

## WELCOME

We welcome you. May your worship strengthen your faith and growth in His grace. Visitors, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The psalmist calls on the natural world, celestial bodies, fire and earth, creatures, and all humanity to praise God. The voices of Simeon and 84-year old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Simeon's song is often sung after communion for we have seen God's salvation in the assembled community and have held Jesus in our hands in the bread. Then, like the wise words of Anna, we tell of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PLC serves at the Banquet in SF on Sat Jan 6. Volunteer needs: 4 to cook at 8:30am (slots filled); additional 16 to serve at 10:30am (13 open slots). Text RSVP to Marlene C 949-683-5536.
- PLC Annual meeting will be 7:00pm Jan 24; contact is Council Pres Jeff Rehder 712-551-6444. Further info in Jan *Newsletter*.

## MISSION UKRAINE

Continue to pray for our sponsored Ukraine families and needs we support: Roshko family, PLC point persons Tim/Mary Schmidt 712-441-1805; and Homziakov family, PLC point persons Darrell/Gin Vermeer 712-441-1974.

## DEACONS' PRAYER LIST

Our church leadership; Chari DeRuyter; Claudia Winterfeld; Warren & Fonda Post, friends of PLC; Luke Helmers family; Evert DeBondt, Lorene Franken, Arlene Miller, Orville Rehder, Shirley Rehder, Irene Sneller (CrPointe Estates SC); Harold Moeller (Whispering Hghts RV); all in need.

## SERVING TODAY

Lector: Vicki R (Donna R) Prayers: Terry W (Darrell V)  
Praise Team off today A/V: Daniel B, Ryan R  
Organ: Becky S

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (ESV)

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7

## PRAYER FOR LOCAL CONGREGATION

Church of God, Pastor Dustin Bolks

## SCHEDULE

Sat 01/06 PLC serves noon meal at Banquet SF  
Wed 01/24 06:00pm Council meeting  
07:00pm PLC Annual meeting  
Fri-Sun 02/09-02/11 Marriage Retreat, Ingham Okoboji

*Sunday School Holiday Recess 12/24 & 01/01*

*Confirmation Holiday Recess 12/20 & 12/27*



## About Our Church

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Watch Sun worship live on Facebook streaming, YouTube or re-broadcast Mondays 10:30am Channel 12 (Premier)



# Peace Lutheran Church LCMC



December 31, 2023  
First Sunday of Christmas  
Rev. William Loeffke, Pastor

Sunday Worship  
Faith Alive Service 10:15 am  
Youth and Adult Sunday School  
in Holiday Recess until Jan 07 2024

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Faith Alive Worship Hour!

### Prelude

*A time of meditation and preparation for worship*

### Announcements

### Call to Worship

### Gathering Hymn #286

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

*"He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom."*

*Isaiah 9:7*

### Confession and Forgiveness

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, You wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In Your mercy, let us share the divine life of the One who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### Children's Time

*"Let the Children Come...!" Luke 18:16*

### First Lesson

*Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3*

### Responsive Reading

*Psalm 148*

### Epistle Lesson

*Galatians 4:4-7*

*Congregation Response to Epistle Reading:*

**"Thanks be to God!"**

### Congregation Sings Hymn #86

*"Jesus, Name Above All Names"*

### Announcement of the Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:22-40*

**"Glory to You, O Lord"**

*Congregation Response to Gospel Reading*

**"Praise to You, O Christ"**

### Sermon

*"For We Have Seen God's Salvation!"*

Sermon Notes available in Narthex

### Hymn of the Day #265

*"The First Noel"*

*"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;*

*He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11*

### Apostle's Creed

### Sharing of God's Peace

### Blessings of Tithes and Offerings

*Hymn #815 "Doxology"*

### Prayers Of The People

*Reader: "God, in Your mercy,"*

*Congregation: "**Hear our prayer.**"*

### Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

### Sending Hymn #247

*"Let's Worship and Adore Him"*

*All nations will come and worship before You."*

*Revelation 15:4*

### Dismissal

Pastor: "Dynamic Love!

Dynamic Ministry! God's Holy Word!"

*Congregation: "**Thanks be to God!**"*

### Postlude

The offering plate is in the Narthex.

*December Benevolence*

*Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy, Sioux Center IA*

May God bless your generous gifts.