

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 1, 2026

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: EPIPHANY 4 – THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD HAS COME: A LIGHT THAT SHINES ON THE LOWLY

An epiphany is a revealing of something - like when the light goes on and you say, “Aha!” In the Church calendar the Season of Epiphany provides many “aha moments” which reveal Jesus to be the true Messiah and promised Savior. Today, we get to hear a sample of Jesus’ own preaching. We find that He preaches not to the elite and higher-ups. His preaching gives hope to those who are down low. He is a light that shines on the lowly.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOOMS & KINDERGARTEN

At our 10:30 am service today, the Blooms Classroom (4 & 5 year olds) from our Early Childhood Center (serving children 6 weeks to pre-Kindergarten) and our Kindergarten class from our Peace Lutheran School will sing. We thank the children for using their voices to express their faith in Jesus and proclaim the gospel in song. Throughout the school year, our Blooms class has many interactions with not only the Kindergarten but also other classes and school events demonstrating how our three ministries (Church-Center-School) are united in our mission: *Peace Lutheran Ministries cultivates and nurtures faith to flourish in the peace of Christ.*

4K ROUND-UP IN OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Sunday, February 8th starting at 11:30am

Now enrolling! Come experience a mini-preschool day, receive helpful information, ask questions, and get to know our teachers. During our Mini Preschool Day, your child will enjoy a story, explore a science concept, create a craft, and play - the simple rhythms that shape our time together.

We can't wait to share the fun and growth that makes 4K such a wonderful year at Peace.

Questions may be directed to our Early Childhood Director at earlychildhood.office@peacewels.org

IDEAS TO MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

Our Psalm today encourages God's humble people that there is blessing when we "meditate on His law day and night" (Psalm 1). The word "law" here is a Hebrew word that means "teaching" and speaks to all of God's Word – both His commands and promises of the gospel. Meditate does not mean emptying our heads, but rather filling them up with God's truths of the Bible to carry with us (Deuteronomy 6:6-9) Some (of many) possible ways to do this:

- take this worship folder home and read one of the lessons in the morning and in the evening
- write a verse from one of the lessons or a daily Bible reading or devotion on a post note and put it somewhere where you will see it throughout the day
- pray God's Word back to Him – thank Him for a blessing you heard in God's Word or ask Him to help you live what He teaches in His Word
- memorize a cherished verse to carry with you on your heart

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Shaun Arndt
Accompanist Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr; Mrs. Lynn Proeber (Monday)
Kindergarten & Blooms Teachers: Mrs. Karen Riley, Mrs. Mandy Edwards,
Mrs. Michelle Chesterman; Accompanist: Mrs. Cathy Gresens
Projection Slides Amy Johnson

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now | CW 918

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.

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. 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of six lines of music. 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 e - ter - 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 lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; 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 LESSON

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-13

³Seek the LORD, all you humble people of the earth who have carried out his commands. Seek righteousness. Seek humility. Maybe then you will be sheltered in the day of the LORD's anger.

¹¹In that day you will no longer bear the shame of your rebellions against me. Then I will remove the proud boasters from among you, and you will never again be arrogant on my holy hill. ¹²But I will leave among you the people who are humble and weak. They will seek refuge in the name of the LORD. ¹³The Israelites who remain will no longer act unjustly. They will not lie, and a deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouth. Instead, they will graze peacefully like sheep and lie down. No one will terrify them.

The Word of the Lord.

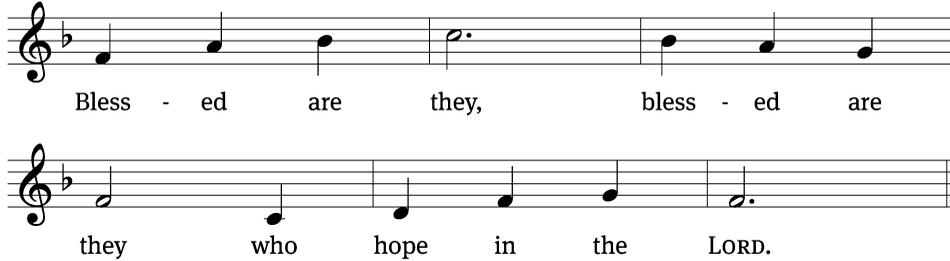
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 1A

Kindergarten & Blooms will sing the refrain.

Refrain



Bless - ed are they, bless - ed are
they who hope in the LORD.

Tone



Blessed is the one / does not walk
in step with the / wicked
or stand in the way that / sinners take
or sit in the company of / mockers,
but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law / day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,
which yields its fruit in / season
and whose leaf does not / wither—
whatever they do / prospers. *Refrain*

Not so the / wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. *Refrain*

For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.

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

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KINDERGARTEN & BLOOMS

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
They shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;
They shall have their fill. **Refrain**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

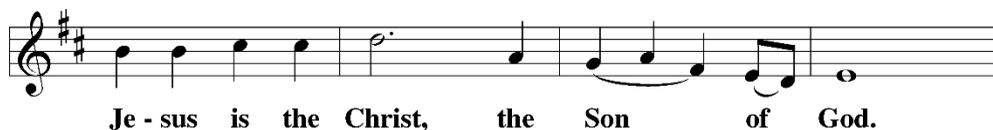
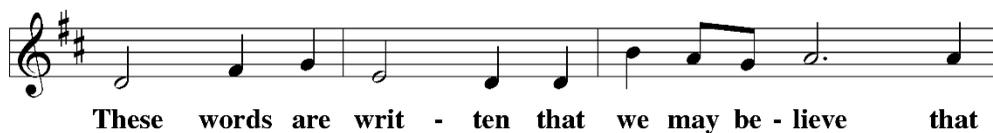
²⁶For example, consider your call, brothers. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view, not many were powerful, and not many were born with high status. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are strong, ²⁸and God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to do away with the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before God. ³⁰But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us the wisdom from God, namely, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹God did this so that, just as it is written, "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

VERSE OF THE DAY



GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things.

³Blessed are the poor in spirit,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
because they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the gentle,
because they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
because they will receive mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
because they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil
against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact,
that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), and C5 (quarter). A slur covers the first three notes (C, D, E). The piece ends with a double bar line.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Speak, O Lord | **CW 633**

SERMON

Psalm 1

Blessed is *The One*

Please stand

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

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

Offering plates are found by the doors of the worship space.

A special offering can be made by using this QR code.

*“But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”
(2Co 8:7)*



Please stand

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

HYMN

Word of God, Come Down on Earth | CW 537

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.



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

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage | CW 640



God's Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for -



ev - er; to spread its light from age to age shall be our



chief en - deav - or. Thro' life it guides our way, in death it



is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its



teach - ings pure through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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