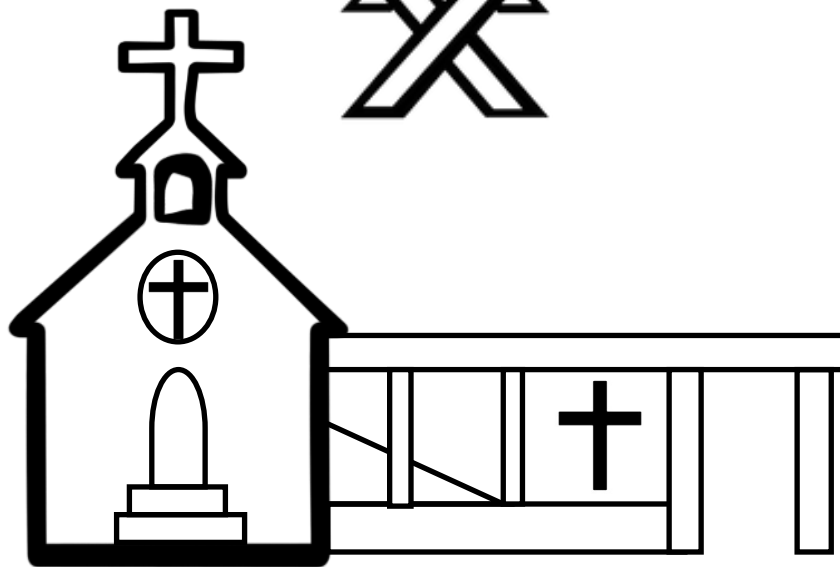


St. Peter's
Lutheran Church
Christmas Eve
Traditional Worship
Service
December 24, 2025
7:30pm



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Prelude

Opening Prayer and Announcements

Opening Hymn *"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"* **Hymn 45**

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5)

C: Amen

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43)

C: Amen

Call to worship

P: All God's people – boys and girls, men and women:

C: Come and worship!

P: Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

C: Come and worship! Come and worship!

P: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort and new life:

C: Come and worship, Come and worship Christ, the newborn King.

Hymn *"Away in a Manger"* **Hymn 67**

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Prayer of the Day:	(insert)
First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7	(insert)
Psalms 110:1-4	(insert)
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-16	(insert)
Hymn	<i>“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”..... Hymn 54</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<i>“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?” Page 83</i>
Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20	(insert)
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	<i>“Praise to you, O Christ.”</i>
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Sermon - <i>“God With Us”</i>	
Sermon Hymn	<i>“Joy to the World”..... Hymn 39</i>
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Offering: <i>“Peace on Earth/ The Little Drummer Boy” - Pastor Kurt and Zach Carr</i>	
Offertory	<i>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymn 565</i>
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Distribution of Holy Communion	
<i>All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion.</i>	
Distribution Hymns:	<i>“Angels We Have Heard on High” Hymn 71</i>
	<i>“Angels From the Realms of Glory” Hymn 50</i>
	<i>“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Hymn 60</i>
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Lighting of the Christ Candle:

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

P: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness: on them light has shined.

C: **We have seen Christ's glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

P: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

C: **What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

P: Today Christ is born; today salvation has appeared!

C: **Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!**

(The Christ Candle is lit.)

P: Let us pray.

C: **Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending us your son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world. Help us shine your light to others who do not know your love and mercy. Send your Holy Spirit to us, so that we may be filled with the glorious light of Jesus Christ and to bear witness to those who have not heard or accepted the grace that comes through your Son. We pray this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Candlelight Hymns:

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem" Hymn 41

"Silent Night, Holy Night!" Hymn 65

Benediction:

P: Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst. May he fill our hearts with joy and peace.

C: **O Lord, give us peace.**

P: Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary. May his birth among us renew our hope.

C: **O Lord, give us hope.**

P: Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords. May the gift of His presence cause us to rejoice.

C: **O Lord, give us joy.**

P: Almighty God- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. Amen.

P: Go in peace! God's Word has been fulfilled.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Please place the candles in the bins on the white table in the side entrance.

Music Director: Zach Carr

Greeters: Martha Haseley and Don Haseley

Readers: Martha Haseley

Altar Guild: Cheryl Kluss and Amy Walck

Trustee: Kevin Pfohl

Merry Christmas!

Frohe Weihnachten!

Feliz Navidad!