



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

# WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

## 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.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love,  
forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed,  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.  
 Music: WOJTKIEWICZ, Dale Wood, 1934-2003  
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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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### THIS IS THE FEAST

### ELW P. 187



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. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

## + WORD +

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup>he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

P. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 40:1-11 READ RESPONSIVELY**

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently up-<sup>1</sup> on the LORD,  
who stooped to me and<sup>1</sup> heard my cry.  
<sup>2</sup>**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the<sup>1</sup> miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my<sup>1</sup> footing sure.**  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise<sup>1</sup> to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.  
<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD!  
They do not turn to enemies or to those who<sup>1</sup> follow lies.**  
<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none  
can be com-<sup>1</sup> pared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than<sup>1</sup> I can  
count.  
<sup>6</sup>**Sacrifice and offering you do<sup>1</sup> not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have<sup>1</sup> not re-  
quired.**  
<sup>7</sup>And so I said, “Here I<sup>1</sup> am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is writ-<sup>1</sup> ten of me:  
<sup>8</sup>**‘I love to do your will,<sup>1</sup> O my God;  
your law is<sup>1</sup> deep within me.’”**  
<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the<sup>1</sup> great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O<sup>1</sup> LORD, you know.  
<sup>10</sup>**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithful-  
ness and<sup>1</sup> your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the <sup>1</sup> great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compas- <sup>1</sup> sion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually <sup>1</sup> keep me safe.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: John 1:29-42**

The holy gospel according to John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John the Baptist’s witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”<sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

P. The gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**



SERMON  
MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

Rev. Mary E. Zupansic

HYMN OF THE DAY

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

ELW #311



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to  
Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,  
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and  
light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are  
go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from  
cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.  
pre - cious in your sight.  
hill to val - ley flow.  
king - dom with out end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.  
Music: FRECTUECH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540-1602

## 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

\* Prayers are offered for the church, the world, and all in need.

Merciful God. *Receive our prayer.*

## THE SHARING OF PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**

## + THE MEAL +

**OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS** *Thank you for your continued support of the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church. We gladly accept your offerings via US Postal Service, Tithe.ly, or direct deposit from your bank.*



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



bles-sing. 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.**

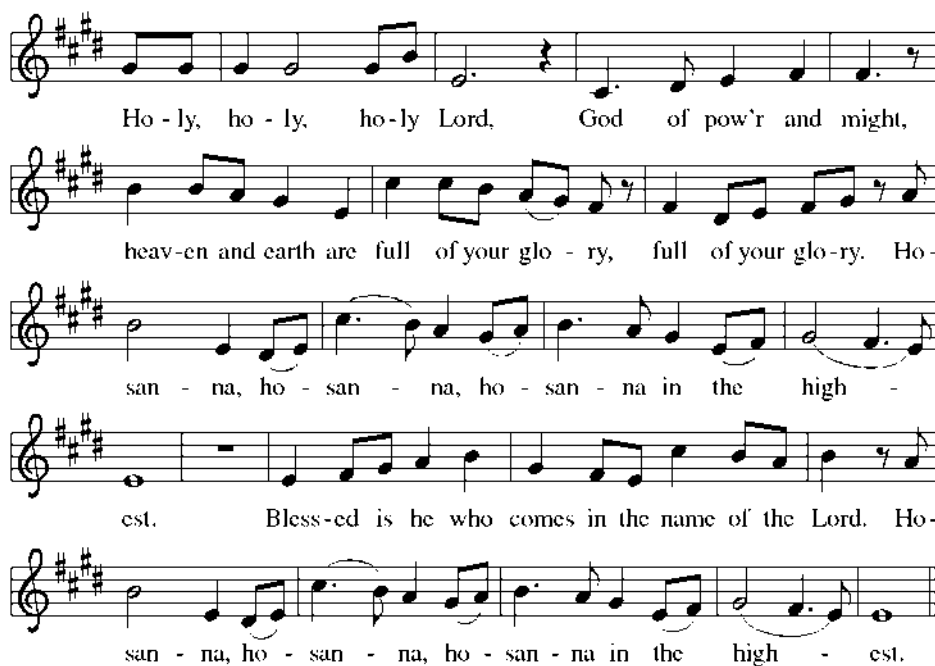
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, 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,**

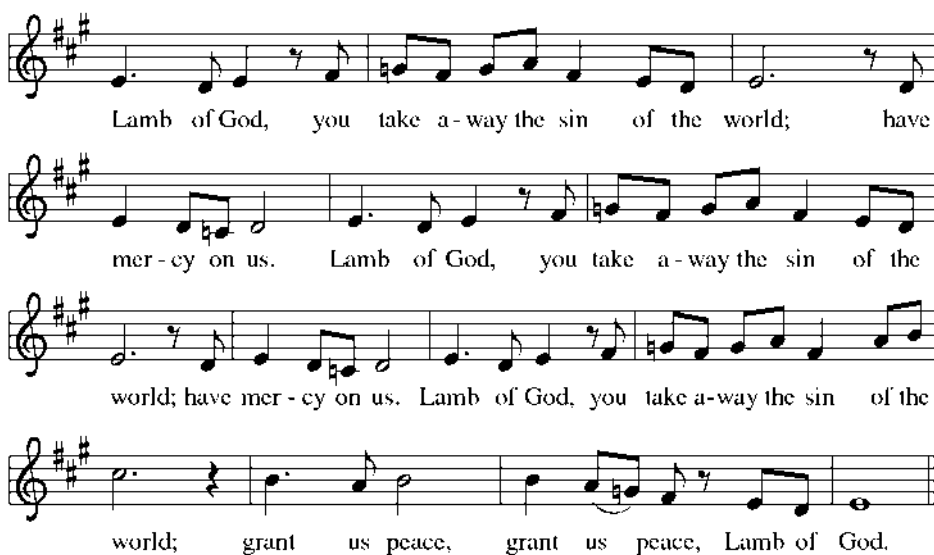
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### 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 SONG

*HE COMES TO US AS ONE UNKNOWN* ELW # 737

### 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.  
C. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### *ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME*

**ELW #314**



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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## DISMISSAL

- P. Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
C. **Thanks be to God.**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ABOUT THIS WEEKS TEXT

TODAY'S GOSPEL OPENS WITH FURTHER REFLECTION ON JESUS' BAPTISM. HE IS THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD AND THE ONE ANOINTED BY THE SPIRIT. IN THE LITURGY WE COME AND SEE CHRIST REVEALED AMONG US IN WORD AND MEAL. WE GO FORTH TO INVITE OTHERS TO COME AND WORSHIP THE HOLY ONE AND TO RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF GRACE AND PEACE MADE KNOWN AMONG US.

## THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, LARRY WEYHRICH,  
JUDY BARHOOVER, MICK BUCHLER

*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](mailto: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.*

## ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY, JAN. 15</b>	IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM FAITH FORMATION—10:45AM
<b>MONDAY, JAN. 16</b>	STAMP CLUB—6:00PM—9:00PM
<b>WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18</b>	CHOIR REHEARSAL—7:00PM
<b>THURSDAY, JAN. 19</b>	COUNCIL MEETING—6:00PM
<b>SUNDAY, JAN. 22</b>	IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM

## ASSISTING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15:

**PRESIDING & PREACHING:** REV. MARY E. ZUPANSIC  
**ASSISTING MINISTER:** AMANDA KIM  
**MUSICIAN:** BRENDA PECK  
**USHERS:** VERN KLEEN & JOE HENKEL  
**FLOWERS:** TO THE GLORY OF GOD

**CAMERA:** JANET KOCIS  
**POWERPOINT:** LINDA RICE  
**FELLOWSHIP:**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ANNUAL MEETING



### 2022 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, FOLLOWING THE 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE. A ZOOM LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON.



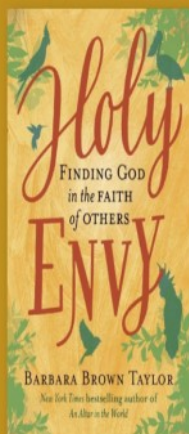
### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

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

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

### 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).



Sundays@6  
Adult Faith Formation

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

For details contact  
Debi and Pete Ellertsen  
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217-793-2587

# 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.



**2023  
OFFERING  
ENVELOPES  
ARE  
AVAILABLE  
IN THE  
NARTHEX**

# UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., RENEWER OF SOCIETY, MARTYR, DIED 1968 SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023**

AN AMERICAN PROPHET OF JUSTICE AMONG RACES AND NATIONS, KING WAS AN ELOQUENT PREACHER, A LEADER OF THE NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE TO RACE-SEGREGATED SOCIETY, AND RECIPIENT OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE IN 1964. BORN ON THIS DATE, HE WAS ASSASSINATED ON APRIL 4, 1968.

## **ANTONY OF EGYPT, RENEWER OF THE CHURCH, DIED AROUND 356 TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

ONE OF THE EARLIEST OF THE EGYPTIAN DESERT FATHERS, ANTONY GAVE AWAY HIS SIZEABLE INHERITANCE AND BECAME A HERMIT. LATER HE BECAME LEADER OF A GROUP OF MONKS WHO DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO PRAYER, WORSHIP, AND LABOR.

## **PACHOMIUS, RENEWER OF THE CHURCH, DIED 346 TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

BORN IN EGYPT, PACHOMIUS BECAME A CHRISTIAN WHILE A SOLDIER. HE BECAME A HERMIT (A SOLITARY MONK) AND ORGANIZED OTHERS INTO A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY. HIS RULE FOR MONASTERIES INFLUENCED LATER ONES IN BOTH THE EASTERN AND WESTERN CHURCHES.

## **CONFESSION OF PETER, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023**

TODAY THE CHURCH REMEMBERS THE APOSTLE PETER'S GREAT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF JESUS AS "THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD." THIS FESTIVAL SERVES AS A FITTING BEGINNING TO THE WEEK IN WHICH WE PARTICULARLY PRAY THAT ALL CHRISTIANS MIGHT BE UNITED IN FAITH AND WITNESS.

## **HENRY, BISHOP OF UPPSALA, MARTYR, DIED 1156, THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023**

WHEN ERIK, KING OF SWEDEN, DETERMINED TO INVADE FINLAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONVERTING THE PEOPLE THERE TO CHRISTIANITY, HENRY WENT WITH HIM. HENRY IS RECOGNIZED AS THE PATRON SAINT OF FINLAND.

## **AGNES, MARTYR, DIED AROUND 304, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023**

AGNES WAS A GIRL OF ABOUT THIRTEEN LIVING IN ROME. THE DETAILS OF HER MARTYRDOM ARE NOT CLEAR, BUT SHE GAVE WITNESS TO HER FAITH AND WAS PUT TO DEATH AS A RESULT, MOST LIKELY BY THE SWORD. THE CHURCH HAS HONORED HER AS ONE OF THE CHIEF MARTYRS OF HER TIME.



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