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Mission Statement

To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. **We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.**



Some Helpful Information

Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service: During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

Restrooms – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

Fellowship and Refreshments – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

Please join us again next week!

Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany

February 17, 2019

Introduction

The Word of God provides us with great promises as well as warnings. The greatest blessing is saving faith in our hearts—faith in Jesus. But as we live by faith in this sinful world, we need to be warned against being concerned only with the things of this world. So we focus on Jesus and His main goal, that by His suffering, death, and resurrection we receive forgiveness of our sins and live in the hope of our resurrection to eternal life. Our Lord's words of blessings and warnings of woes seek to guide us to that heavenly goal. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Entrance Hymn - Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (LBW #250, please stand)

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!

- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,
let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken,
may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

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Psalm 1 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Happy are those who reject the advice of evil people, who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God.

People: **Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the LORD, and they study it day and night.**

Pastor: They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do.

People: **But evil people are not like this at all; they are like straw that the wind blows away.**

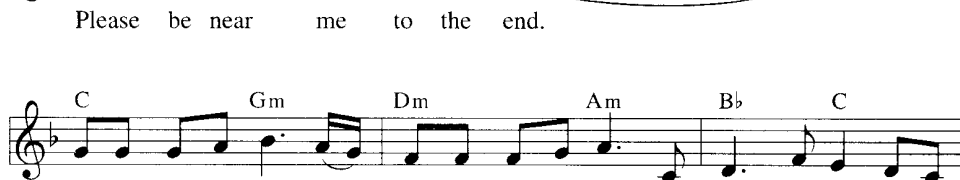
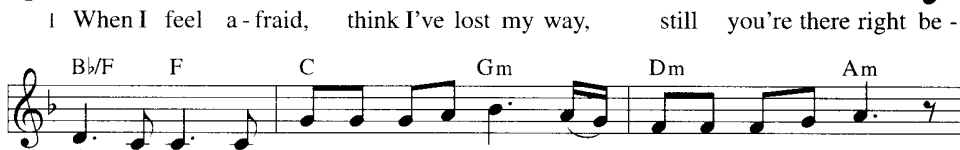
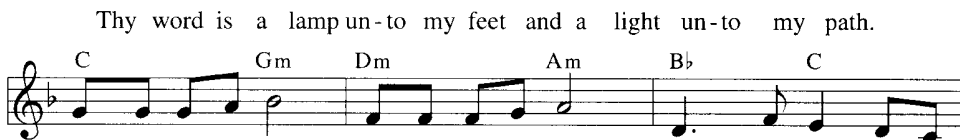
Pastor: Sinners will be condemned by God and kept apart from God's own people.

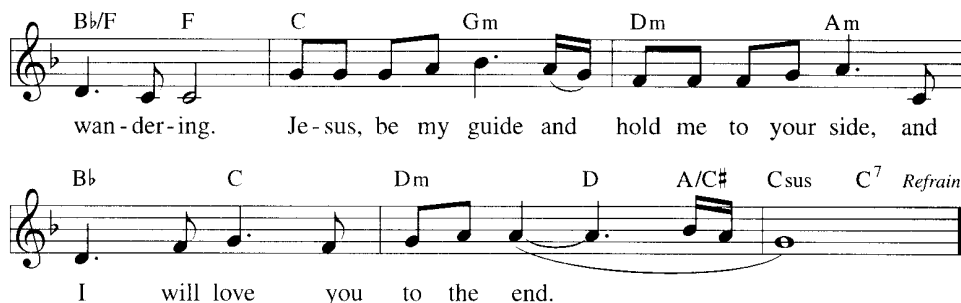
People: **The righteous are guided and protected by the LORD, but the evil are on the way to their doom.**

(We share the peace of the Lord)

Hymn Of Praise - Thy Word (WP #144, please be seated)

Refrain





Test. Psalm 119:105. refrain; . Michael W. Smith. stanzas; Music: Amy Grant; Text and Music © 1984 Meadowgreen Music, admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing; and Bug and Bear Music, admin. Word Music, Inc. Used by permission. CCLI#

First Reading - Jeremiah 17:5-10 (Please remain seated)

These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings (17:5-11) that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

⁵ The LORD says, “I will condemn those who turn away from me and put their trust in human beings, in the strength of mortals. ⁶ He is like a bush in the desert, which grows in the dry wasteland, on salty ground where nothing else grows. Nothing good ever happens to him. ⁷ “But I will bless the person who puts his trust in me. ⁸ He is like a tree growing near a stream and sending out roots to the water. It is not afraid when hot weather comes, because its leaves stay green; it has no worries when there is no rain; it keeps on bearing fruit. ⁹ “Who can understand the human heart? There is nothing else so deceitful; it is too sick to be healed. ¹⁰ I, the LORD, search the minds and test the hearts of people. I treat each of them according to the way they live, according to what they do.”

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (Please remain seated)

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

¹² Now, since our message is that Christ has been raised from death, how can some of you say that the dead will not be raised to life? ¹³ If that is true, it means that Christ was not raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe. ¹⁵ More than that, we are

shown to be lying about God, because we said that he raised Christ from death—but if it is true that the dead are not raised to life, then he did not raise Christ. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins. ¹⁸ It would also mean that the believers in Christ who have died are lost. ¹⁹ If our hope in Christ is good for this life only and no more, then we deserve more pity than anyone else in all the world. ²⁰ But the truth is that Christ has been raised from death, as the guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised.

Gospel - Luke 6:17-26 (Please remain seated)

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

¹⁷ When Jesus had come down from the hill with the apostles, he stood on a level place with a large number of his disciples. A large crowd of people was there from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from the coast cities of Tyre and Sidon; ¹⁸ they had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those who were troubled by evil spirits also came and were healed. ¹⁹ All the people tried to touch him, for power was going out from him and healing them all. ²⁰ Jesus looked at his disciples and said, “Happy are you poor; the Kingdom of God is yours! ²¹ “Happy are you who are hungry now; you will be filled! “Happy are you who weep now; you will laugh! ²² “Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and say that you are evil, all because of the Son of Man! ²³ Be glad when that happens and dance for joy, because a great reward is kept for you in heaven. For their ancestors did the very same things to the prophets. ²⁴ “But how terrible for you who are rich now; you have had your easy life! ²⁵ “How terrible for you who are full now; you will go hungry! “How terrible for you who laugh now; you will mourn and weep! ²⁶ “How terrible when all people speak well of you; their ancestors said the very same things about the false prophets.

Song Of The Day - As The Deer (WP #9, please be seated)

D A/C# Bm Bm/A G Asus A D

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.

A/C# Bm D/A D/F# Em⁷ A⁷sus A⁷ D

You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.

Bm Bm/A G D/F# G Bm/F# Em F#sus F#

You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;

D A/C# Bm D/A D/F# Em⁷ A⁷sus A⁷ D

you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

2. You're my friend and You are my brother
 Even though you are a King
 I love you more than any other,
 So much more than anything.
 You alone are my strength, my shield,
 To you alone may my spirit yield;
 You alone are my heart's desire,
 And I long to worship you.

3. I want you more than gold or silver,
 Only you can satisfy.
 You alone are the real joy giver
 And the apple of my eye.
 You alone are my strength, my shield,
 To you alone may my spirit yield;
 You alone are my heart's desire,
 And I long to worship you.

Message

The Community Of Jesus – Rooted In The Resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Hymn Of Response - The Church's One Foundation

(LBW #369, please remain seated)

- 1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

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- 4 Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

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Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please be seated as the offerings are received)

Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed (Please stand and confess together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer Of The Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. – Silent prayer - Thanks and praise to You, almighty God, for all the blessings of Your good creation, and especially the blessings of Your mercy and grace by which we know Your promise of forgiveness for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Keep us, we pray, in the one true faith, and grant true unity of faith in Your whole Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bless the preaching of Your Word that many come in repentance and faith to receive Your blessings and be delivered from sin and unbelief. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant peace and unity in our nation and around the world that Your Word have free course calling all people to the blessing of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: By Your blessing, strengthen and enable all who labor, especially those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and keep in safety all who travel. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, for the sick, for the dying and those who care for them, surround them with Your blessing of health and healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Additional prayers:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

Pastor: Blessed are those who die in the Lord and rest from their labors. Keep us in unity with all who have gone before us with the sign of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (We pray together. Please remain standing)

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.

The Prayer For Peace (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. . .O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,

People: **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Blessing (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Nourished by the Word of Christ, you are sent out into the world to show God's love in word and action. "Do not be afraid, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn – I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

(LBW #352, please remain standing)

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.
- 3 He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.
- 5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Rev. Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Laureen Schneeberger & Vicki McGowan
Usher:	Mary Ann Griller
Counters:	Beverly Erbel
Lay Reader:	Beverly Erbel

Activities This Week:

Sunday – February 10	9:30 am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – February 12	9:30-12: 30 pm 4:30-6:30 pm	Stage Door (PH) Cindy Levy Music Class (LL)

Wednesday – February 20	2:45 – 6:15 pm 3:30-4:30 6:00 pm 7:00 p.m.	Patricia Miner (N) Cindy Levy Music Class (LL) Stage Door (PH) Council
Saturday – February 23	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – February 24	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God

Birthdays – Christ's Blessing to those celebrating birthdays this week.

Monday - Richard Kenney
Tuesday - Keith Stoneking
Thursday - David Erickson

Refreshments - will be served in Luther Lounge and surrounding areas following worship today. Guests and members stay and meet one another again or for the first time.

New Directory – A draft of the New Directory is in the entryway. Please review it and make any changes or additions. If no changes are necessary, please place a check next to your name so I know you reviewed your entry. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday Worship And Soup Supper – Ash Wednesday is March 6. We hope you are able to join us for this symbolical worship service. The soup supper begins at 6:15 p.m. Worship begins at 7:00 p.m.

Flowers – If you would like to donate flowers for worship in memory of a person or observing a personal event, please contact pastor via email at pastor@plcmarin.org

Sunday Bulletins - for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is <http://bulletin.plcmarin.org>

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Weekly Devotional Helps

February 17, 2019 – February 23, 2019

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – February 18

Psalm 120
2 Kings 24:18-25:21
1 Corinthians 15:20-34

Tuesday – February 19

Psalm 120
Ezra 1:1-11
2 Corinthians 1:12-19

Wednesday – February 20

Psalm 120
Jeremiah 22:11-17
Luke 11:37-52

Thursday – February 21

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Genesis 43:16-34
Romans 8:1-11

Friday – February 22

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Genesis 44:1-17
1 John 2:12-17

Saturday – February 23

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Genesis 44:18-34
Luke 12:57-59

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

Upcoming Commemorations

February 18 - Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546: Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

February 23 - Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156: Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.