

# Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

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

## The Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

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*Hymn 136: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

*Epistle Lesson: Galatians 4:1-7*

*Opening Liturgy— Order of Service, Hymnal, p. 5ff.*

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:25-40*

*The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 12)*

*Hymn 138: "Thou Light of Gentile Nations"*

*The Sermon— Eisenach Epistle Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1-9*

*Theme: The Light Beaming Forth from the Manger  
Points Us Homeward to Heaven*

- I. Our pilgrimage here is spent in temporary housing;*
- II. Our true home is established in heaven;*
- III. Our hope is founded in God's own assurances;*
- IV. Our purpose is to travel home on a Godpleasing course.*

*The Offering " ...to prove the sincerity of your love" (II Cor. 8:8)*

*General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer*

*Hymn 586: "A Pilgrim and a Stranger"*

*Collect for the Church*

*Congregation: "Amen."*

*The Benediction of the Lord*

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

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## Announcements for the Week

For spiritual care during the week, particularly in case of serious illness or urgency, please call Pastor Mensing, either at his **study** here at church, (708) 532-4288, at **home** at the parsonage, (708) 532-9035, or on his **cell phone**, (708) 601-3943.

**VISITORS** are always welcome to attend our services. Please register in our Guest Book, and leave also your address and telephone number if you would like our Pastor to contact you further. And please come again!

**TODAY, December 26th** —There are no special meetings or classes scheduled this afternoon.

**Friday, December 31st**

## New Year's Eve

**8:00 p.m., The Divine Worship Service** with **Holy Communion** for our local members who announced beforehand\* and examined themselves according to the Apostle Paul's injunction (I Corinthians 11:28)

Ⓞ Lord Christ, our Savior dear,  
be Thou ever near us!  
Grant us now a glad new year!  
Amen, Jesus, hear us!

**\*REMINDER:** During the pandemic, **Announcement for Communion** may be made to the Pastor by **TEXT, E-MAIL, or CELL phone** by Wednesday if possible. Of course, you may also announce in **person** if you desire. Just please call first for a mutually-suitable time.

**Saturday, January 1st** **Pastoral Preparation Time** for Sunday; also for special meetings and for such consultations as are of an urgent nature. Please call ahead if possible.

**Next Sunday, January 2nd** **Celebrating the Epiphany of Our Lord**

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

—10:00 a.m., **The Divine Worship Service** also for all, with **Holy Communion** again for our local members who announced.

*A Happy and Blessed New Year to all of you!*