

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 9, 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.

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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: EPIPHANY 5 – JESUS REVEALED AS CHRIST THE PROPHET: HE PREACHES A WORD THAT IS FOR THE WORLD

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. In today's Scripture readings we see how Jesus arranged to guarantee the continuation of His preaching by His Church on earth.

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 review page 293 of the blue hymnal.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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DIVINE SERVICE I

OPENING HYMN

The Lord Is My Light | CW 825

A vocalist will sing the verses. The congregation will sing the refrain.

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion. The Lord is the
strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my
strength, and my all, whom then shall I fear?

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second and third staves continue the melody for the second and third lines of the refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes.

- 1 There is one thing I ask of the Lord:
to dwell in his house forever,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
all the days of my life. **(Refrain)**
- 2 Do not hide your face, O Lord.
Ev'ry day I will seek your face.
Though my father and mother may forsake me,
the Lord will receive me. **(Refrain)**
- 3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on your paths;
guide me, Lord, along a level way.
I will gaze on the goodness of the Lord
in the land of all the living. **(Refrain)**

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Please stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

The musical notation is written on two staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men." The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a double bar line and ends with a final double bar line.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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


GLORY TO GOD¹

C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. You are

¹ This song takes us right back to the angels at Christmas: “Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.” The purpose of this song is to praise God for the announcement of forgiveness we have just received through the mouth of the minister.



seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re -



ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the




Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... Almighty God and Father, how can people believe unless someone is sent to preach to them? Bless your Church with faithful ministers of the Gospel to preserve your people in the faith and to enlighten those who still live in the darkness of unbelief, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON²

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. ³One called to another and said,

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies!

The whole earth is full of his glory!

⁴The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

⁸Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

² Two of our hymns today come from this Bible reading: #745 "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying" and #483 "Holy, Holy, Holy."

PSALM (8:00 & 6:30 Services)


Psalm 116

Refrain



I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion and
call on the name of the Lord.

Psalm Tone



I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;
when I was in great need, he saved me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:12-17

¹²So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³Yes, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!”

¹⁶But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who believed our message?” ¹⁷So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace,
who preach the gospel of good things! Alleluia.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



¹One time, while the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. ²He saw two boats there along the lakeshore. The fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. ³Jesus got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. He sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch.”

⁵Simon answered him, “Master, we worked hard all through the night and caught nothing. But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were about to tear apart. ⁷They signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Go away from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord.” ⁹For Peter and all those with him were amazed at the number of fish they had caught, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, “Have no fear. From now on you will be catching people.”

¹¹After they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



³ Why do we sing before and after this reading? Picture a hero in a city parade. As he approaches we shout/sing his praise. As he passes by we shout/sing to him once more. Jesus is making His approach in the Gospel Lesson.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying | CW 745

SERMON⁴

Isaiah 6:1-8

How Will You Serve?

Please stand when presider indicates

⁴ Pastor “Van” serves as the Dean of Students at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown. LPS is a WELS-owned school with the specific mission to train future pastors & teachers for our churches & schools.

CREATE IN ME⁵

The musical score is written on six staves of a single treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests. The final note of the piece is a whole note.

C Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.
Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Please be seated

MUSICAL OFFERING

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

Please stand

⁵ This song reminds us of the Baptism of Jesus when the Holy Spirit descended in Him in the form of a dove.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.⁶

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

⁶ The Service of the Word began with this greeting (right before the Prayer of the Day) and now the Service of the Sacrament also begins with this greeting.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY⁷

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. (8)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

⁷ This song brings us to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It also reminds us of today's reading from Isaiah 6.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD⁸

C O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O
Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O
Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace. A -
men. A - men.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Please respect our practice of "Close Communion," meaning we commune members of Peace and churches affiliated with Peace. For further explanation, please see inside the front cover of this bulletin. Thank you.

⁸ This reading brings us to the foot of the cross and Jesus' atoning sacrifice.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus, Name above All Names

1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, Beau - ti - ful
 2. Je - sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the
 3. Je - sus, way of sal - va - tion, King - of

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Im -
 branch - es, Son of God,
 kings, Lord of lords, The

man - u - el, God is with us, Bless - ed Re -
 Prince of peace, Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, Lord of the
 Way, the Truth, and the Life, Might - y Cre -

deem - er, liv - ing Word.
 u - ni - verse, Light of the world.
 a - tor, my Sav - ior and friend.

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Please stand when presider indicates

COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith into life everlasting. Your sins are forgiven. The peace of God is with you.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON⁹

C In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de -
 part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -
 va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
 light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the
 glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

⁹ This song not only reminds us of Simeon in the temple holding the baby Jesus, it reminds us of Jesus departure, or ascension, into heaven.

PRAYER

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

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.

Amen.