

# Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

Central Avenue at 171st Place  
Oak Forest, Illinois 60452-4913  
Rev. David T. Mensing, Pastor

## Christmas Eve Service, 2018 7:00 p.m.

### Organ Prelude

Processional: "Adeste Fideles" (Congregation stands to the end of the Creed)

Hymn 102: "O Come, All Ye Faithful!"

Pastor: "O Lord, open Thou my lips!"

Congregation: "And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise!"

Pastor: "Make haste, O God, to deliver me!"

Congregation: "Make haste to help me, O Lord!"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the

Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and

ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!"

### Collect for Christmas Night

Congregation: "Amen."

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 (The Birth of Jesus Christ)

The Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 22)

Song: "Little Children, Can You Tell?" (Congregation sings vv. 1 and 5)

1) Little children, can you tell? Do you know the story well—  
—every girl and every boy— why the angels sing for joy  
on the Christmas morning?

5) "Joy and peace," the angels sang; far the pleasant echoes rang:  
"Peace on earth, to men good will!" Hark! The angels sing it still  
on the Christmas morning?

Recitation: Words of Welcome to Our Celebration

Hymn 369: "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall" (vv. 1-3)

Recitations: Why Christmas Became Necessary

Hymn 62: "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel!"

Recitations: Prophecies of God's Christmas Gift

Hymn 297: "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

Recitations: The Fulfillment of God's Promises (Luke 2:1-7)

Song: "Away in a Manger" (Traditional) ..... The Children

Recitations: The Simple Message of Christmas

Hymn 109: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"

Recitations: The Shepherds Hear the Christmas Gospel (Luke 2:8-14)

Hymn 94: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"

Recitations: The Shepherds Share the Good News (Luke 2:15-20)

Hymn 66: "Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes!"

Recitations: What All of This Means to Us Today

Hymn 96: "Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly!"

The Offering of our gifts of love to the dear Christchild...

"...to probe the sincerity of your love.

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that,  
tho' He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor,  
that ye through His poverty might be rich!"

—2 Corinthians 8:8-9

Christmas Prayer ..... The Pastor

The Lord's Prayer ..... Pastor and Congregation

Hymn 646: "Silent Night, Holy Night"

The Benediction of the Lord ..... The Pastor

Congregation: "Amen, Amen, Amen!"

Silent Prayer

Organ Postludes (The congregation will please remain seated while  
our Elders distribute gifts to the children.)

A Happy and Blessed Christmas to All of You!