



Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

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7:30 am Bible Class, 8:00 am Worship Service

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14th Street

10:00 am Sunday School, 10:15 am Bible Class, 11:00 am Service

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4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 2012

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 40 (front of the hymnal p. 132)

The Hymns: 56, 701, 108:1&6, Fields, 70:1

Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, send Your Son into our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we, being strengthened by this greatest of all gifts, may walk before You in fervent faith and all holy obedience. Watch over our little flock, and by faith make us ready at all times for the second coming of Jesus. Forgive us our sins, strengthen our faith, and renew in us a right spirit in our Advent and Christmas worship. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 56

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Congregation sings:



THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to

Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



A - men. (congregation is seated)

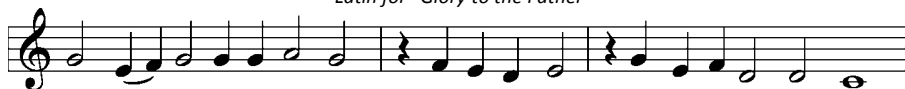
THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

- P: Drop down, you heavens, from above:
- C: **And let the skies pour down righteousness.**
- P: Let the earth open:
- C: **And bring forth salvation.**
- P: The heavens declare the glory of God:
- C: **And the firmament shows His handiwork.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - all sing)



I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

THE SALUTATION (*Greeting*)

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.



C A - men.

THE BIBLE READINGS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Bible Reading:

Isaiah 7:10-14 Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11 "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!" 13 Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? 14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: The Lord is near to all those who call upon Him.

C: To all who call upon Him in truth.

P: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

C: And let all flesh praise His holy name.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: You are my Help and my Deliverer:

C: Answer in Your time, O my God. Hallelujah!



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

PASTOR The New Testament Bible Reading comes from Matthew chapter 3, beginning there in the 1st verse.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The New Testament Bible Reading

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PASTOR: Here ends the New Testament Bible Reading.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



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Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose

again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregation sings Hymn 701

THE SERMON

Romans 1:1-7 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God 2 which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. 5 Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; 7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Theme: "ON EARTH PEACE – BY THE GRACE OF GOD"

I. God's Grace Sent the World a Savior

II. God's Peace Comes Through that Savior

III. Being at Peace with God, We Make Peace Among Men

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart O God, and re-
new a right spir - it with - in me
Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Thy free spir -
it. A - men.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 108:1&6:

1. **We sing, Immanuel, Thy praise,
Thou Prince of Life and Fount of grace,
Thou Flower of heaven and Star of morn,
Thou Lord of lords, Thou Virgin-born. Hallelujah!**
6. **I have the will, the power is weak;
Yet, Lord, my humble offering take
And graciously the love receive
Which my poor heart to Thee can give. Hallelujah!**

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (All)

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.

Hymn LEISE RIESELT DER SCHNEE

Words and arrangement by Gerhardt Mueller 1964

1. Fields are peaceful and white,
Christmas shines through the night,
Snowflakes like jewels appear,
Joyfully, Jesus is here!

2. Carols echo on high,
Clear as stars in the sky,
Angels from heaven appear,
Joyfully, Jesus is here!
3. Sin's dread curse now is gone,
Peace with God through His Son,
Freed from all sadness and fear
Joyfully, Jesus is here!
4. Sing and let us rejoice,
Join with glad heart and voice
Come, with the shepherds draw near,
Joyfully, Jesus is here!

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



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The Closing Hymn 70:1



Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a free "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

WELCOME HOME! to our students from Immanuel Lutheran High School and College, as well as all those who have traveled home for Christmas!

Christmas Service Schedule:

Today at Peace: Christmas Eve Service at 1:00 pm, potluck following.

Christmas Eve at St. John's: 7:00 pm

Christmas Day at Peace: 8:00 am

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No Sunday School or Bible Class today or next Sunday.

Christmas Eve Children's Goodie Bags At St. John's there is a box set out in the fellowship hall for items for the treat bags given to the children on Christmas Eve. Candy, goodies, fruit, peanuts, etc are welcome! Today is the last day to donate. The bags will be assembled later in the afternoon.

CHRISTMAS CARDS One box of Christmas cards is still available at St. John's in the back of the church. The price on the box. Payment may be made to "St. John's Ladies Aid."

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child,
and bear a Son, and they shall call His
name Immanuel," which is translated,
"God with us." Matthew 1:23

The Old Testament Reading for 4th Sunday in Advent

King Ahaz of Judah in fake humility, refuses a sign from the LORD, but these verses tell us of the faithfulness of our God who will fulfill His age old promise to send His Son to be our Redeemer. It is the greatest demonstration of God's love for us sinners, and we celebrate this act of God's love at Christmas. We read...

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