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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 an 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!

Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

February 3, 2019

Introduction

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it.

God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - O Lord, You showed Your love for humanity through Jesus, Your beloved Son. Empower me by Your Spirit to love You with my whole heart, and to love my neighbors as myself, so that the light of Your love may so shine before others through me that Your Son, Jesus, the Christ is revealed. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (Based on Jeremiah 1:5, 7–8. Please stand)

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

Pastor: The Lord says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."
People: **We thank You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The Lord says, "Before you were born I consecrated you."
People: **We adore You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The Lord says, "Whatever I command you, you shall speak."
People: **We praise You, O Lord!**

Pastor: The Lord says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you to deliver you."
People: **We worship You, O Lord!**

Entrance Song - Love Divine All Loves Excelling (ELW #631, please remain standing)



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect -



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

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Confession And Forgiveness (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Embraced by the love of God through our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sin before God and one another. - A time of silence is observed.
- Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, God of love, in thought, word, and deed.

People: In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

Pastor: We have shown lack of trust in Your loving purpose for our lives.

People: In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

Pastor: We have failed to immerse ourselves in Your Word and to speak it freely in the world.

People: In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

Pastor: We have failed to love You and to love one another, even using our faith as an excuse not to love our neighbors.

People: In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

Pastor: We have been envious, boastful, arrogant, rude, insistent, irritable, and resentful.

People: In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The love of God surrounds us.

People: We rejoice in that love.

Pastor: Let us greet one another in that love, in that hope, in that abiding faith.

Song Of Praise - By Grace We Have Been Saved (WP #25, please be seated)

1 By grace we have been saved through faith and
 2 For all have sinned and fall - en short. God's
 3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through
 4 We know the wage of sin is death; thank
 5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal -

not by keep - ing law. God's saints be - lieved by
 plan, not one o - beyed. Christ has for all ful -
 Je - sus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ
 God, we shall re - vive. For just as Je - sus
 va - tion is se - cured. How beau - ti - ful the

what they heard and not by what they saw.
 filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.
 died for us. We gained by God's own loss.
 rose a - gain, we too are made a - live.
 feet of those who share this gos - pel word.

Refrain

Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!

Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

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First Reading - Jeremiah 1:4-10 (Please remain seated)

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet

to the nations.” ⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷ But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.” ⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13 (Please remain seated)

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. ¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Gospel - Luke 4:21-30 (Please remain seated)

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were

coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.

Theme Song - Where Charity and Love Prevail (Tune: LBW 464, please remain seated)

- 1 Where charity and love prevail,
 there God is ever found;
 brought here together by Christ's love,
 by love we thus are bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear,
 God's charity we learn;
 let us with heart and mind and soul
 now love God in return.
- 3 Let us recall that in our midst
 dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
 as members of each body joined,
 in him we are made one.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;
 let all contentions cease.
 Be God's the glory that we seek;
 be his our only peace.

- 5 Let us forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.

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Message

The Most Excellent Way 1 Corinthians 13

Response - They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

(BH #385, please remain seated)

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians,
By our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news, that God is in our land - Refrain
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll save each man's dignity, and guard each man's pride. –
Refrain
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit, that makes us one. - Refrain

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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: Embraced by the love of God for us in Jesus, let us bring our prayers to God, trusting in His promise to deliver us in the midst of trouble. –
Silent prayer - God, whose love is patient and kind, empower Your Church throughout the world to show forth the Gospel everywhere with patience and kindness. Give the leaders, pastors, teachers, and all the people of the Christian Church a full measure of patience and kindness in our interactions with one another. Preserve us from discord and public arguments that bring out the worst in us. Let the love You have shown us so embrace our lives that the world may notice and turn to You. God of love,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God, whose love is not envious or boastful, bless the leaders of nations, our president and congress, our governors, and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings. Bless those who serve in our armed forces, and lift up refugees and all victims of war. Bring peace between us and our enemies, and let Your peace in Christ reign over this broken world. God of love,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God, whose love is not arrogant or rude, come to the aid of all who are in need. As Jesus humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us to humbly enter the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying to offer comfort and hope. Bring healing according to Your will and peace to those whose suffering endures. Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness. Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring so much suffering to the world, that their work lead to healing for many. God of love,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God, whose love is not irritable or resentful, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among both the families of this congregation and all families. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents. Watch over all who travel, and comfort families who are separated by many miles. Guide families, that their homes be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. God of love,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God, whose love rejoices with the truth, preserve this church both from error and from using truth against others like a weapon. Guide us as the Body of Christ in the world to live in ways that surprise the world with Your love, so that ears will be opened to hear the truth of Jesus. God of love,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional prayers:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: God, whose love abides into all eternity through our Lord Jesus, You deliver Your people even from the grip of death. Comfort those who mourn, and use us to express Your abiding love to them. We thank You for the life and witness of those who, having abided in Your love in this life, have now died and abide in Your eternal love. Bring us one day to be with them; and until that day give us grace to endure life's difficulties, while also abiding in Your love. God of love,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In addition to these prayers that we have spoken, we know that You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts, and hear also those prayers that come to You in sighs too deep for words. All of our prayer we entrust to Your abiding love in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 - Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue

(Tune: LBW #269, please remain standing)

- 1 Although I speak with angel's tongue,
my faith, my knowledge all surpass,
but have no love, my gifts are vain
as clanging gong or blaring brass.
- 2 For love is patient, love is kind,
and never vain with boasting pride;
love bears all things, all things endures.
All things must end; love will abide.
- 3 For now we peer at darkened glass;
our visions end; our tongues all cease.
In part we know, in part now see:
then we will see love face to face.
- 4 The gifts are many, the Body one,
and into one are all baptized.
Beloved, share one heart, one mind,
one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

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| Pastor: | Rev. Ricky Adams |
| Organist: | Janet Reese |
| Coffee Hour: | Mary Ann Griller |
| Counters: | Vicki McGowan and Beverly Erbel |
| Usher: | Jerry Locey and Jackie Stoneking |
| Lay Reader: | Janet Reese |

Activities This Week:

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| Sunday – February 3 | 9:30 am | Service of the Word |
| Tuesday – January 29 | 9:30-12: 30 pm 4:30-6:30 pm | Stage Door (PH) Cindy Levy Music Class (LL) |
| Wednesday – January 30 | 2:45 – 6:15 pm 3:30-4:30 6:00 pm | Patricia Miner (N) Cindy Levy Music Class (LL) Stage Door (PH) |
| Saturday – January 26 | 8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm | Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) |
| Sunday – January 27 | 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

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.

Brown Bag Dinners - On Tuesday, February 12 we will prepare Brown Bag Dinners for our friends at Fireside. Please come join us in the Lounge at 10:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Class – Women's Bible Class is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 12 in Peace Hall at 6:30 p.m. Please come join us!

Men's Bible Class – The Men's Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge. We will continue our study on Vocation. Please join us!

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 3, 2019 – February 9, 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 4

Psalm 56
1 Kings 17:8-16
1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Tuesday – February 5

Psalm 56
2 Kings 5:1-14
1 Corinthians 14:13-25

Wednesday – February 6

Psalm 56
Jeremiah 1:11-19
Luke 19:41-44

Thursday – February 7

Psalm 138
Numbers 20:22-29
Acts 9:19b-25

Friday – February 8

Psalm 138
Numbers 27:12-23
Acts 9:26-31

Saturday – February 9

Psalm 138
Judges 3:7-11
Luke 4:42-44

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11