

Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

(Concordia Lutheran Conference)

Central Avenue at 171st Place
Oak Forest, Illinois

The Rev. David T. Mensing, Pastor

New Year's Eve

December 31, 2017

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Hymn 121: "For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace"

The Opening Liturgy (Hymnal, p. 15ff.)

Selected Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:1-17

Selected Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-9

The Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 22)

Hymn 120: "Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter"

The Sermon — Thomasius Epistle Text: Hebrews 13:8

*Theme: Our Security, both Now and in the Future,
Rests on Our Never-Changing Lord and Savior*

I. He's been the source of all our blessings in the past;

II. He is graciously prospering our way still today;

III. His faithfulness will remain constant for our future.

Offering... "to probe the sincerity of your love." (II Cor. 8:8)

New Year's Prayer

Hymn 125: "The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away"

Communion Exhortation (Hymnal, p. 47) Pastor

Prayer for the Communicants Congregation: "Amen."

Communion Liturgy (Hymnal, p. 24ff.)

Please note: Since the holy Supper of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is intended only for true believers who repent of their sins and cling alone to the merits of Christ for salvation, for those who sincerely intend to amend their sinful lives in evidence of their faith, and for those who are in the true unity of the Spirit with their fellow-communicants, we admit to the Lord's Table only those of our fellowship. We expect them to have made previous announcement to their pastor as their shepherd and overseer and to have examined themselves in accordance with God's Word. (This Scriptural practice is known as *Close* or *Closed Communion*.)

Hymn 110: "Across the Sky the Shades of Night"

(To be sung during the distribution of the Sacrament)

Closing Liturgy (Hymnal, p. 29ff.)

The Benediction of the Lord *Congregation: "Amen, Amen, Amen!"*

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

For spiritual care during the week, particularly in case of serious illness or emergency, please take a moment to call Pastor Mensing at his **study** here at church, **532-4288**, at **home** at the parsonage, **532-9035**, or on his **cell**, **601-3943**.

VISITORS are always welcome to attend our services here at Peace. Please register in our Guest Book, and leave also your address and telephone number if you would like the Pastor to contact you further. And please come again!

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Celebrating

The Epiphany of Our Lord

— 8:30 a.m., **Sunday School** and **Adult Bible Class** for all.

— 10:00 a.m., **The Divine Worship Service** also for all, with **HOLY COMMUNION** for our members who announced beforehand to the Pastor and who examined themselves according to the Apostle's injunction (I Corinthians 11:28).

A Happy and Blessed New Year to All of You!

