

# St Peter Lutheran Church

## Order of Worship

*Epiphany, January 5, 2025*

### Welcome

#### Opening Hymn LSB 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

1 The star proclaims the King is here;  
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?  
For He who offers heav'nly birth  
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

2 The eastern sages saw from far  
And followed on His guiding star;  
And, led by light, to light they trod  
And by their gifts confessed their God.

3 Within the Jordan's sacred flood  
The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood  
That He, of whom no sin was known,  
Might cleanse His people from their own.

4 And oh, what miracle divine,  
When water reddened into wine!  
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed  
In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

△ 5 For this Thy glad epiphany All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,  
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

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*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Call to Worship

**P** To us a child is born

**C** To us a son is given

**P** And He will be called

**C** Wonderful Counselor

**P** Mighty God,

**C** Oh, come, let us worship Him.

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

**C** and to the Holy Spirit

**P** as it was in the beginning,

**C** Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**☩ Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

(a moment of silence for personal confession)

**☩** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**☩ Amen.**

### **This Is the Feast    LSB 155**

**☩ This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Responsive Psalm Reading, Psalm 72:1–11; antiphon: v. 18**

Give the king your justice, O God,

**and your righteousness to the royal son!**

<sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with righteousness,

**and your poor with justice!**

<sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,

**and the hills, in righteousness!**

<sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

**give deliverance to the children of the needy,**

**and crush the oppressor!**

<sup>5</sup>May they fear you while the sun endures,  
**and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!**  
<sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
**like showers that water the earth!**  
<sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous flourish,  
**and peace abound, till the moon be no more!**

<sup>8</sup>May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
**and from the River to the ends of the earth!**

<sup>9</sup>May desert tribes bow down before him  
**and his enemies lick the dust!**

<sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands  
render him tribute;  
**may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**

<sup>11</sup>May all kings fall down before him,  
**all nations serve him!**

## Salutation and Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen** *(Please be seated)*

## Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 60:1–6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God**

## Epistle Reading, Ephesians 3:1–12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you,<sup>3</sup> how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.<sup>4</sup> When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,<sup>5</sup> which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.<sup>6</sup> This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power.<sup>8</sup> To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,<sup>9</sup> and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things,<sup>10</sup> so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.<sup>11</sup> This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,<sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### Alleluia and Verse

**C** **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Holy Gospel, Matthew 2:1–12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”<sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.<sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”<sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.<sup>10</sup> When they saw the

star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord **C** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon

### Sermon Hymn LSB 397 As with Gladness Men of Old

1 As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led by Thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped,  
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare  
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

5 In the heav'nly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

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## Apostles' Creed

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

**Peace of the Lord** (Please greet the people around you with God's peace)

## **Offering**

## **Installation of Officers**

## **Prayers of the Church**

After each petition respond: **P** Lord in your mercy **C** **Hear our prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be thy name;**

**Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### The Word of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

**☩ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

### St Peter's Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is a special gift given by Jesus Christ to all baptized believers in the community of faith. In preparing for the Lord's Supper, we are to reflect upon the following questions:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
2. Do I believe that, within this Sacrament, the bread and wine are Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life?
4. Do I confess and believe the same doctrines of faith as the church body with which I am about to commune?

If you are having difficulty in answering "yes" to any of the above questions, please follow the guide of Scripture and refrain from taking communion today. Our Pastor would be glad to visit with you after the service to answer any questions you may have about our Communion practice.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please signal to Pastor by holding up your index finger in front of you.

Non-alcoholic white grape juice is available in the center of the tray, for those with alcohol sensitivities.

## 400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

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| 1 | Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;<br>Star of the East, the horizon adorning,<br>Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.       | 2 | Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining; Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;<br>Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,<br>Maker and Monarch and Savior of all. |
| 3 | Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,<br>Fragrance of Edom and offerings divine,<br>Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,<br>Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine? | 4 | Vainly we offer each ample oblation,<br>Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.<br>Richer by far is the heart's adoration;<br>Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.     |



5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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### **Only By Grace**

**Verse:** Only by grace can we enter

Only by grace can we stand

Not by our human endeavor

But by the blood of the Lamb

Into Your presence You call us

You call us to come

Into Your presence You draw us

And now by Your grace we come

Now by Your grace we come

### **Bridge**

Lord, if You mark

Our transgressions

Who would stand?

Thanks to Your grace

We are cleansed

By the blood of the Lamb

### **Repeat Bridge**

### **Repeat Verse**

### **Instrumental Bridge**

### **Repeat Verse**

**Tag:** Now by Your grace we come **2X**

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### **392 God Loves Me Dearly**

1 God loves me dearly,  
Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me. Refrain

2 I was in slav'ry,  
Sin, death, and darkness;  
God's love was working  
To make me free. Refrain

ref **Therefore I'll say again:  
God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me.**

3 He sent forth Jesus,  
My dear Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus  
And set me free. Refrain

4 Jesus, my Savior,  
Himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior,  
Paid all I owed. Refrain

5 Now I will praise You,  
O Love Eternal;  
Now I will praise You  
All my life long. Refrain

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### **“Your Grace Is Enough”**

**Verse 1:** Great is Your faithfulness, O God of  
Jacob

You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
Where nothing can keep us apart  
So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God

**Chorus:** For Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

**Verse 2:** Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob

You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of heaven's vict'ry  
And all Your people sing along  
So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God

### **Chorus 2**

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### **Crown Him King of Kings**

Crown Him King of Kings Crown Him Lord of Lords  
Wonderful Counselor The Mighty God  
Emmanuel: God is with us And He shall reign  
He shall reign He shall reign forevermore

Crown Him King of earth Crown Him Lord of Heav'n  
Son of God; Son of Man Master of all  
Sweet Lamb of God Yet Good Shepherd of His Sheep  
And He shall reign He shall reign He shall reign forevermore

### **Instrumental Interlude**

Crown Him Prince of Peace Crown Him Lord of life  
Died for us; rose for us Now lives on high

Speaks through His Word Let us fall before His throne  
And He shall reign He shall reign He shall reign forevermore  
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## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve you.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Go in peace!

**C** **Serve the Lord**

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God**

## **Closing Song, Rescuer**

**Chorus:** He's our Rescuer

He's our Rescuer

We are free from sin forevermore

Oh how sweet the sound

Oh how grace abounds

We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

1. There is good news for the captive

Good news for the shamed

There is good news for the one who walked away

There is good news for the doubter

The one religion failed

For the good Lord has come to seek and save

**Chorus**

2. He is beauty for the blind man

Riches for the poor

He is friendship for the one the world ignores

He is pasture for the weary

Rest for those who strive

Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life

Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life **Chorus**

**Bridge (2x)**

So come and be chainless

Come and be fearless

Come to the foot of Calvary

There is redemption for every affliction

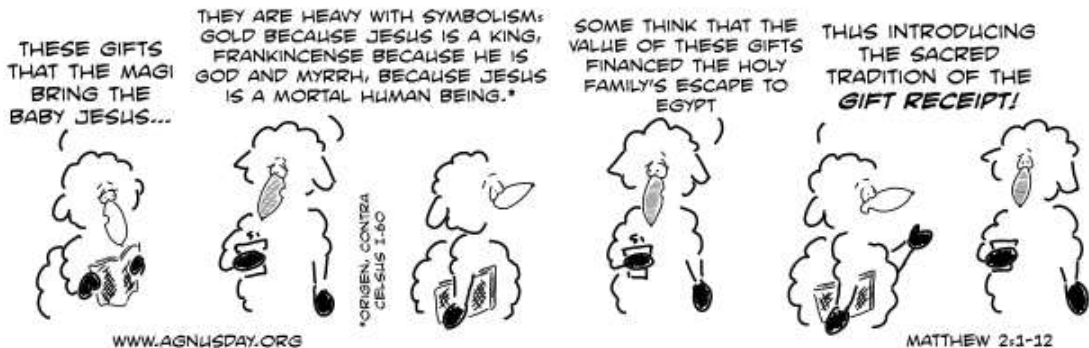
Here at the foot of Calvary

**Final Chorus**

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