saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "There Is A Redeemer" Today's Message

(Please stand) **Apostles' Creed**

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sharing of the Peace

(Please be seated)

Closing Hymn "Hark! The Harold Angels Sing" **Postlude** "He Has Come For Us/God Rest Ye

Merry Gentlemen"

To God Be The Glory!

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 6th Pastor out of the office Tuesday, January 7th Pastor out of the office Wednesday, January 8th Pastor out of the office 6:00pm.....School of Reliaion Fun Niaht Thursday, January 9th Pastor out of the office Friday, January 10th Pastor out of the office Saturday, January 11th Pastor out of the office Sunday, January 12th Pastor out of the office 8:00am......Non Communion Worship 9:15am.....Adult Bible Study 9:15am.....Women's Bible Study 9:15am.....Men's Bible Study 9:15am.....Sunday School and F.I.R.E. 10:30am.....Non Communion Worship

K.C. Eckhardt Organist Audio Cathy Broz Grant Pfanstiel Greeter Charlene Pfanstiel Greeter Usher Gene Meints Lay Reader Harold Carlson Emmett Felcher Acolvte Acolyte

January 5th

Powerpoint Cathy Broz Late Service Greeter Jane Schuster Myra Tietz Greeter Usher Gary Hunkins Lay Reader Nick Nothnagel Acolyte Maxson Stewart Acolyte Zander Stewart Powerpoint Ben Schow Live Stream lan Brown

January 12th

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Usher

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Elder on duty Victor Lauer K.C. Eckhardt Organist **Russ Ankersen** Deb Shields Harold Carlson Randon Peters Lay Reader Hunter Kunkee Will Kunkee Russ Ankersen Powerpoint Late Service **Cindy Swanhorst** Curt Swanhorst Harold Carlson

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Worship Service Bulletin

Pastor Lonnie Felcher

December 15, 2024 The Third Sunday in Advent

elcome! Here at Peace Lutheran Church, our mission is to share with loving concern, the true Word and gracious love of God with one another, our community, and our world.

May God bless you this morning as you worship with us.

THERE IS A REDEEMER

Attendance Record 12/29-1/4

Sunday Early Service...40 Adult Bible study.....13 Sunday Late Service....76

Serving in God's House

Elder on duty Brandon Kuykendall

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Blended Worship

Prelude "Here I Am To Worship"

Opening Hymn "For Unto Us A Child Is Born/Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

(Please stand)

Invocation

Confession And Absolution

Introit Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Gloria In Excelsis

Collect Of The Day

(Please be seated)

First Reading 1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Epistle Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his alory.

(Please stand)

Alleluia "Seek Ye First"

Holy Gospel Luke 2:40-52

 $^{40}\mbox{The child}$ [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the