

Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

Central Avenue at 171st Place
Oak Forest, Illinois 60452
Rev. David T. Mensing, Pastor

Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2017

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Hymn 136: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Opening Liturgy – Order of Service, Hymnal, p. 5ff.

The Epistle Lesson: Galatians 4:1-7

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:25-40

The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 12)

Hymn 99: "Now Are the Days Fulfilled"

The Sermon – Thomasius Gospel Text: Luke 2:25-32

*Theme: The Blessed Result of Taking the Christchild
Up into Our Arms of Faith*

I. He brings peace to our hearts;

II. He brings purpose to our lives;

III. He brings hope to our future.

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

The General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn 138: "Thou Light of Gentile Nations"

Collect for the Church

Congregation: "Amen."

The Benediction of the Lord

Congregation: "Amen, Amen, Amen!"

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Announcements for the Week

For spiritual care during the week, particularly in case of serious illness or urgency, please call Pastor Mensing, either at his **study** here at church, (708) 532-4288, at **home** at the parsonage, (708) 532-9035, or on his **cell phone**, (708) 601-3943.

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

THIS EVENING, December 31st **New Year's Eve**

8:00 p.m., **The New Year's Eve Service** with **Holy Communion**
for those who previously announced.

**"O Lord Christ, our Savior dear,
Be Thou ever near us!
Grant us now a glad new year!
Amen, Jesus! Hear us!"**

Hymn 97, v. 4

Next Sunday, January 7th

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.

Monday, January 8th

Our regular schedule of classes resumes with the children's **Confirmation Classes** as usual. Classes for Connor, Nick and Isaac MAY be *speciall*y scheduled in advance of their expected Confirmation on Sunday, January 14th. Please check with the Pastor.

A blessed week and New Year to all of you!