

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 8, 2026

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: EPIPHANY 5 – THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD HAS COME: A LIGHT WHO SHINES THROUGH HIS PEOPLE

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. By the power of His preaching He transforms the lives of believers to reflect His own holiness and grace.

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 what the Lord's Supper is on page 293 of the blue hymnal.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Hymns

Psalm of the Day	Psalm 124	page 124 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	630	<i>Thy Strong Word</i>
Communion Hymns	713	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>
	854	<i>Church of God, Elect and Glorious</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Exodus 19:1-8a
Second Lesson	1 Peter 2:9-12
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

Your Identity in Christ

1 Peter 2:9-12

ADULT CONFIRMATION

We welcome Keila Santiago Figueroa who will declare her loyalty to Christ and the true faith in the Rite of Confirmation during the 10:30 service!! May Keila find grace and fellowship in the Peace community!!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider..... Rev. Shaun Arndt

Sermon..... Rev. Jordan Ertl

Keyboard Mrs. Jennifer Werre

Projection Slides Kayla Frank

Ensemble Luke Werre, Tim Gustafson, Steven Gustafson, Deb Hatfield

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:1-8a

¹In the third month after the Israelites had left the land of Egypt, on that same day of the month, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim and came to the Wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

³Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the people of Israel: ⁴'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my special treasure out of all the nations, although the entire earth is mine. ⁶You will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.' These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites."

⁷Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together, "Everything that the LORD has said, we will do."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 103

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. ¹²Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5:16



Refrain



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

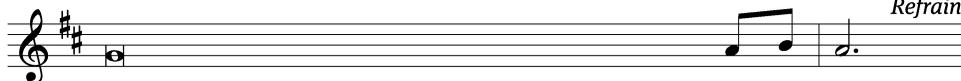


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone



Let your light shine before oth - ers,



that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heav - en.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13–20

¹³You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶In the same way let your light shine in people's presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸Amen I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. ¹⁹So whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be

called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Strong Word | CW 630

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WORSHIP NOTES

- 1) There is a connection between the First Scripture Lesson (Exodus 19) and the Psalm of the Day (Psalm 103). Both use the imagery of **“eagles.”** In Exodus 19 the Lord tells Israel, “I carried you on **eagles’** wings.” In Psalm 103 states that the Lord, “satisfied your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the **eagle’s.**”
- 2) Church of God, Elect and Glorious - Hymn #854 matches the Scripture reading from 1 Peter 2:19-12. The words to this hymn were written by James Seddon who died in 1983. The majestic melody and musical setting were composed by Cyril Taylor who died in 1992. Seddon lived most of his life in England serving in Anglican parishes except for 10 years when he served as a missionary in Morocco. Altogether he penned about 30 hymns. Taylor also served in the Anglican church. It is very likely these two men knew each other personally. Both men had received musical *and* theological training in preparation for their service in the Church.
- 3) Why does the pastor recite the “Words of Institution” before we receive the Lord’s Supper? (See top of page 202 in blue hymnal) Because Jesus said, “Do this.” What had He just done?
 - a. He used unleavened bread and grape wine.
 - b. He spoke words (the ones that the pastor is speaking).
 - c. He distributed the bread/wine to those who are assembled.The words of Christ are what give the Lord’s Supper its power.