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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 19, 2020

As We Gather

“Epiphany” means a “showing forth” or “revelation” of a divine being. It can also mean having a meaningful insight about something related to an individual’s life. In the season of Epiphany, we rediscover that, like Jesus, we have a calling to bring glory to God. In words of counsel to first-century Christians, Peter wrote: “Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that . . . they may see your good deeds and glorify God” (1 Peter 2:12). Not only is Jesus, the great Servant, shown forth in this season, we as His servants are on display as well.

May we show forth servanthood in ways that glorify God! Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Lord Jesus, Lamb of God and divine Servant, You have a gracious plan for our lives. By the working of the Holy Spirit, direct us in paths of service to You and to others for You. Keep us in true faith and in the fellowship of Your redeemed people, that we rejoice in bringing glory to Your name until we are gathered into Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. - Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 1. Copyright © 2019 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Pre-Service Music

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (Psalm 141:1–2; 144:1a, 15b. Please stand)

Pastor: O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!

People: Give ear to my voice when I call to You!

Pastor: Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,
People: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, my rock,
People: blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

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

Entrance Song - O Word of God Incarnate (LBW #231. Please remain standing)

- 1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.
- 2 The church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.
- 3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt. Public domain.

Psalm Of The Day – Thanksgiving For Deliverance and Prayer for Help

(Psalm 40:1-11 . Please remain standing)

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

People: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

Pastor: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

People: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Pastor: Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

People: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

Pastor: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

People: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Pastor: Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

(We share the Peace of the Lord with one another)

Song Of Response - God Loved the World (Tune: LBW #352. Please be seated)

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son, the lost to save,
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death;
all who confide in Christ alone
are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 If you are sick, if death is near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer;
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
that is the firmest ground of faith.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
forgives all sins which you have done,
and justified by Jesus' blood,
your baptism grants the highest good.

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.

First Reading - Isaiah 49:1-7 (Please remain seated)

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be

gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (Please remain seated)

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel - John 1:29-42 (Please remain seated)

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.” ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who

sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Song Of The Day - Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

(Tune: #423. Please remain seated)

- 1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;
drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer,
you would come to me and live."

Refrain

Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary;
come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer;
at this table be my guest." *Refrain*
- 3 "Come to me, believers burdened;
find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer,
turn to me and seek my face." *Refrain*

- 4 "Come to me, repentant sinners;
leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion,
turn to me, I call your name." *Refrain*
- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939. Text © 1992, 1996 Sisters of St. Benedict, 104 Chapel Lane, St. Joseph, MN 56374

Message

Baptismal Culture "A Way Of Seeing" John 1:29-42

Song Of Response - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

(LBW #103. Played 3 times. Sing the second time. Please remain seated)

O Christ, thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! Amen

Text: German, 1528; based on the Agnus Dei; tr. Unknown

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 together in the Lord's name and for the mercy He has promised to all in need. — Silent Prayer - For the Church, the Body of Christ and the elect whom He has called into faith and fellowship through His Son, and for this congregation now gathered at His bidding around His Word and table, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the missionaries in the field; for newly planted congregations; and for each of us in our baptismal calling to worship, witness, prayer and service, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all families, for all women with child, for children, for the Spirit to renew our appreciation for the sacred gift of life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the agencies and ministries that support women, children, the poor, those in need, the alien and for God's blessing upon all our works of mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the nation and our president; for the governor of this state; for all judges and magistrates; and for those who serve us as firefighters, police, disaster workers and medical personnel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and those who care for them, for the dying and those who mourn, and for those who struggle with mental illness, that God may heal them according to His will and grant them comfort and peace in their trials, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For an end to aimless violence, for the virtues of compassion and kindness, for grace to forgive those who hurt us, and for us to seek forgiveness from those whom we have hurt, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For grace to recognize Christ, the Lamb of God; for boldness to confess Him before the world; and for a thankful heart to acknowledge all His goodness toward us, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For a steadfast heart in times of duress, for strength amid temptation, and for the grace of humility so we may not fall victim to pride and arrogance, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For generous hearts, that we may humbly remember the Giver of every good gift and joyfully return to the Lord our tithes and offerings, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Additional Prayers:

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, receive the prayers of Your people according to Your promise, and grant to us all things needful but keep from us all things harmful, that we may be kept safe and secure in the arms of our Savior until He comes to bring all things to their perfect fulfillment; through Jesus Christ, our 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.**

Benediction (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Bless each of you.

People: **Amen**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song – Abide with Us, Our Savior (LBW #263. Please remain standing)

- 1 Abide with us, our Savior,
nor let your mercy cease;
from Satan's might defend us,
and grant our souls release.
- 2 Abide with us, our Savior,
sustain us by your word;
that we with all your people
to life may be restored.
- 3 Abide among us always,
Lord, with your faithfulness;
O Jesus, leave us never,
but help us in distress.
- 4 Abide with us, our Savior,
O Light of endless light,
bestow on us your blessings,
and save us by your might.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588-1632; tr. unknown, sts. 1-2, 4; F. W. Detterer, st. 3; alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

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| Pastor: | Pastor Ricky Adams |
| Pianist: | Janet Reese |
| Coffee: | Beverly Erbel |
| Counter: | Don and Beverly Erbel |
| Ushers: | Rick Kenney |
| Lay Reader: | Rick Kenney |

Activities This Week:

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| Sunday – January 19 | 9:30 am 10:45 a.m. | Service of the Word Council (PH) |
| Tuesday – January 21 | 9:30am -12: 30 pm | Stage Door (PH) |
| Wednesday – January 22 | 2:45-6:15 pm 6:00 pm | Patricia Miner (S) Stage Door (PH) |
| Friday – January 24 | 6-9 p.m. | Beverly Erbel (PH) |
| Saturday – January 25 | 8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm | Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) |
| Sunday – January 26 | 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.

Council – The Church Council is scheduled to meet today after the worship service.

Women's Bible Class – The women's Bible Class will meet Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Hope to see you there!

Servers – Every Sunday there are several people that help serve during the worship service and coffee hour. Peace Lutheran needs your help. We need people to prepare Coffee hour and serve during that time. We need Ushers. We need lay readers who read the second lesson during worship. Please consider these needs and sign up to serve in the way you choose. Thank you.

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 19 – January 25, 2020

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 20

Psalm 40:6-17
Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28
Acts 8:26-40

Tuesday – January 21

Psalm 40:6-17
Isaiah 53:1-12
Hebrews 10:1-4

Wednesday – January 22

Psalm 40:6-17
Isaiah 48:12-21
Matthew 9:14-17

Thursday – January 23

Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Samuel 1:1-20
Galatians 1:11-24

Friday – January 24

Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Samuel 9:27-10:8
Galatians 2:1-10

Saturday – January 25

Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Luke 5:27-32

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

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.

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