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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!

Second Sunday After The Epiphany

January 20, 2019

Introduction

God's grace and love are bright and shining gifts to a dark and hurting world. We find this echoed in today's readings: " LORD, your constant love reaches the heavens" (Psalm 36:5); "You will be like a beautiful crown for the LORD." (Isaiah 62:3); "Jesus performed this first miracle in Cana in Galilee; there he revealed his glory" (John 2:11). God's love is made manifest in many ways, including the gifts of the Spirit, as mentioned in the Corinthians reading. Our worship today should show how members of Christ's body, the church, reveals God's love. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Gracious and loving God, source of all wholeness, forgiveness, and mercy, may your Spirit heal those who are torn, mend those who are broken, and protect those who are fragile. Enable us, O God, through the gift of your steadfast love, to remember who we are and whose we are. In your love, may we be true and faithful disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen. - By Erik Alsgaard, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 36:5-10. Please stand)

Pastor: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,
People: your steadfast love finds us.

Pastor: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,
People: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

Pastor: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,
People: your steadfast presence gives us hope.

Pastor: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,
People: you hear our cries and answer our prayers. Thanks be to God! -
By Erik Alsgaard, Ministry Matters Website

Pastor: Through God's precious love we begin in the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen

Entrance Hymn - Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

(Tune: LBW #407, please remain standing)

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885

Confession Of Sin And Words Of Assurance (Please remain standing)

Pastor: God you have given each of us many gifts,
**People: but sometimes we cannot recognize what gift we have to share,
so we hide it under a bushel.**

Pastor: God you remind us that all gifts are needed,
**People: but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced that some gifts
are more special than others.**

Pastor: God you call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body,
**People: but sometimes we decide that membership in the body is limited
by our understandings.**

Pastor: God, for the times we have ignored or mislabeled Your gifts, for those
times we have cut another off from the body,
People: We offer words of repentance, we ask for forgiveness and grace.

...silent prayer...

Pastor: God is the giver of MANY gifts. God is the Creator of the ONE body.
God is slow to anger and quick to forgive. God helps us to share and
honor the gifts of all. God helps us to heal the wounds and reunite
the body. We are forgiven, loved, and accepted.
**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen ~ posted by Rev Gord on his blog,
Worship Offerings.**

(We greet one another with the peace of the Lord)

Hymn Of Response - Glorify Thy Name (WP #42, please be seated)

1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,
3 Spir - it,

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth;
glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,
glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a treble clef. It consists of four staves. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The notes are: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter). The second staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The notes are: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter). The third staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The notes are: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter). The fourth staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The notes are: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter).

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First Reading - Isaiah 62:1-5 (Please remain seated)

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.

I will speak out to encourage Jerusalem; I will not be silent until she is saved, And her victory shines like a torch in the night. ² Jerusalem, the nations will see you victorious! All their kings will see your glory. You will be called by a new name, A name given by the LORD himself. ³ You will be like a beautiful crown for the LORD. ⁴ No longer will you be called "Forsaken," Or your land be called "The Deserted Wife." Your new name will be "God Is Pleased with Her." Your land will be called "Happily Married," Because the LORD is pleased with you and will be like a husband to your land. ⁵ Like a young man taking a virgin as his bride, He who formed you will marry you. As a groom is delighted with his bride, so your God will delight in you.

Verse - Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8 (Please remain seated)

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Praise him, all peoples!

Pastor: His love for us is strong,

People: and his faithfulness is eternal.

Pastor: Praise the LORD's glorious name;

People: bring an offering, and come into His Temple!

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (Please remain seated)

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another's spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

Now, concerning what you wrote about the gifts from the Holy Spirit. I want you to know the truth about them, my friends. ² You know that while you were still heathen, you were led astray in many ways to the worship of lifeless idols. ³ I want you to know that no one who is led by God's Spirit can say "A curse on Jesus!" and no one can confess "Jesus is Lord," without being guided by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. ⁵ There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. ⁶ There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. ⁷ The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. ⁸ The Spirit gives one person a message full of wisdom, while to another person the same Spirit gives a message full of knowledge. ⁹ One and the same Spirit gives faith to one person, while to another person he gives the power to heal. ¹⁰ The Spirit gives one person the power to work miracles; to another, the gift of speaking God's message; and to yet another, the ability to tell the difference between gifts that come from the Spirit and those that do not. To one person he gives the ability to speak in strange tongues, and to another he gives the ability to explain what is said. ¹¹ But it is one and the same Spirit who does all this; as he wishes, he gives a different gift to each person.

Verse - John 2:11 (Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. Jesus performed this first miracle in Cana in Galilee; there he revealed his glory.

People: And His disciples believed in Him. Alleluia.

Gospel - John 2:1-11 (Please remain standing)

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.³ When the wine had given out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They are out of wine."⁴ "You must not tell me what to do," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."⁵ Jesus' mother then told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."⁶ The Jews have rules about ritual washing, and for this purpose six stone water jars were there, each one large enough to hold between twenty and thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill these jars with water." They filled them to the brim,⁸ and then he told them, "Now draw some water out and take it to the man in charge of the feast." They took him the water,⁹ which now had turned into wine, and he tasted it. He did not know where this wine had come from (but, of course, the servants who had drawn out the water knew); so he called the bridegroom¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone else serves the best wine first, and after the guests have drunk a lot, he serves the ordinary wine. But you have kept the best wine until now!"¹¹ Jesus performed this first miracle in Cana in Galilee; there he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Hymn Of The Day - Wash O God Our Sons And Daughters

(ELW #445, please be seated)



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go.
Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread.
To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor - ship, praise!



Weave them gar - ments bright and spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light.
God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

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Message

Thinking About The Faith 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Hymn Of Response - O God, Empower Us (Tune: LBW #391, please remain seated)

- 1 O God, empower us to stem
the hatreds that divide.
Enable us to bring an end
to ghastly wars of pride.
Let our example point the way,
that feuds be not prolonged.
Let us forgive, as you forgave,
when we have suffered wrong.

- 2 When neighbors feel distress, or grieve,
or sickness takes it toll,
enable us to feel their pain,
the better to console.
And when the neighbor's path is dark
and heavy with despair,
help us to lift the gospel's light
and show the Father's care.
- 3 Though cold suspicion meet our warmth,
we love at your command;
and though not always understood,
we pray to understand.
Enable us to stifle greed
for thanks or gain, dear Lord,
and live that sacrificial life
which is its own reward.

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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 - Father in heaven, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in sending Jesus Christ, Your Son, who revealed His glory by His presence and first miracle at Cana in Galilee. Grant that we, who have been welcomed to feast at His Table this day, receive and rejoice in His mercy.

People: Jesus, we are blessed by Your presence.

Pastor: We pray this day for the ministry of the Gospel, both here and throughout the world. Wherever the name of Jesus is proclaimed, grant that hearts be changed by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Lord, continue daily to add to our number those who are being saved.

People: Jesus, we are blessed by Your presence.

Pastor: In Your earthly ministry, O Lord, You were often surrounded by family and friends. We, too, are blessed with loved ones who give us opportunities to show our love for You by loving them also. Bless all Christian families that in our worship to You and our service to one another we rejoice in Your goodness all our days.

People: Jesus, we are blessed by Your presence.

Pastor: Your work of healing, Lord Jesus, caused Your fame to spread as people beheld Your glory. Your healing ministry continues on earth even now through the gifts of medicine, health professionals, and all who care for those in need. We lift before you all those in our faith family who need Your healing touch today. Great Physician, we ask that You take great care of each of these for whom we pray.

People: Jesus, we are blessed by Your presence.

Pastor: Lord God, Your presence is known among us by the ongoing work of Your Holy Spirit. Enable all who are baptized to proudly bear Your name each day, that we use our various vocations to give You glory. Be especially with those whose work is difficult and dangerous, including all public servants and members of the military, that we dwell in safety and peace.

People: Jesus, we are blessed by Your presence.

Additional prayers:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: These and all other prayers, which are upon our minds and hearts, we commit to You, dear Father, in the saving name of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Jesus, we are blessed by Your presence. 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: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✚ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn - Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us (ELW #789, please remain standing)



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

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

Activities This Week:

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| Sunday – January 20 | 9:30 am | Service of the Word |
| Tuesday – January 22 | 9:30-12: 30 pm 4:30-6:30 pm | Stage Door (PH) Cindy Levy Music Class (LL) |
| Wednesday – January 23 | 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.

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

Monday - Peter Pardini

Wednesday - John Moorhead

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.

Men's Bible Class – The Men's Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, January 30 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

January 20, 2018 – January 26, 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 – January 21

Psalm 145
Isaiah 54:1-8
Romans 12:9-21

Tuesday – January 22

Psalm 145
Song of Solomon 4:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-17

Wednesday – January 23

Psalm 145
Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1
Luke 5:33-39

Thursday – January 24

Psalm 19
Isaiah 61:1-7
Romans 7:1-6

Friday – January 25

Psalm 19
Nehemiah 2:1-10
Romans 12:1-8

Saturday – January 26

Psalm 19
Nehemiah 5:1-13
Luke 2:39-52

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

Upcoming Commemorations

January 25 - Conversion of Paul: The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

January 26 - Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries: These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

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