



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We extend in the name of Christ, a welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. May you find here an experience of true Christian worship and fellowship.

MISSION STATEMENT

As servants of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

**We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

**Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

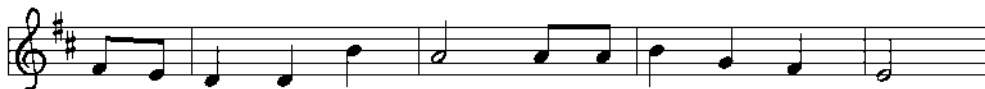
Amen.



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
 Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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GREETING

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
 peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
Refrain
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
 le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray. O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

P. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 *Read Responsively*

¹Ascribe to the ^l LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- ^l ry and strength.
²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory ^l due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- ^l ty of holiness.**
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ^l glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the ^l mighty waters.
⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- ^l erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a ^l voice of splendor.**
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the ^l cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- ^l dars of Lebanon;
⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip ^l like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a ^l young wild ox.**
⁷The voice ^l of the LORD
bursts forth in ^l lightning flashes.
⁸**The voice of the LORD ^l shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- ^l ness of Kadesh.**
⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the ^l forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are ^l crying, "Glory!"
¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- ^l bove the flood;**

the LORD sits enthroned as king for-^l evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength^l to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless-^l ings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

P. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW P. 188



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God’s child.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Mary E. Zupansic

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY *CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED*

ELW #304



1 Christ, when for us you were hap - tized, God’s Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, “My be - lov - ed Son”; you are God’s scr - vant
 3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTTE IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE SHARING OF PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**

+ THE MEAL +

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OFFERING HYMN

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

ELW P.184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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OFFERING PRAYER

- A. Let us pray. Liberating God,
C. **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P. The Lord be with you.
C. **And also with you.**
P. Lift up your hearts.
C. **We lift them to the Lord.**
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW P. 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,

full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**



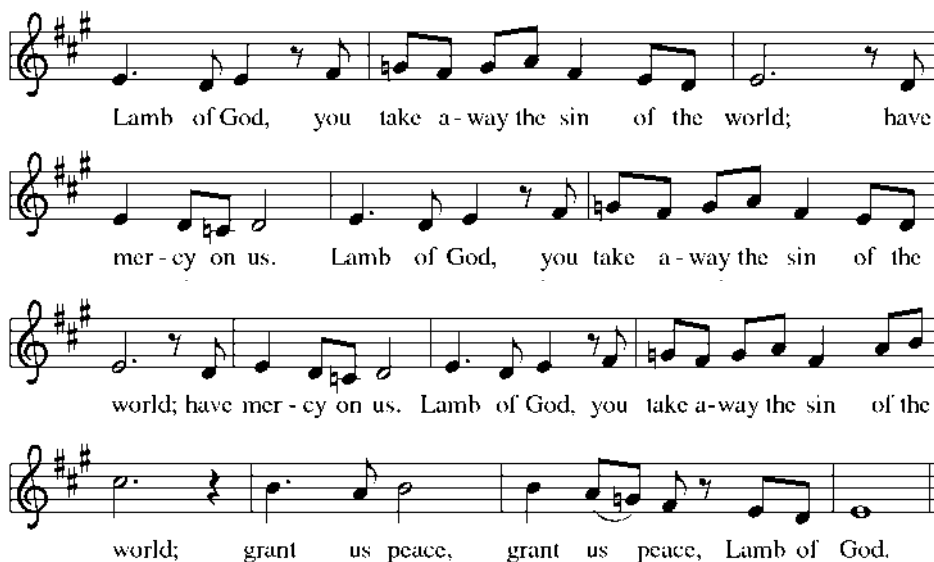
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Come the table is ready. All are welcome.

C. Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW P. 191



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION SONG/HYMNS

CONTEMPORARY

REMEMBER AND REJOICE

ELW # 454

TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Let us pray. Holy One,

C. we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.

Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

BLESSING

P. The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod

✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,

today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE*

ELW #310



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
that we might be - come like thee at thy great c - iph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

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ABOUT THIS WEEKS TEXT

IN THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN, JESUS IS REVEALED AS THE BELOVED SON OF GOD. THROUGH THIS GREAT EPIPHANY, JESUS FULFILLS ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS AND BECOMES THE SERVANT OF GOD WHO WILL BRING FORTH JUSTICE AND BE A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS. IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM WE TOO ARE WASHED BY THE WORD, ANOINTED BY THE SPIRIT, AND NAMED GOD'S BELOVED CHILDREN. OUR BAPTISMAL MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM GOOD NEWS TO ALL WHO ARE OPPRESSED OR IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, LARRY WEYHRICH
HARRIETT BARTELL
JUDY BARHOOVER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST, OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO OUR LIST, PLEASE FILL OUT A PRAYER REQUEST CARD, SEND AN EMAIL TO PEACE.LUTHERAN@COMCAST.NET OR CALL THE OFFICE AT (217)546-7646. PLEASE NOTE—FOR PRIVACY REASONS, WE MUST HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL'S PERMISSION TO ADD THEIR NAME.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JAN. 8	IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM DRIVE THRU COMMUNION—11:00—11:30AM
TUESDADAY, JAN. 10	COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE—5:30PM ZOOM
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11	CHOIR REHEARSAL—7:00PM
SUNDAY, JAN. 15	IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8:

PRESIDING: REV. MARY E. ZUPANSIC
ASSISTING MINISTER: MICHAEL HORN
MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK
USHERS: DOUG MCFARLAN
FLOWERS: TO THE GLORY OF GOD

CAMERA: JANET KOCIS
POWERPOINT: LINDA RICE
FELLOWSHIP:

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH**, FOLLOWING THE 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE. ANNUAL REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON JAN. 29TH IN THE NAR-THEX, OR ON THE WEBSITE UNDER THE MEMBERS SECTION.



*Happy
Birthday*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
January 9—Herb Kiel

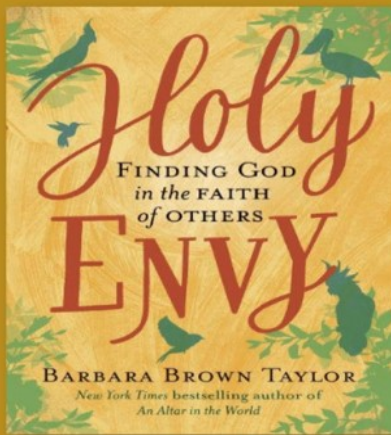
ANNOUNCEMENTS



THROUGHOUT JANUARY WE WILL COLLECT
CANS OF SOUP FOR GRACE FOOD PANTRY.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

MEMBERS OF PEACE ARE CHALLENGED TO BRING TWO CANS OF SOUP EACH WEEK UNTIL FEBRUARY SUPER BOWL SUNDAY ON FEBRUARY 12TH.



Sundays@6
Adult Faith Formation

*Beginning January 22
6 to 7 p.m. on Zoom*

For details contact
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

WE WILL DISCUSS "HOLY ENVY: FINDING GOD IN THE FAITH OF OTHERS," A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER BY BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR. A THRIVENT ACTION TEAM GRANT WAS USED TO PURCHASE COPIES OF THE BOOK, WITH ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHEPHERD DINNER IS BACK!



PRIOR TO COVID ERA, PEACE SPONSORED SHEPHERD DINNERS. THESE DINNERS WERE A ONCE-A-MONTH ACTIVITY WHERE CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TOOK TIME TO SHARE DINNERS AND BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED. EACH DINNER GROUP CONSISTED OF FOUR "SOMEWHAT RANDOMLY SELECTED" COUPLES OR SINGLES AND MET ONCE-A-MONTH AT RESTAURANTS (OR HOMES) OVER A FOUR-MONTH PERIOD.


CONTACT VERNON KLEEN FOR SIGNING UP OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

ALTAR FLOWERS

WE ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR 2023 ALTAR FLOWERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF A PERSON OR EVENT IN THE COMING YEAR PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS ON OUR WEBSITE IN THE MEMBERS' SECTION. FLOWERS ARE \$35.00

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

IF YOU PLAN TO USE OFFERING ENVELOPES AS YOU GIVE YOUR REGULAR OFFERING EACH WEEK, YOU MAY PICK UP A NEW PACKET IN THE NARTHEX.

<p>PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 2800 W JEFFERSON ST SPRINGFIELD IL 62702</p>  <p><i>My Offering</i></p>	<p>2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX</p>
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COLLECTING STUFFED TOYS & BLANKETS FOR WHITE EARTH RESERVATION

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