C With all the land and everything in it!
- P The floods clap their hands.
- C The hills sing for joy.

- P Thank God! God is coming to set everything right:
- C Justice for everyone, everything fair.
- P Sing to God something brand new!
- C For God has done wonderful things!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Almighty and Altender God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-9

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,

and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;

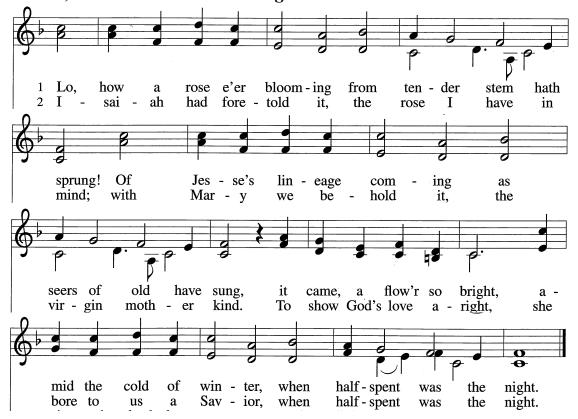
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

- L Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
- C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

ELW #272 *verses1-2*



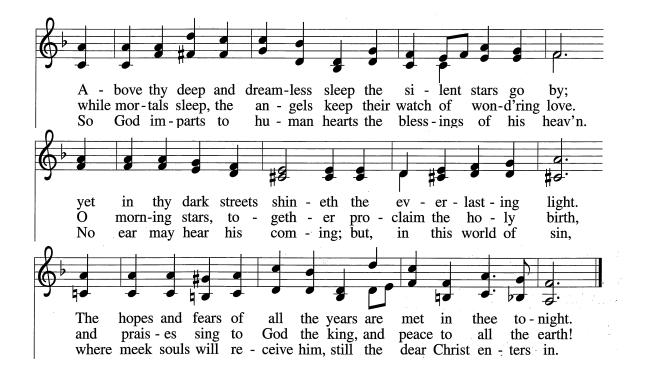
SECOND READING: Micah 5:2-5a

- ²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
- ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.
- ⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
- And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.
- L Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
- C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW #279 verses 1 & 3





THIRD READING: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

- L Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
- C Thanks be to God.

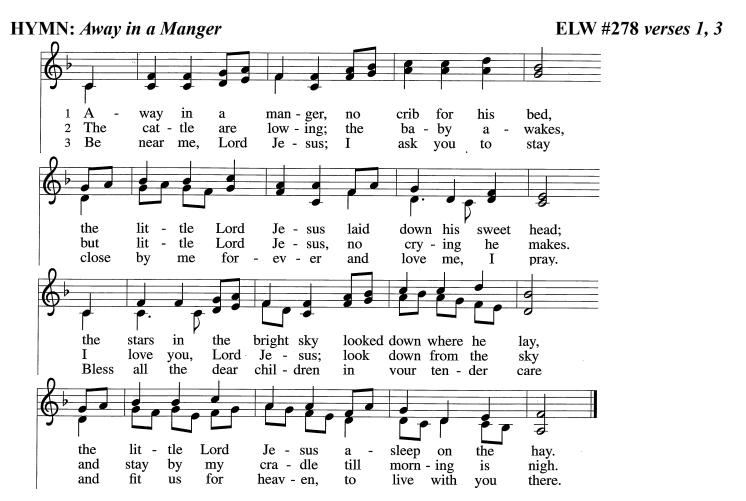


FOURTH READING: Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and

who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

- L Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
- C Thanks be to God.



FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8-16

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

L Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. C Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Please rise as able in body or spirit to receive the gospel. The chorus of Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria! In excelsis Deo!
 Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

SIXTH READING: John 1:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

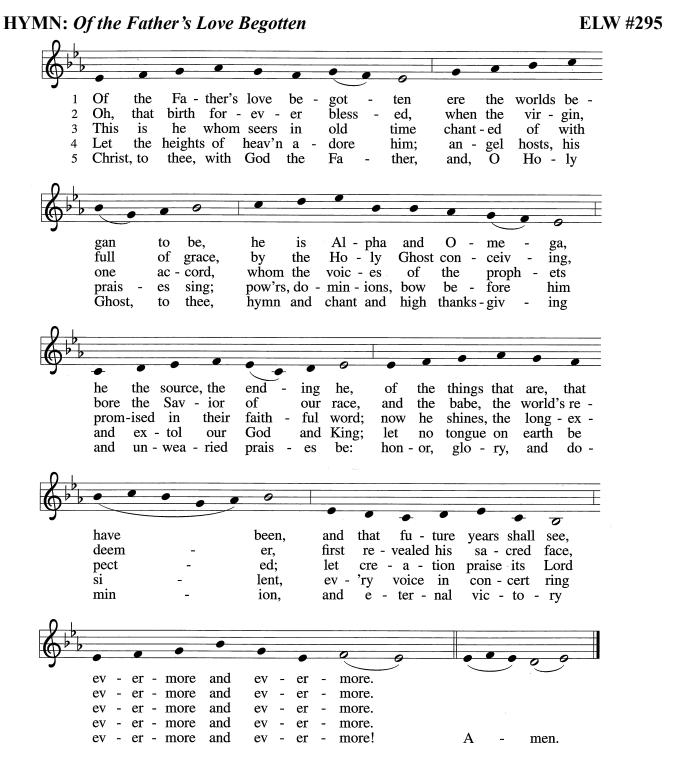
¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

- L The Gospel of our Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.



RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- A Glory to God in the highest,
- C and peace to God's people on earth.
- A Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
- C Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.
- A Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.
- C Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.
- A Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
- C Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.
- A Rejoicing in your Word become flesh, we pray in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

We greet one another with the peace of Immanuel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY VERSE

ELW #279

O Holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us our Lord Immanuel

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. God of abundance,
- C receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them up to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, compassionate and vulnerable God, through our Savior Jesus Christ....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

[Tune: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, ELW #270]

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of heav'n and earth adored. O how blest is he who comes, in the holy name of God.

Joyful, all you nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;

With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angles sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Eternal Wisdom, we praise you and give you thanks, because you emptied yourself of power and became foolishness for our sake. For on this day you were delivered as one of us, a baby needy and naked, wrapped in a woman's blood; born into poverty and exile, to proclaim good news to the poor, and to let the broken victims go free.

Blessed is our brother Jesus, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh; who, on the night when he was delivered over to death, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

- P In the same way also, the cup, after supper, saying:
- C This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all for forgiveness and healing. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P Come now, dearest Spirit of God, embrace us with your wings of power. Brood over these bodily things, and make us one body in Christ. Bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son, through whom all glory and honor is yours, Eternal God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.
- C Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION

Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available, as well as gluten bread and gluten free wafers. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor. Any who prefer a blessing may cross their hands over their chest.



When all have finished communing:

- P The body and blood of the Word made flesh strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray. God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

+ SENDING +

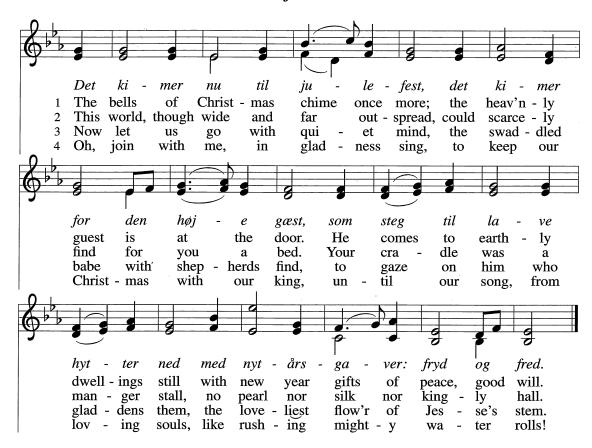
BLESSING

- P God bless you and keep you, + Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Bells of Christmas

ELW #298 verses 4-6



- O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song,
 O Dayspring bright, awaited long,
 O Son of Man, incarnate Word,
 great David's Son, great David's Lord:
- Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest, and keep your Christmas in our breast; then David's harpstrings, hushed so long, shall swell our jubilee of song.

DISMISSAL

- A Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Offering Income received DECEMBER 2022

Our mission goal for 2022 anticipates receiving offering income of \$23,678 each month

12/04/22 \$ 2,880.00

 12/11/22
 \$ 4,715.00

 12/18/22
 \$ 2,790.00

 electronic
 \$16,546.39

 Total
 \$26,931.39

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THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Celebrate God's highest and most generous Act for Creation in sending Jesus to be among us. Merry Christmas!

Pray for Creation: We thank God for sending the One who draws all living things into a new creation.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023

Are labeled and now available on the table in the narthex.

10:30 AM NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

According to Luke's Gospel, **January 1** is the day on which Jesus received his name and was circumcised, **so we will celebrate January 1 as Name of Jesus Sunday**. No education hour this morning, just a simple service with Holy Communion and lots of singing. **Come ring in the New Year!**

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING JANUARY 29, 2023

Sunday, January 29, is our Annual Congregational Meeting. Please add it to your calendar! Following are some key dates to keep in mind as the day approaches.

- **JANUARY 3** All annual reports from Peace ministries, committees, and task forces are due in the church office (electronic form, please!)
- JANUARY 15 Draft Budget review following worship.
- JANUARY 17 Church Council meeting to finalize Annual Meeting agenda and draft budget.
- JANUARY 22 Bulletin of Reports for Annual Meeting are available.
- **JANUARY 29** Annual Meeting following worship.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Ferol Allison; Peggy Craigen; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Zach Debelak; Gavriella DeBoer; Roni Edwards; Mark Engelman; David Escame-Hedger; Deena Fuller; Jack Garrison; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Donna Heiland; Tim Herriford; Vickie Jarvimaki; Ken Keyes; Ford Kindem; Mike Larson; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; Maya Marshall; Lynn McCracken; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Steve Metzler; Jim Meyer; Bill Morrell; Bill Nandor; JoAnn Nandor; Larry Nelson; Nora; Marianne Paulos; Paul Paulos; Michelle Pierce; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Kadi Sue Sprengle; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Conrad Tollefson; Wade & Karin VanSant; Inge Williams; Joyce Wolff; Patti Wunder; Arash Zare; Ayman Zare; Audrey Zemke.

<u>Homebound</u>: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and



brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.

As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual

orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

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