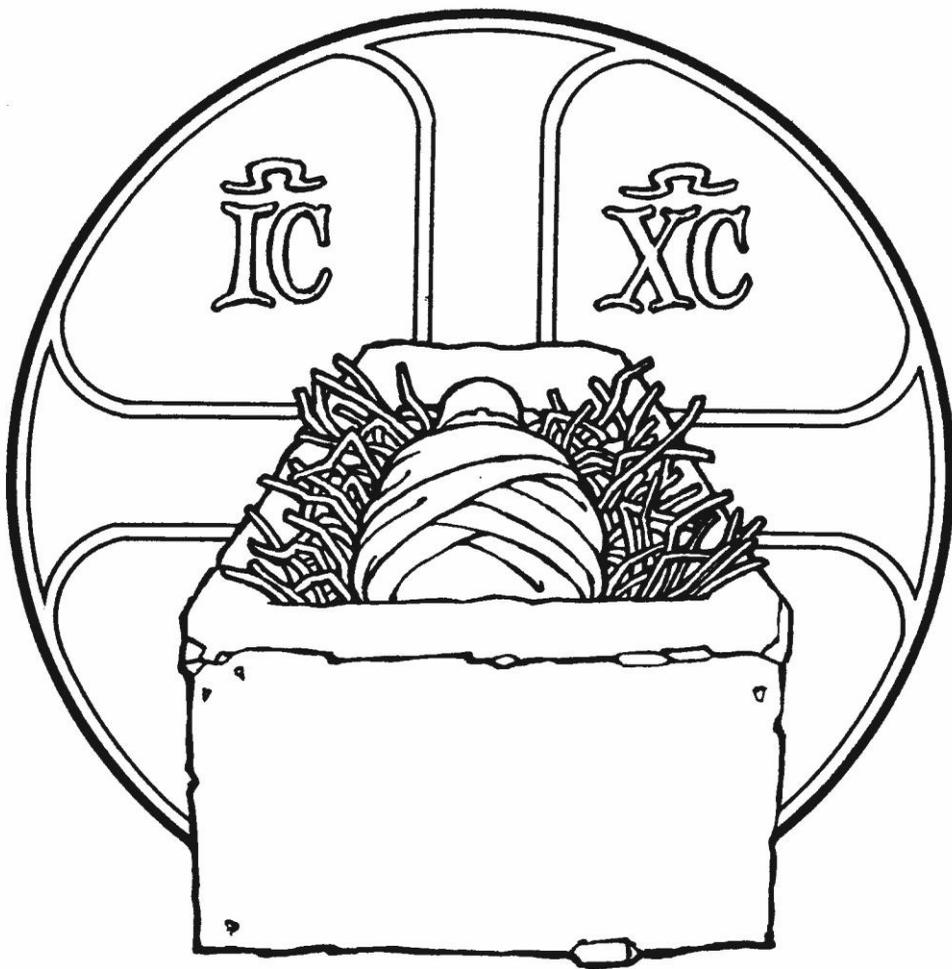


**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord
Pastor Erik Sorenson**



December 24, 2025

Service of Lessons and Carols

** Please stand as you are able, turning to face the processional cross.*

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Processional Hymn

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Abe: Beloved in Christ: In this Christmas season it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us, the Christ-child, lying in a manger. Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption brought to us by this Holy Child.

Emma: But first, let us pray for people all over the world, who would delight with us to know the good news of Jesus Christ and who would join with us in singing His praises. Let us pray for the people of this community and for all those in our own congregation. And because this would please our Lord, let us remember, in His name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and those who are sad, the lonely and the unloved, the elderly and the little children. We especially remember all those who do not know the Lord Jesus, or who do not love Him, or who by sin have grieved His heart of love.

Seth: Finally, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us in heaven, who live in greater light than we, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, who died in the faith, and who live before the throne of God and praise Him each day in His temple. We confess that we are united with them as we are united with one another.

Bradley: These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven in the words Christ Himself taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

** Please be seated.*

388 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Children sing refrain; congregation sings stanzas

Lesson One

Genesis 3:8–19 (p. 3, p. 3 LP)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

368 Angels We Have Heard on High

Children sing refrain; congregation sings stanzas

Lesson Two

Isaiah 7:10–14 (p. 572, p. 727 LP)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Noah: God makes many promises to us throughout His Word. We have already heard a few of them, as God promised Adam and Eve a Savior who would defeat the serpent for them and God gave a sign saying that a virgin would bear a son.

Abigail & Lucy: He is Immanuel, God with us.

Rayleigh: As we hear more of God's promises, we see that God keeps all of these promises here at Christmas with the birth of our Savior, Jesus. He is God with us to save us from sin and death and to give us eternal life. This is our great joy, God in the flesh keeping His promises to us.

Lesson Three

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7 (p. 573, p. 729 LP)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

370 What Child Is This

Lesson Four

Isaiah 11:1–9 (p. 575, p. 732 LP)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Youth Music Piece

Audrey Nye on fiddle

** Please stand as you are able.*

Lesson Five

Luke 2:1–7 (p. 857, p. 1090 LP)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

** Please be seated.*

Trevor: Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem and God's promise is fulfilled. Our Savior is born and God is placed into a manger.

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

** Please stand as you are able.*

Lesson Six

Luke 2:8–14 (p. 857, p. 1090 LP)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Abe: God begins to spread the news as shepherds hear from the angels that the Savior has come. They go to the manger to see their Savior who has come to bring peace to all who believe.

Lesson Seven

Luke 2:15–20 (p. 857, p. 1090 LP)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

** Please be seated.*

Laurie: As Mary treasured everything that happened this night, there was more to come. The Gospel of Matthew tells us that wise men come as well to see their Savior, bringing with them great gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to worship the Lord.

Joe: In this Child, all of God's promises to us are kept. Jesus has come in human flesh, born of the virgin Mary, to save us from our sins and bring us everlasting peace by dying on the cross and rising again from the dead. This night is the beginning of all of this. Let us, then, rejoice with the shepherds, the wise men, Mary and Joseph, and all of God's people that to us a child is born.

Ella: And He is Christ, the Lord!

Ring the Bells

Younger children music piece

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

sts. 1–7

Sermon

The Lord Made Known

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

sts. 8–15

** Please stand as you are able.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lighting of the Candles

(At this time, Pastor will light his candle directly from the Christ Candle. As it comes time to light your candle, please keep lit flames upright and lower unlit candles into the flame of the other candle. You may extinguish your candle at the conclusion of the final hymn.)

364 Away in a Manger

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

363 Silent Night, Holy Night

Recessional Hymn

** Please join us tomorrow, Christmas morning, at 9:00 AM for Divine Service.*

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The Youth

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Joseph Acree

Trevor Acree

Abe Acton

Rayleigh Acton

Audrey Nye

Ella Nye

Emma Nye

John Nye

Noah Nye

Laurie Schultz

Lucy Sorenson

Seth Sorenson

Bradley Turner



Musicians

Camden Jeffries – Organ

Audrey Nye – Piano & Fiddle

Special Thanks

Jeremy Nye

Kevin Schultz

Michelle Schultz





Poinsettias given in memory of:

Preston & Nina Acree - by the Acree family

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Merry Christmas!

