

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S SERVICE
December 24th, 2016**

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

6:00 pm

Ted Fuller

Tim Zindl

PERSONAL PRAYER TIME

(Please observe silence in the sanctuary for those who desire to pray and as a courtesy to those around you, please turn off your cell phone prior to worship.)

AS WE GATHER

The angels brought good news of great joy to the shepherds. The Savior is born! We have heard the truth of Christ's birth so many times that we sometimes forget how astounding it is. On Christmas Eve we celebrate the source of our Christian faith—God Himself comes to us to save us by grace. And He comes not as a king or a hero. He comes as a fragile, human baby—as one of us. All other religions see God as a more distant being who shows you how you might achieve salvation, but only if you are good enough, smart enough, or do enough. Tonight, we rejoice in the Good News that God Himself comes to us as one of us. He comes not so that we can save ourselves, but to save us by grace through faith in the one named Jesus, Immanuel, the Prince of Peace.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Kelsey Ewert, Ari Hildebrandt, Tia Hildebrandt, Addie Nass; Brian Frank, Riley Kapell; 8th grade Bell Choir; High School Bells.

RINGING OF THE BELL

A WELCOME TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Our Guests:

Hymnal Key-LSB is the Maroon Hymnal, WOV is the smaller Blue Hymnal

Please rise

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

LSB 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Congregation:

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain*

Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

INVOCATION & OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: To us . . .

People: A Child is born!

Leader: To us . . .

People: A Son is given!

Leader: This Christmas, we receive . . .

People: The blessed gift of heaven.

HYMN

LSB 370 "What Child Is This"

Grades 4 – 8, verse 1

What child is this, Who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

Congregation – verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!

THE CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

OFFERING - Musical selections will be performed by the High School Bells during this time.

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS & GREET THOSE AROUND YOU

As the gifts are gathered, we ask that all worshipers sign the Record of Fellowship, indicating Communion attendance if offered and then pass the booklet to the person next to you in the pew. When all have signed the book, pass it back to the end of the pew.

To our visitors: This is a time in our service when congregation members give of the gifts God has given them to support the work of their congregation. You are welcome but not obligated to participate in supporting our ministries. We are blessed to have you worship with us. Please come again.

THE MESSAGE PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN

A BIBLE READING MATTHEW 1:18–25

HYMN

“Of The Father’s Love Begotten” LSB 384:1, 3
-Solo by Emelia Groeler

Of the Father’s love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

This is He Whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

THE MESSAGE PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN GRADES PREK–3

Children: To us a Child is born!
People: To us a Son is given!

SONG BY THE CHILDREN

“To Us a Child Is Born”

A BIBLE READING LUKE 2:8–14

SONG BY THE CHILDREN

“Angels We Have Heard On High” LSB 368:1, 3

**THE MESSAGE PRESENTED
BY THE CHILDREN GRADES 2–3**

Children: To us a Child is born!
People: To us a Son is given!

**SONG BY
THE CHILDREN**

“To Us a Child Is Born”

A BIBLE READING LUKE 2:15–20

HYMN

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" LSB 393

Solo by Emelia Groeler – vs. 1

*Infant holy, Infant lowly,
For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, Little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, Angels singing,
Bells are ringing, Tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!*

Congregation –vs. 2

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, Heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, Greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!

**THE MESSAGE PRESENTED
BY THE CHILDREN GRADES 4–7**

Children: To us a Child is born!
People: To us a Son is given!

SONG BY CHILDREN &

HIGH SCHOOL TRIO

“To Us a Child Is Born”

A BIBLE READING

BY THE CHILDREN

IN 8TH GRADE ISAIAH 9:6–7

HYMN

“Angels From The Realms Of Glory”

LSB 367:1–2, 5

Congregation:

¹Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story,
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.

Refrain:

*Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

²Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain*

⁵All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One. *Refrain*

THE APOSTLES’ CREED – SPOKEN BY GRADES 4 – 8

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE MESSAGE PRESENTED
BY GRADES 6 AND 7**

Children: To us a Child is born!

People: To us a Son is given!

**SONG BY
THE CHILDREN**

“To Us a Child Is Born”

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: To us . . .

Children: *A Child is born!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: To us . . .

Children: *A Son is given!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Leader: This Christmas we receive . . .

Children: *The blessed gift of heaven!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The ushers will come down the center aisle and will light the candles of those seated at the aisle. They will keep their lit candles erect. Please tip your candle to be lit, then keep it erect as the next person tips their candle. Pass the flame down the pew.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO SPILL HOT WAX ON YOURSELF OR THE PEW.

HYMN

“Silent Night/Stille Nacht” LSB 363
*Children vs. 1 (English); Congregation vs. 1
(German); vss. 2 & 3 ALL*

1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly host sing, Alleluia!
Christ the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*Carefully extinguish your candles at this time. Please be careful of hot wax.
As you exit the church, please deposit your candles in the box in the narthex.*

PRAYER

Pastor: We pray:

All: **Father in heaven, thank You for sending us Your Son and our Savior, Jesus. Thank You for sending us the best gift of all: the Child in the manger who lived, died, and rose again for us. In His name we pray. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Joy to the World”

LSB 387

Children vs. 1

¹Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Congregation vss. 2 - 4

²Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

³No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

⁴He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

3 yr: *Josie Long*

4 yr: *Jaxson Hyde, Ella Nass*

5 yr: *Ashton Bischoff*

Kindergarten: *Sophia Pieper, Jaydah Stalker*

1st grade: *Alexis Burbach, Wyatt Cahoon, Thea Finley, Jameson Nass*

2nd grade: *Selena Pieper*

3rd grade: *Brady Fincutter, Riley Stalker*

4th grade: *Isabella Burbach, Helena Cahoon, Hailey Fincutter,
Treyton Hildebrandt, Addie Nass*

6th grade: *Lucy Groeler, Chellie Hildebrandt (Angel), Tiandra Hildebrandt,
Geena Kuehl, Gabby Sippel*

7th grade: *Kelsey Ewert, Ariona Hildebrandt, Ethan Maas*

8th grade: *Hannah Frank (Mary), Alice Groeler (Shepherd),
Zachary Kuehl (Shepherd), Dylan Sippel (Joseph)*

Preservice music: *Kelsey Ewert (piano), Brian Frank (piano),
Ariona Hildebrandt (flute/piccolo),
Tiandra Hildebrandt (trumpet),
Riley Kapell (piano), Addie Nass (piano)*

8th grade bell choir: *Hannah Frank, Alice Groeler, Zachary Kuehl, Dylan Sippel*

High School Bells: *Ricki Budewitz, Brian Frank, Johnathan Frank, Emelia Groeler,
Riley Kapell, Hannah Kuehl, James Sippel*

Costume assistants: *Kathy Fortlage, Bonnie Lauersdorf*

*Accompanied by Ricki Budewitz.
Program directed by Jami Frank and Pam Kuehl.*

Christmas Service Schedule

Saturday, December 24

6 p.m. Children's Service

8 p.m. Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25

9 a.m. Lessons & Carols Service

New Year's Eve- December 31

7 p. m.

New Year's Day-January 1

9 a.m.

The 2017 Church Offering Envelopes are in Narthex for pickup.

Children's Bulletin & Basket

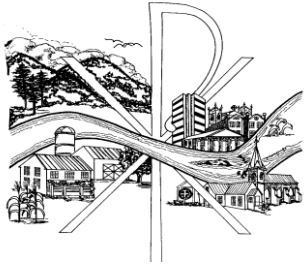
There are special bulletins for children. If your child did not receive one, ask the usher. There is also a Children's Basket in the narthex that contains crayon and pencil packets along with children's books and Christian coloring books. We love having children in worship and sometimes they need additional stimulation to keep them interested. These items are there for your children to enjoy. Please return items to the basket at the end of the service.

Members

In the event that you or your family may need Pastoral care or comfort, please don't assume that the Pastor or church office has been contacted by the facility you have been admitted to. Due to certain policies, some places cannot share that you or a loved one has been admitted and are in need of comfort or counseling. In your time of need, please don't hesitate to contact the Pastor by calling his cell number or the church office, which are listed on the back of the bulletin or Grapevine.

Visitors

Visitors are asked to stop at the welcome center in the narthex where you will find information about our church, newsletters, devotional materials and other items we hope you will find helpful. Please be sure to sign the attendance book that you find in the pew and is passed around during the offering.



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St. Peter's – A congregation of over 400 souls – is a member congregation in the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. We have been a vital part of the Lebanon community for nearly 130 years.

Worship Services-Labor Day-Memorial Day

Communion at both services every Sunday and all Festival Days
 8:00 & 10:30 am

- Sunday School and Bible Study for all ages 9:15 am
- *Summer Worship Times Memorial Day-Labor Day*

We Celebrate Two Sacraments

In **Baptism**, God freely offers His grace and lovingly establishes a new community. In **Holy Communion** those who come to the table receive in bread and wine the body and blood of their Lord. This gift is itself the real presence of God's forgiveness and mercy, nourishing believers in union with their Lord and with each other.

Lebanon Lutheran School (LLS) &

LLS - Early Childhood Center (State Licensed Facility)

Lebanon Lutheran School is an association serving children with Childcare, Preschool, and Kindergarten through Grade 8. It is a joint ministry of St. Peter's and Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon (NALC).

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