

Sing glory,

glory in the highest.

Christ is born.

*Jesus
Christ*

is born!

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25, 2017

Officiate
Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister
9:00 am-George Feller

Acolytes
9:00 am-Geena Kuehl

Musicians
Kathy Fortlage
Brass Musicians
St. Peter's Christmas Choir

AS WE GATHER

“Glory to the newborn King!” The refrain of the familiar Christmas song invites us to proclaim that Christ is born in Bethlehem. Today we celebrate God coming into the history of our earth in person—in the person of a baby born in Bethlehem. “This is My beloved Son!” God proclaimed this years later when Jesus arrived at the Jordan River at the time of His Baptism. But already at the time of His birth, Jesus’ special nature was established as God in the flesh—in our human flesh! We express our thankfulness and our joy at that blessed coming!

For Our Guests:

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

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN LSB 380 “Hark, The Herold Angels Sing”

Please Stand

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Joy to the world!

People: **The Lord is come!**

Pastor: Christ is born in Bethlehem.

People: **O come, let us adore Him.**

Pastor: The light of the world has come.

People: **He shines in our darkness.**

Pastor: In the light is life,

People: **The life of all people.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we gather together to worship Jesus and remember His wondrous incarnation, we remember that we were once lost in darkness and do not deserve the wondrous gift of the Savior God has sent us.

People: We have often chosen darkness over light. We have often failed to adore our Lord and Savior. We have often refused to reflect His light to those around us.

Pastor: We turn to God in repentance and implore Him for mercy.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: Lord, You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

People Let Your light shine in our darkness.

Pastor: In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets. But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son. Jesus Christ has brought the good news of peace, joy, and salvation into our world. That good news is the forgiveness of sins, salvation, and everlasting life in the light of Christ. These are yours because of Christ's death and resurrection for you. Hear that good news: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

THE CHRISTMAS CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. Who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas Day. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshipped by the shepherds, adored by the Wise Men, Who lived to suffer and die and rise again, to free us from sin, death, and the power of the devil I believe in the Holy Ghost, Who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas, and by Whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ the treasures of my love, and live under Him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen

Please Be Seated

CHOIR

“Good News”

+ LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT +
We celebrate the Lord's Supper

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

Celebrating the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity in the true Christian faith. In the Sacrament we are joined in a very close, personal and intimate way with Christ and with one another. We believe that when a person partakes of the Sacrament they are also confessing their unreserved agreement with the doctrine and practice that is proclaimed from the altar and pulpit of which the Sacrament is administered. In his small Catechism, Martin Luther gives us guidelines for self-examination of our faith and our worthiness to receive Christ's atoning lifeblood. Therefore, we welcome all to the Lord's Table who first have been baptized in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are in agreement with this statement, and then with heartfelt conviction can boldly proclaim...

I believe that...

- + Jesus is my only Lord and Savior from sin, death and the devil;**
- + I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness;**
- + Jesus Christ is present in the Sacrament, and the bread and wine I receive are the true body and blood of Christ;**
- + God assures me that my sins have been forgiven and that I have life and salvation through faith in Him;**
- + And then as He enables me, I pledge to amend my sinful life, to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

We ask that all visitors and guests who may wish to receive the Sacrament kindly speak to an Elder or the Pastor before or after the service.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not

seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy Sing”
Sung to tune of LSB 397

Holy, holy, holy, sing
To the heav’nly armies’ King.
For His glory, might, and worth
Fill the heavens, fill the earth.
Holy, holy, holy cry
To the Lord of host most high.

Hail, Hosanna David’s Son!
Blessed is the One Who comes
In the name of God the Lord,
Name of blessings rich outpoured.
Hail, Hosanna, save us now
Holy, holy God of pow’r.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(For those with dietary restrictions, we offer non-alcoholic wine in the cups in the center of the individual trays.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 358 “From Heaven Above To Earth I Come” vss. 1-5
LSB 368 “Angels We Have Heard On High”

COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, Who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6*

Pastor: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder,

People: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

People: The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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

**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.**

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:7–10 All the ends of the earth will sing for joy as they see the good news of salvation.

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

⁸ The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see

the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹ Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted His people;
He has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The LORD has bared His holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews 1:1–12 God speaks to us through Jesus: the heir of all things, the radiance of the glory of God, and the imprint of His nature.

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, Whom He appointed the heir of all things, through Whom also He created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are My son, today I have begotten you”?

Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to Me a son”?

⁶ And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “Let all God's angels worship Him.” ⁷ Of the angels He says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.”

⁸ But of the Son He says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

¹⁰ And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE Alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia. *John 1:14*

HYMN

LSB 383 "A Great And Mighty Wonder"

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1–18 Jesus Christ, the light for all people, shines in our darkness.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter.

People: **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 were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the Light, that all might believe through him.

⁸He was not the Light, but came to bear witness about the Light.

⁹The true Light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. ¹²But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵John bore witness about Him, and cried out, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.'" ¹⁶For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, Who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF PRAISE LSB 367 "Angels From The Realms Of Glory"

SERMON

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.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN LSB 358 "From Heaven Above To Earth I Come"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the world. Yet this world is still contaminated with darkness, sin, and evil. Deliver us from darkness by shining the light of Your love to every corner of the world. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Lord, You are life for all people, both in this world and the next. Comfort those nearing the end of life with the hope of the resurrection from the dead, that they may face the enemy of death knowing that death has been defeated and will not have the final word. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Lord, death has temporarily claimed many of our friends and family members. During this Christmas season, it can be difficult to celebrate while there is an empty seat around our tables. Send hope to those who mourn the death of loved ones. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Lord, You have given us grace upon grace, but we still struggle with disappointments in this world. Sing Your grace into the lives of those who are struggling with stress and anxiety, unemployment and homelessness, infertility and miscarriage. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Lord, Your Word declares the feet of those who bring good news to be beautiful. Raise up missionaries, pastors, teachers, and other ministers and leaders in Your Church, so that the good news of salvation may be spread to all nations. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Lord, when You dwelt among us, You healed many who were weak and sick. We ask for healing for all those in our midst who are sick or recovering. Cheer their hearts and heal their bodies according to Your perfect will. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Lord, You came to us as the ultimate gift of love at Your incarnation. We rejoice today at Your lavish love. We also join in rejoicing with those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions.
Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Finally, Lord, as You are full of grace and truth, fill Your Church with grace and truth so we may live according to Your will and share Your Gospel of forgiveness, life, and salvation with the world. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We join together in the prayer that He has taught us to pray...

All: 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.

THE BENEDICTION

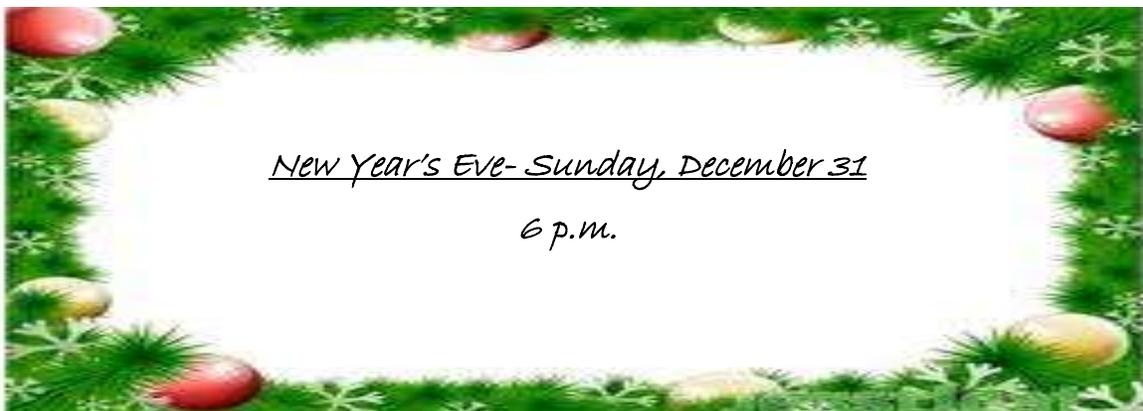
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING

LSB 387 "Joy To The World"

POSTLUDE



WORSHIP SCHEDULE
FOR NEXT WEEK

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

12/31-8:00 am-Joel Zastrow

10:30 am-Ted Frank

New Year's Eve

12/31 -6:00 pm-Larry Beyer

Acolytes

12/31-8:00 am-Addie Nass

10:30 am-Tianda Hildebrandt

New Year's Eve

12/31 6:00 pm-Ushers

Bible Study Snack

TBA

Altar Guild for December

Cheryl Maas & Cindy Maas

Children's Bulletin & Basket

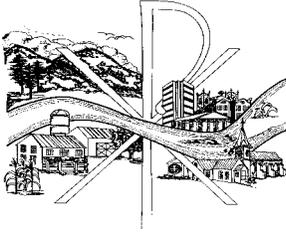
There are special bulletins for children. If your child did not receive one, ask the usher. There is also a Children's Basket in the narthex that contains crayon and pencil packets along with children's books and Christian coloring books. We love having children in worship and sometimes they need additional 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 and many times the church is notified days after an admittance to a facility has happened. 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.



ST. PETER'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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*Reaching out . . .
to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ
through teaching, preaching,
and promoting spiritual growth.*

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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 over 135 years.

LLS Program Staff

Julia Wackt–Principal
Kiki Damrow—Kindergarten, K-2nd Grade Art
Kathy Fortlage –1st & 2nd Grade, Music
Jennie Berken – 3rd & 4th Grade
Pam Bartee – 5th & 6th Grade
Julia Wackt– 7th & 8th Grade
Jenny Meyers— 7th & 8th Grade
Dennis Messman – K-8th Grade Phy. Ed.
Tori Long--K-2nd Grade Aide & Art
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Jackie Unke – Early Childhood Center Director
Jessica Peters & Kayla Zimmerman– Grade PreK-3
Heidi Field – Grade PreK-4

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*
-Thursday 7:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am

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(LCMS) and Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon (NALC).

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