

Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

(Concordia Lutheran Conference)

Central Avenue at 171st Place

Oak Forest, Illinois 60452

The Rev. David T. Mensing, Pastor



Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

The Christmas Bell

Organ Prelude: Hallelujah Chorus from Händel's "Messiah"

Hymn 84: "Christians, Awake! Salute the Happy Morn!"

Opening Liturgy — Order of Matins, Hymnal, p. 32ff.

Hymn 87: "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come!"

Psalm 98 — "The Christmas Psalm" (Hymnal, p. 144)

Pastor and Congregation: "Glory be to the Father..."

Epistle Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Hymn 105: "Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men!"

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-20 (The Birth of Jesus Christ)

Pastor: "But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us!"

Congregation: "Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!"

Hymn 85: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" (Luther)

The Christmas Homily —

A Portion of the Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:8-14

Theme: The Joyous Message of the Christmas Angels

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

Canticle: "The Benedictus" of Zacharias, Luke 1:68-79 (Hymnal, p. 38)

Christmas Prayer followed by the Kyrie:

*Pastor and Congregation: "Lord, have mercy upon us!
Christ, have mercy upon us! Lord, have mercy upon us!"*

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: "The Lord be with you."

Congregation: "And with thy spirit."

Christmas Collect Congregation: "Amen"

Pastor: "Bless we the Lord!"

Congregation: "Thanks be to God!"

The Benediction of the Lord Congregation: "Amen, Amen, Amen!"

Hymn 86: "Christ the Lord to Us Is Born! Hallelujah!"

Silent Prayer (Chimes)

Organ Postlude: „Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern!"



A Happy and Blessed Christmas to All of You!