

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 26, 2025

## WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

**Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

**Quiet room** Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

## THEME: EPHIPHANY 3

### JESUS REVEALED AS CHRIST THE PROPHET: HE PREACHES A WORD OF HEALING.

In Baptism, Jesus was publicly anointed as the Messiah, or Christ, of God. As the Christ, Jesus holds three offices: prophet, priest and king. The purpose of the season of Epiphany is to see how Jesus revealed Himself to the world as the Christ. This year, we are particularly observing how Jesus revealed Himself to be the Prophet (or Preacher) of God. Today we see that His words have the healing power of God.

### PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF "CLOSE COMMUNION"

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you've had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

*To prepare for the Lord's Supper you may wish to use page 295/6 of the blue hymnal.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting Three ..... pg. 188 in the blue hymnal

## Hymns

Psalm of the Day	Psalm 85	page 85 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	537	<i>Word of God, Come Down on Earth</i>
Communion Hymns	386	<i>Songs of Thankfulness and Praise</i>
	707	<i>Cling Tightly to the Word of God</i>
Closing Hymn	862	<i>Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word</i>

## Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Isaiah 61:1-6
Second Lesson	Acts 4:23-31
Gospel Lesson	Luke 4:16-30

## Sermon

*Impressive Worship*

**Luke 4:16-30**

## PSALM 85

The worshiper may note that the reading from Isaiah 61 speaks of “The Year of the Lord’s Favor.” The promise through Isaiah is that when the Christ comes He will bring a new era of grace and goodwill from God. Psalm 85 also communicates the favor, or goodwill, of God to us as it especially focuses on God’s forgiveness. It is God’s forgiveness above all else that brings healing to our lives.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider.....	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Sermon.....	Rev. Shaun Arndt
Keyboard.....	Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
Projection Slides.....	Brittany Kuehl

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-6

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to preach good news to the afflicted.  
He sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release for those who are bound,  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor  
and the day of vengeance for our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion,  
to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy instead of mourning,  
a cloak of praise instead of a faint spirit,  
so that they will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the LORD to display his beauty.  
<sup>4</sup>Then they will rebuild ancient ruins.  
They will raise up what was formerly devastated,  
and they will renew ruined cities,  
which have been devastated for generations.  
<sup>5</sup>Strangers will stand and shepherd your flock,  
and foreigners will be your farmers and vinedressers.  
<sup>6</sup>You will be called the LORD's priests.  
You will be named ministers of our God.  
You will eat the wealth of nations,  
and you will boast about their riches.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 85*

## SECOND READING

Acts 4:23-31

<sup>23</sup>After Peter and John were released, they went to their own friends and reported everything the high priests and the elders had said. <sup>24</sup>When they heard this, with one mind they raised their voices to God and said, "Master, you are the God who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. <sup>25</sup>By the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David, your servant, you said:

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>26</sup>The kings of the earth take their stand,  
and the rulers are gathered together against the Lord  
and against his Anointed One.

<sup>27</sup>"For certainly, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and people of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.

<sup>28</sup>They did whatever your hand and your plan had decided beforehand should happen.

<sup>29</sup>"Now Lord, look at their threats and give to your servants the ability to keep on speaking your word with all boldness <sup>30</sup>as you stretch out your hand to heal and as signs and wonders take place through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

<sup>31</sup>After they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. Also, everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Tone*



*Refrain*

Jesus is the light of the world; in him we have the light of life.

Please stand

## GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-30

<sup>16</sup>He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he anointed me to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup>and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

<sup>20</sup>He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup>He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

<sup>22</sup>They all spoke well of him and were impressed by the words of grace that came from his mouth. And they kept saying, "Isn't this Joseph's son?"

<sup>23</sup>He told them, "Certainly you will quote this proverb to me, 'Physician, heal yourself!' Do here in your hometown everything we heard you did in Capernaum." <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Amen I tell you: No prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But truly I tell you: There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut for three years and six months, while a great famine came over all the land. <sup>26</sup>Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow of Zarephath, in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was healed except Naaman the Syrian."

<sup>28</sup>All those who were in the synagogue were filled with rage when they heard these things. <sup>29</sup>They got up and drove him out of the town. They led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the middle of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

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