

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord
Pastor Erik Sorenson**



December 24, 2024

Service of Lessons and Carols

** Please stand as you are able.*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in Christ: In this Christmas season it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us, the Christ-child, lying in a manger. Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption brought to us by this Holy Child. But first, let us pray for people all over the world, who would delight with us to know the good news of Jesus Christ and who would join with us in singing His praises. Let us pray for the people of this community and for all those in our own congregation. And because this would please our Lord, let us remember, in His name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and those who are sad, the lonely and the unloved, the elderly and the little children. We especially remember all those who do not know the Lord Jesus, or who do not love Him, or who by sin have grieved His heart of love. Finally, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us in heaven, who live in greater light than we, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, who died in the faith, and who live before the throne of God and praise Him each day in His temple. We confess that we are united with them as we are united with one another.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven in the words Christ Himself taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

** Please be seated.*

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Lesson One

Genesis 3:8–19 (p. 3, p. 3 LP)

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

368 Angels We Have Heard on High

Lesson Two

Isaiah 7:10–14 (p. 572, p. 727 LP)

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97:8–12

antiphon: vs. 1

- P** The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad.
- C** **Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.**
- P** For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- C** **O you who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**
- P** Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
- C** **Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**
- C** **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.**
- P** The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad.

Lesson Three

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7 (p. 573, p. 729 LP)

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

370 What Child Is This

Lesson Four

Isaiah 11:1–9 (p. 575, p. 732 LP)

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98:1-6

antiphon: vs. 1

P The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

C **Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!**

P His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

C **The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

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

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

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

C **Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

P With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

C **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.**

P The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

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Lesson Five

Luke 2:1-7 (p. 857, p. 1090 LP)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

** Please be seated.*

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

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Lesson Six

Luke 2:8-14 (p. 857, p. 1090 LP)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

** Please be seated.*

Psalm 96:1-9

antiphon: vs. 7

- P** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- C** **Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!**
- P** Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- C** **Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!**
- P** For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- C** **For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.**
- P** Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- C** **Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**
- P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- C** **Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!**
- C** **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.**
- P** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

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Lesson Seven

Luke 2:15–20 (p. 857, p. 1090 LP)

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

** Please be seated.*

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

sts. 1–7

Sermon

Treasure These Things

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

sts. 8–15

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lighting of the Candles

(At this time, Pastor will light his candle directly from the Christ Candle. As it comes time to light your candle, please keep lit flames upright and lower unlit candles into the flame of the other candle. You may extinguish your candle at the conclusion of the final hymn.)

364 Away in a Manger

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

363 Silent Night, Holy Night

** Please join us tomorrow, Christmas morning, at 9:00 AM for Divine Service.*

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