

# Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

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

## Christmas Eve Service, 2021 7:00 p.m.

*Organ Preludes*

*Processional (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)*

*Hymn 295: "The Law of God Is Good and Wise"*

*Recitations: Our Great Need for a Savior*

*Hymn 62: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel!"*

*Recitations: The Christmas Gospel – in Prophecy*

*Song: "Little Children, Can You Tell?" (First stanza by the Congregation)*

*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?"*

*Recitations: The Christmas Gospel – The Birth of Jesus*

*Hymn 99: "Now Are the Days Fulfilled"*

*Recitations: The Christmas Gospel – Announcement to the Shepherds*

*Song: "Away in a Manger" .....The Children*

*Recitations: The Little Ones Invite Us to the Manger*

*Hymn 103: "To Shepherds as They Watched by Night"*

*Recitations: The Christmas Gospel – The Angels' Song of Praise*

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

*The Offering of Our Gifts to the Christchild...*

*"...not by commandment, but to prove 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"*

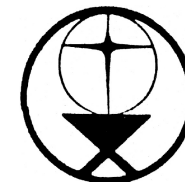
*The Benediction of the Lord ..... The Pastor*

*Congregation: "Amen, Amen, Amen!"*

*Silent Prayer*

*Organ Postludes*

*(The congregation will please remain quietly seated while  
our Elders distribute gifts to the dear children.)*



# Announcements

*A hearty welcome to our guests and visitors this evening! May you, by sincere faith in the Christchild of Bethlehem, cling to the glad tidings of great joy that God, for Jesus' sake, has already forgiven the sins of the whole world —**your sins** too— so that by confidence in Jesus as **your** Savior, you have His peace in your heart and the sure anticipation of a place in His heavenly home! **A truly Happy Christmas in His blessed Name to each and every one of you!!***

✳ **Tomorrow morning** at 10:00 a.m., our **Christmas Day Service** with the **CHRISTMAS SERMON** by our Pastor. Let's all plan to be present for the preaching of God's Word! (I Corinthians 1:21)

**SPECIAL THANKS** to our **Sunday School Staff** of Dawn, Alison, Gina and Mike D., and to our dear **Organist**, Mark Mensing — for their dedication and cheerful service! May the Lord bless all your faithful labors done to the glory of His Name!

**Confirmation Classes** are in recess for the holidays. Our regular instruction schedule will resume after the holidays, beginning on Tuesday, January 4th. Watch for a further announcement.

**Next Sunday, December 26th    The Sunday after Christmas**

8:30 a.m., **Sunday School and Adult Bible Class for ALL**

10:00 a.m., **The Divine Worship Service, also for all.**

**Friday Evening, December 31st, New Year's Eve —**

8:00 p.m., **The Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion\***

**\*Announcement for that Communion** and for Communion on **January 2nd** will be received by **e-mail, cell phone**, or a **text** — well in advance, please; or a **private** announcement may, of course, be arranged with the Pastor at any mutually suitable time.

**A Happy and Blessed Christmas to All of You!**

