

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 29, 2024

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: CHRISTMAS 1 – THE FLIGHT TO EGYPT

No sooner was the Christ-child born than He was forced to flee from the grasp of wicked King Herod. King Herod went on to have all the baby boys in the vicinity of Bethlehem slaughtered. He was trying to protect his own grip on power and was not about to lose it to some child-Messiah. However, our Savior did not come to establish an earthly kingdom but a heavenly one. We believers follow Christ not claiming a square foot of this terrestrial ball for ourselves. Our permanent home is in heaven.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF “CLOSE COMMUNION”

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you've had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

To prepare for the Lord's Supper you may wish to use pages 295/6 of the hymnal.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting One pg. 154 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

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| Opening Hymn | 362 | <i>Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising</i> |
| Psalm of the Day | Psalm 124 | page 124 in the blue hymnal |
| Hymn of the Day | 355 | <i>Let All Together Praise Our God</i> |
| Communion Hymns | 836 | <i>I Walk in Danger All the Way</i> |
| Closing Hymn | 363 | <i>Now Sing We, Now Rejoice</i> |

Scripture Lessons

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| First Lesson | Hosea 11:1-9 |
| Second Lesson | Revelation 12:13-17 |
| Gospel Lesson | Matthew 2:13-15 |

Sermon

Flight for Life

Matthew 2:13-15

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider..... Rev. Luke C. Werre

Keyboard Mrs. Jennifer Werre

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FIRST READING

¹When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

²The more I called to them,
the more they went away from me.

They kept sacrificing to the Baals
and burning incense to idols.

³Yet I was the one who taught Ephraim to walk.

I took them in my arms,
but they did not realize that it was I who healed them.

⁴I drew them with cords suitable for a man, with ropes of love.
For them I became like someone who lifts a yoke off their neck,
and I bent down to feed them.

⁵They will not return into the land of Egypt.

Instead, an Assyrian will be their king,
because they refused to repent.

⁶The sword will slash against their cities.

It will destroy the bars of their gates,
and it will devour them because of their plans.

⁷My people are determined to turn away from me.

Though they call him the Most High,
he certainly will not exalt them.

⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?

How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart is changed inside me.

All my compassion is stirred up.

⁹I will not carry out my burning anger.

I will not destroy Ephraim again,
because I am God, and not man, the Holy One among you.

I will not enter a city.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

SECOND READING

Revelation 12:13-17

¹³When the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman, who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴Two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman so that she might fly to her place in the wilderness, where she is to be fed for a time, and times, and half a time, away from the presence of the serpent. ¹⁵And the serpent spewed water out of his mouth, like a river, after the woman, in order to carry her away in the flowing water. ¹⁶But the earth helped the woman. The earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river, which the dragon had spewed out of its mouth.

¹⁷And he stood on the shore of the sea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15

¹³After the Wise Men were gone, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to Joseph in a dream. He said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, because Herod will search for the child in order to kill him."

¹⁴Joseph got up, took the child and his mother during the night, and left for Egypt. ¹⁵He stayed there until the death of Herod. This happened to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!