

Good Christian Friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain his everlasting hall.  
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# St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, BENEDICTION & CLOSING SONG

### **“JOY TO THE WORLD”**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive its King;  
Let every heart prepare him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

*Have a blessed week!*

## OPENING SONG

### **“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

**Lola Zaug & Jackie Baldwin**

### **Shepherd Candle**

Shepherds were unnoticed by most of the world. But God chose them to be the first to receive the Good News. This reminds us that Christ came for ALL people. (Luke 2:8-9) 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Prayer: Christ our Joy, brighten our homes with your presence. Clarify our vision so that we might see you in the people we cherish. Make every holiday activity an opportunity to spread your light and love. We await your coming with delight. Amen.

### **“WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCH THEIR FLOCKS”**

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around,  
And glory shone around.

“Fear not!” said he; for mighty dread

Had seized their troubled mind,  
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
To you and all mankind,  
To you and all mankind.

“To you, in David’s town, this day  
Is born, of David’s line,  
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
And this shall be the sign:  
And this shall be the sign.

“The heav’nly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid:  
And in a manger laid.

“All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace:  
Good will hence-forth from  
heav’n to men  
Begin and never cease:  
Begin and never cease!”

### **PRAYERS**

*Petitions are spoken, each ending:*

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy; **People: Hear our prayer.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Words of Institution, Lord’s Prayer, Communion Song**

#### **“HE MADE A WAY IN A MANGER”**

Longing for a savior  
A hopeless world would wait  
Sin demanded justice  
At a price we could not pay  
But God displayed his mercy  
The greatest gift of love  
When we could not reach heaven  
Heaven came to us

**Chorus:** He made a way in a manger  
A way through the son  
Messiah the promised  
Before time had begun  
For God so loved this world  
Though he knew what love would cost  
He made a way in a manger  
To make a way to the cross

In Bethlehem a stable  
Became a throne of grace  
As God himself our Savior  
Drew near to take our place  
His mother smiled in wonder  
As shepherds stood in awe  
The sacrifice of heaven  
Lay sleeping in the straw  
**Chorus**

He is the life that died our death  
The precious Lord Jesus  
Laid down his sweet head

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay

### **Chorus**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

**Nancy Heiman, Lay Reader**

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**Pastor Kay Knight**

### **GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 12:15-21**

### **MESSAGE**

**Pastor Janice Kuder**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE & OFFERING**

#### **“GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE”**

Good Christian Friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
And he is in the manger now.  
Christ was born today!  
Christ was born today!

Good Christian Friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven’s door,  
And we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!