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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!

The Epiphany Of Our Lord

January 6, 2019

Introduction

Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. During this time of year, we observe three great epiphanies. Today we observe the magi’s adoration of the Christ child. Next week we observe a second great epiphany, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River. In two weeks, we observe a third great epiphany, Jesus’ first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran today!

Prayer Before Worship - God of mystery, in the darkness of our world your light shines with grace and truth. Open the eyes of our hearts to the glory of your love. Speak your word of truth and joy. May the mystery revealed in Jesus draw us closer to you. May the wonder of your love fill us with wisdom and peace. As we rejoice in your presence, teach us to seek justice and righteousness. Fill our hearts to overflowing with your joy, your glory, your hope. Amen. - By Mary Petrina Boyd, Ministry Matters website

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences

(Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14. Please stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.)

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Teach the king to judge with your righteousness, O God; share with him your own justice,

People: so that he will rule over your people with justice and govern the oppressed with righteousness.

Pastor: May the land enjoy prosperity; may it experience righteousness.

People: May the king judge the poor fairly; may he help the needy and defeat their oppressors.

Pastor: May your people worship you as long as the sun shines, as long as the moon gives light, for ages to come.

People: May the king be like rain on the fields, like showers falling on the land.

Pastor: May righteousness flourish in his lifetime, and may prosperity last as long as the moon gives light.

People: The kings of Spain and of the islands will offer him gifts; the kings of Sheba and Seba will bring him offerings.

Pastor: All kings will bow down before him; all nations will serve him.

People: He rescues the poor who call to him, and those who are needy and neglected.

Pastor: He has pity on the weak and poor; he saves the lives of those in need.

People: He rescues them from oppression and violence; their lives are precious to him.

Opening Song – The People That In Darkness Sat

(Tune: LBW #47, please remain standing)

1. The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been.
In shades of death have been.

2. To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gathering nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home.
Their harvest treasures home.
3. To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All power in earth and heaven.
All power in earth and heaven.
4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor.
The God by all adored.
The God by all adored.
5. His righteous government and power
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end.
His reign shall have no end.
6. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one.
And Holy Spirit, one.

Text: John Morison, 1770, alt., Composer: Tune: Nikolaus Herman, 1554, "Lobt Gott, ihr Christen". Public Domain.

Confession Of Sin And Forgiveness (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness. - Silence is kept for reflection. - God, wonderful counselor,

All: we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen.

Pastor: God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always.

People: Amen.

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

Song Of Praise - O One with God the Father (Tune: LBW #251, please be seated)

- 1 O one with God the Father
in majesty and might,
the brightness of his glory,
eternal Light of light:
to gloomy haunts of darkness
your rays are streaming down;
the shadows flee before you,
the world's true light has come.
- 2 Yet, Lord, we see but dimly,
O heav'nly Light, arise;
dispel these mists that shroud us
and hide you from our eyes.
We long to track the footprints
where you yourself have trod;
we long to see the pathway
that leads to you, our God.

3 O Jesus, shine around us
with radiance of your grace;
O Jesus, turn upon us
the brightness of your face.
We need no star to guide us,
as on our way we press,
if you will light our pathway,
O Sun of righteousness.

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

First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6 (Please remain seated)

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

Arise, Jerusalem, and shine like the sun; The glory of the LORD is shining on you!
² Other nations will be covered by darkness, But on you the light of the LORD will shine; The brightness of his presence will be with you. ³ Nations will be drawn to your light, And kings to the dawning of your new day. ⁴ Look around you and see what is happening: Your people are gathering to come home! Your sons will come from far away; Your daughters will be carried like children. ⁵ You will see this and be filled with joy; You will tremble with excitement. The wealth of the nations will be brought to you; From across the sea their riches will come. ⁶ Great caravans of camels will come, from Midian and Ephah. They will come from Sheba, bringing gold and incense. People will tell the good news of what the LORD has done!

Gradual (Psalm 117; 96:8. Please remain seated)

Pastor: Praise the LORD, all nations! Praise him, all peoples!
People: **His love for us is strong, and his faithfulness is eternal.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD's glorious name;
People: **bring an offering and come into his Temple.**

Second Reading - Ephesians 3:1-12 (Please remain seated)

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles, pray to God. ² Surely you have heard that God in his grace has given me this work to do for your good. ³ God revealed his secret plan and made it known to me. (I have written briefly about this, ⁴ and if you will read what I have written, you can learn about my understanding of the secret of Christ.) ⁵ In past times human beings were not told this secret, but God has revealed it now by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ The secret is that by means of the gospel the Gentiles have a part with the Jews in God's blessings; they are members of the same body and share in the promise that God made through Christ Jesus. ⁷ I was made a servant of the gospel by God's special gift, which he gave me through the working of his power. ⁸ I am less than the least of all God's people; yet God gave me this privilege of taking to the Gentiles the Good News about the infinite riches of Christ, ⁹ and of making all people see how God's secret plan is to be put into effect. God, who is the Creator of all things, kept his secret hidden through all the past ages, ¹⁰ in order that at the present time, by means of the church, the angelic rulers and powers in the heavenly world might learn of his wisdom in all its different forms. ¹¹ God did this according to his eternal purpose, which he achieved through Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In union with Christ and through our faith in him we have the boldness to go into God's presence with all confidence.

Verse (Matthew 2:2. Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia! We saw his star when it came up in the east,
People: **and we have come to worship him. Alleluia!**

Gospel - Matthew 2:1-15 (Please remain standing)

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We

saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him.”³ When King Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem.⁴ He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the Law and asked them, “Where will the Messiah be born?”⁵ “In the town of Bethlehem in Judea,” they answered. “For this is what the prophet wrote: ⁶ ‘Bethlehem in the land of Judah, you are by no means the least of the leading cities of Judah; for from you will come a leader who will guide my people Israel.’”⁷ So Herod called the visitors from the East to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem with these instructions: “Go and make a careful search for the child; and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and worship him.”⁹⁻¹⁰ And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹¹ They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshiped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him.¹² Then they returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.¹³ After they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph and said, “Herod will be looking for the child in order to kill him. So get up, take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you to leave.”¹⁴ Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and left during the night for Egypt,¹⁵ where he stayed until Herod died. This was done to make come true what the Lord had said through the prophet, “I called my Son out of Egypt.”

Song Of The Day - As with Gladness Men of Old (LBW #82. Please be seated)

- 1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.

- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Message

I called my Son out of Egypt
Matthew 2:1-15

Song Of Response - What Star Is This (Tune: LBW #36. Please remain seated)

- 1 What star is this, with beams so bright,
more beauteous than the noonday light?
It shines to herald for the King,
and Gentiles to his crib to bring.
- 2 True spake the prophet from afar
who told the rise of Jacob's star;
and eastern sages with amaze
upon the wondrous token gaze.
- 3 The guiding star above is bright;
within them shines a clearer light,
and leads them on with power benign
to seek the Giver of the sign.
- 4 O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek thy face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of thy light to use.
- 5 To God the Father, heavenly Light,
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
to God the Holy Ghost we raise
our equal and unceasing praise.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler, 1807-1876, alt.

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

Prayers Of The People Of God (Please stand)

Pastor: Led by the light of the star, the wise still come and, at the bidding of the Lord, kneel before Him with their prayers for all people as they have need. - Brief silence - As once the Magi of old came to adore the infant Savior and to bring Him the worship of their hearts, hands and gifts, so do we come this day giving thanks for Your mercy and rejoicing in Your promise kept. Bring the light of Your Word to all who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: You have established Your Church and drawn into her people from every race, tribe and people. Bless all those entrusted with the leadership of the church, and give to all pastors and missionaries the boldness of Your Spirit, that they may proclaim the saving truth of Your Word without fear. Bless those who hear, that they may be brought to faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bring an end to all threats of violence, and raise up for all the peoples leaders who will act with integrity, pursue justice and follow Your commands. Grant to all people the blessing of food, shelter, medical care and safety in their homes, and bless those whose duty it is to protect and defend them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to all people the comfort of Your presence, healing according to Your will, relief of their suffering, and an end to the terrors of mind and heart, especially those for whom our prayers have been requested and those we name in our hearts. - Brief silence - Sustain the weary with Your Word, the wounded with hope and the dying with peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Mindful of Your plan of the mystery hidden for the ages and revealed in Christ, we come together in this place as one people by Baptism and set apart to live out our common vocation of worship, witness, intercession and mercy work. Bless the gifts we bring as You once honored the Magi by accepting gold, frankincense and myrrh. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: With the faithful of every time and place, we give You thanks and praise. Through their example, we are encouraged to fight the good fight of faith. Through the apostles, prophets and all the saints, You have displayed Your saving glory for the benefit of all people. Guard us against the power of doubt and fear and help us endure, that we may be kept among Your sons and daughters who shall see You and be filled with the radiance of Your glory forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Additional prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: With exceedingly great joy in Your promises and with confidence that You will hear and answer Your people, we commend into Your hands ourselves and all for whom we pray, through Christ, our Lord, whom with the Father and Holy Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, now and forevermore.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer (Prayed 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.

Collect For Peace (Please remain standing)

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: 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; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

People: **Amen**

Blessing (Please remain standing)

Pastor: God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

(Tune: LBW #90. 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
weakened body, 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, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Rev. Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Mary Ann Griller
Counters:	Vicki McGowan
Lay Reader:	Nancy Adams

Activities This Week:

Sunday – January 6	9:30 am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – January 8	9:30-12: 30 pm 5:30-6:30 p.m. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Stage Door (PH) Nancy Feehan (N) Nancy Feehan (LL) Brown Bag (LL) Women’s Bible Class(LL)
Wednesday – January 9	2:45 – 6:15 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 p.m.	Patricia Miner (N) Stage Door (PH) Men’s Bible Class (LL)
Saturday – January 12	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – January 13	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.

Anniversaries – Christ's Blessing to those celebrating anniversaries this week.

Tuesday - Don & Heidi Rosevear

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

Wednesday - Maxine Seifert

Friday - Elizabeth Risberg

Christmas Tree – We need a few people to take down the Christmas Tree and Advent wreath today. If you could help it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Men's Bible Class – The Men's Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, January 9 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 6, 2018 – January 12, 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 7

Psalm 72
Daniel 2:1-19
Ephesians 4:17-5:1

Tuesday – January 8

Psalm 72
Daniel 2:24-29
Ephesians 5:15-20

Wednesday – January 9

Psalm 72
Numbers 24:15-19
Luke 1:67-79

Thursday – January 10

Psalm 29
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Friday – January 11

Psalm 29

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 2:1-10

Saturday – January 12

Psalm 29

Ecclesiastes 1:1-15

1 Corinthians 2:11-16

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Baptism Of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22