

ORDER OF WORSHIP WELCOME CALL TO WORSHIP Come, holy people, called by God, let us follow the way prepared for us. ALL: Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth among God's people. Once again the world is surprised at a manger, as the glory of God surpasses what is expected. ALL: Let us go to Bethlehem to see what God has made known to us. There in Bethlehem and here today at Peace Lutheran Church, we are reminded anew of the wonder of God's ways. ALL: Let us glorify and praise God for all that we have seen and heard! PRAYER **OPENING HYMN** "Once in Royal David's City" ELW #269 **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** ALL: God, we join with the angels, the great cloud of witnesses, and one another this day to celebrate you and the gift of Jesus Christ. We get distracted and lost often in the chaos of daily life, and this has kept us from sharing in the joy, love, and life that you intend. Trusting your love and forgiveness, we confess the ways we have missed out and fallen short. **OFFERING PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Lord in your mercy, ALL: Hear our prayer. THE CHRISTMAS STORY NARRATION SCRIPTURE READING: John 1: 1-4, 9-13, 18b "Night of Silence" ANTHEM Choir NARRATION

HYMN	"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"	ELW #251 (vs. 1, 3)
NARRATION		
HYMN	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	ELW #279 (vs. 1, 2)
NARRATION		
HYMN	"Away in a Manger"	ELW #277 (vs. 1, 2)
NARRATION		
HYMN	"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"	ELW #270 (vs. 1, 3)
NARRATION		
HYMN	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	ELW #283 (vs. 1, 3)
NARRATION		
ANTHEM	"Do You Hear What I Hear?"	Choir
NARRATION		
HYMN	"Go Tell It On the Mountain"	ELW #290 (vs. 1, 2)
PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS		
HYMN	"Joy to the World"	ELW #267 (vs. 1, 2 4)
HOLY COMMUNION		
GREAT THANKSGIVING		
The Lord be with you. ALL: And also with you. Lift up your hearts. ALL: We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.		
PREFACE		

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1: 26-38

SANCTUS

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

"What Child Is This"

ELW #296

PRAYER

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

We are a Christ-centered community of believers called to: ALL: Love God, love people, and serve the world. Go in peace. Christ is near. ALL: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Presider: Pastor Jake Fain Deacon: Andrew More Assisting Minister: Darcy Mittelstaedt Organist: Jeannie Kawazoe Media: Mike Stallings, John & Patti Kassel

> **This week's flowers are given by:** Patti Kassel Glory be to God our Savior

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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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