

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2, 2025

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections 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 4 – JESUS REVEALED AS CHRIST THE PROPHET: HE PREACHES A WORD THAT IS NECESSARY

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 the preaching of His word is necessary for our salvation.

CHILDREN SINGING

Today we are delighted to have our Blooms (4-year-olds) and Kindergarteners singing during the 10:30 service. “Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Pr 22:66)

USE OF COLOR

The Christian Church uses colors to emphasize various themes and seasons of the Church Year. Green symbolizes spiritual growth; purple repentance; white joy; and red the fire of the Holy Spirit.

See the prayers inside the cover of the blue hymnal and on pages 255-258.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Shaun Arndt
Accompanist Mrs. Jennifer Werre
Projection Slides Brittany Kuehl

PEACE SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK

Each day this week will have a fun theme (pajama day, crazy colors day, etc.). The week will culminate in a pep rally on Friday and basketball games Friday night. The purpose of this week is not only to cultivate school spirit but also to emphasize the blessing of parochial education.

SUNDAY THEMES IN THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Epiphany 1 – The Baptism of our Lord

Epiphany 2 – He preaches a word of power

Epiphany 3 – He preaches a word of healing.

Epiphany 4 – He preaches a word that is necessary.

Epiphany 5 – He preaches a word that is for the world.

Epiphany 6 – He preaches a word of blessing.

Epiphany 7 – He preaches a word of love.

BIBLE BASICS CLASS OPPORTUNITY

- Begins Thursday, February 20, 6:30-8:00
- 10 Lessons
- Some homework
- Serves as entrance course for membership
- Longtime members should consider having a review every 4 to 5 years.
- Bring a friend.
- Please register: luke.werre@peacewels.org

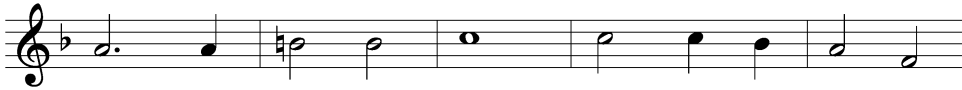
SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN¹

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Savior-King | CW 899:1-6



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior - King, to you our
2 Your Scrip-tures lead us to re - joice, for there we
3 Your Spir - it's call to faith we heard in wa - ter's
4 With sim - ple food of bread and wine you feed us



high - est praise we sing for bless - ings to the
hear our Fa - ther's voice. His gra - cious prom - is -
wash - ing with the Word. Lord, keep us in bap -
with a feast di - vine. Your blood and bod - y



Church, your bride, with whom you ev - er - more a - bide.
es pro - claim for - give-ness in your ho - ly name.
tis - mal grace and make our hearts your dwell - ing place.
we par - take— our sins for - giv - en for your sake.

5 **As stewards of these means of grace
you send out preachers in your place
your wondrous mercy to proclaim
and glorify your saving name.**

6 **Lord, give us ministers who live
according to the grace you give.
To Scripture may they faithful be,
and so preserve this ministry.**

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¹ We are singing this hymn to reflect that two of the Scripture readings speak directly about the Call into the public ministry.

Please stand

M: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.²

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins.³ By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

² This greeting comes from 2 Corinthians 13:14.

³ ...and just like that, your sins ARE forgiven by God in heaven! This is called “absolution.” Jesus promised to speak forgiveness through His called ministers here on earth (John 20:21-23).

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE⁴

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The score ends with a double bar line.

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⁴ This liturgical song is a paraphrase of Psalm 34. We are singing it as a joyful response to the fact that our sins have just been forgiven by God (through the minister).

PRAYER OF THE DAY⁵

Let us pray... Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4–10

⁴The word of the LORD came to me.

⁵Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,
and before you were born, I set you apart.

I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.

⁶But I said, "Ah, LORD God! I really do not know how to speak! I am only a child!"

⁷The LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I will rescue you, declares the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. The LORD said to me:

There! I have now placed my words in your mouth.

¹⁰Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms
to uproot and to tear down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

⁵ There is a designated "Prayer of the Day" for each Sunday of the year. Some of them are many centuries old. The idea of this prayer is to ask for the Lord's blessing from what we are about to hear in the Scripture readings. Prayer should always go along with our reading of the Word.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 30D

The Psalm Choir will sing the first refrain and the verses.

The congregation will join in the second and following refrains.

Refrain



All with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to God our praise;



to the rock of our sal - va - tion loud ho - san - nas raise.

- 1 LORD, we sing with joyful voices;
your great pow'r can lift and save;
by your healing touch revive us,
life restore beyond the grave. (Refrain)
- 2 Praise to you, our sure salvation,
you, the Holy One above.
End the night, so dimmed by anguish,
with your light of peace and love. (Refrain)
- 3 Change our sorrow to rejoicing,
clothe with gladness all despair;
cause unsteady feet that stumble
now to dance beneath your care. (Refrain)
- 4 Dry our tears we shed in mourning,
give us steadfast hope always;
fill our hearts with expectation;
fill our songs with thanks and praise. (Refrain)

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SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them ¹⁵and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work.

¹I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom: ²Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage, with all patience and teaching. ³For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires. ⁴They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

⁵As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY (10:30 Service: Blooms & Kindergarten)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

GOSPEL READING⁶

Luke 4:38-44

³⁸Jesus got up, left the synagogue, and went into Simon's house. Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever. They asked him to help her. ³⁹He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. ⁴⁰As the sun was setting, they brought to him all who were sick with various diseases. He laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹Demons also came out of many people, crying out, "You are the Son of God!" He rebuked them and did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴²When it was day, he went out to a deserted place. The crowds were looking for him. They went up to him and were trying to prevent him from leaving them. ⁴³But he told them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns too, because that is why I was sent." ⁴⁴And he continued to preach in the synagogues in the land of the Jews.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated

BLOOMS & KINDERGARTEN (10:30 Service)

We Give All the Glory to Jesus

HYMN OF THE DAY⁷

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness | CW 517

SERMON

Jeremiah 1:4-20

Meaning and Purpose In Christ

⁶ Why are we standing for this reading? Because the Gospel Lesson (which comes from one of the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) is the beating heart of the service. We follow a schedule of Gospel readings through the whole year in order to take in all the ministry and redemptive works of Jesus.

⁷ This hymn reflects what we hear about Jesus in the Gospel Lesson today.

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED⁸

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows—for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

Please stand

⁸ The creed is not an addition to Scripture. It succinctly and accurately summarizes Scripture. Knowing it by heart equips a person to share the gospel with others. When they ask, “What do you believe?” you can recite the creed to them!

THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

HYMN⁹

When Training Up a Child | CW 759

Please stand

PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



⁹ We are singing this hymn because it reflects the Jeremiah and the 2 Timothy readings which speak of training up a child in the faith.

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Savior-King | CW 899:7

7 **And then, at last, Lord, hear our prayer:
gather your blood-bought children there
where saints and angels sing your praise,
and we with them, through endless days!**

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Please join us for Bible study between services (9:20-10:10) here in the worship space.

Sunday School for children (age 4 – grade 8) takes place in the school wing (9:15-10:10).

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