



We believe that God has called us to...

Reach Out to All

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His Coming

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor Ron Moritz, Deacon Ed Smallcombe

Christmas Eve December 24, 2021

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

Pre-service music: Rosie & daughter Sarah

Pastor Welcomes All

THE INVOCATION

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

C: Amen

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the Father.

C: **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.**



**OPENING HYMN: Hark! The Herald
Angels Sing**

P: "For unto us a child is born—Unto us a Son is given.

And the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forevermore.

C: The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray (*The collect: For Christmas Eve prayer.*)

P: Christmas Gospel is read - Luke 2:1-7

C: Sings Hymn (First verse only) "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

P: Christmas Gospel continues - Luke 2:8-14

C: Sings Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High"

P: Christmas Gospel continues - Luke 2:15-20

C: Sings Hymn "Joy to the World"

THE MESSAGE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE
(Titled) "A Tax, A Pregnancy, A Stable"



Our Christmas Offerings will be dedicated at the Lord's Altar

C: Sings "O Come All Ye Faithful"



P: Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

If you agree with the following statements, you are welcome to participate in the Lords Supper. May God bless your worship time with us. I am a baptized Christian. I believe that I am a sinner in need of the Forgiveness that Christ freely offers. I believe that Holy Communion, the very body and blood of the risen Christ are actually present in, with, and under the bread and wine . I believe the proper participation in Holy Communion gives me through Christ, forgiveness of sins, and new spiritual life. My faith in Jesus gives me eternal salvation. I sincerely seek to repent of my sins, live in service to my Lord, and await his return!



Communion : Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: "Mary Did You Know" Sung by: Lynn A

We invite each worshipper to take the Christmas candle in hand, turn it on to light it and join in singing our

Closing Hymn - "Silent Night, Holy Night"

