

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Sunday, January 22, 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.



^{*} May be sung in canon.

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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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.
 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

- ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- P. Word of God. Word of life.
- C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1, 4-9 READ RESPONSIVELY

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹ shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ¹ be afraid?

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one ¹ thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God ¹ in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will ^I give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- ^I on a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music ^I to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, ^I when I call; have mercy on me and ^I answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message— | "Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, | I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- ¹ vant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not,

O God of ^I my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong

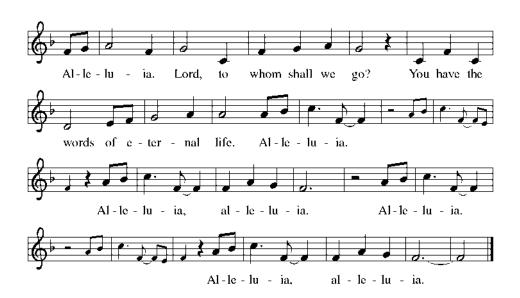
to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- P. Word of God. Word of life.
- C. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

- P. The gospel of the Lord.
- C. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Mary E. Zupansic

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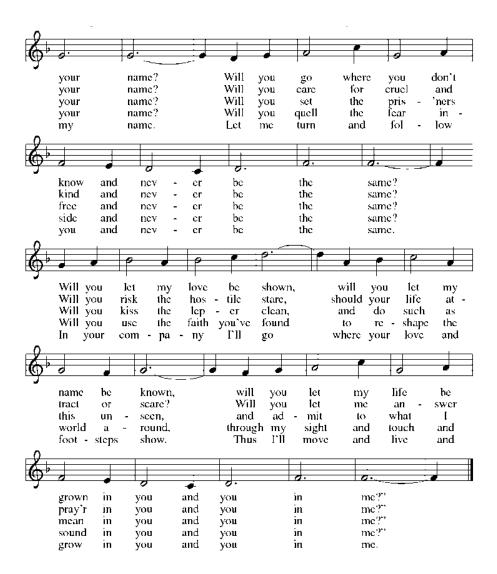
MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

fol low iſ but call you come and me vou leave vour self be hind if but call let if call you the blind cdsec but if you love the vou you hide call Lord, your sum - mons ech true when call oes

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."



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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

* 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 +

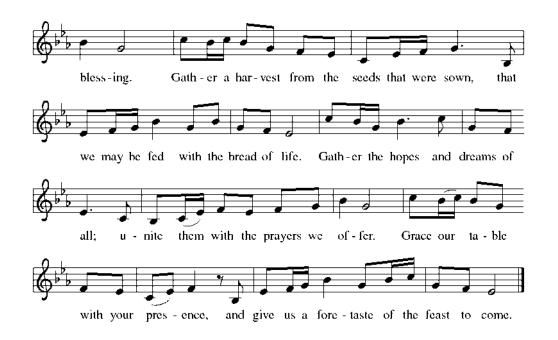
OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS Thank you for your continued support of the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church. We gladly accept your offerings via US Postal Service, Tithe.ly, or direct deposit from your bank.

OFFERING HYMN

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

ELW P.184





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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.

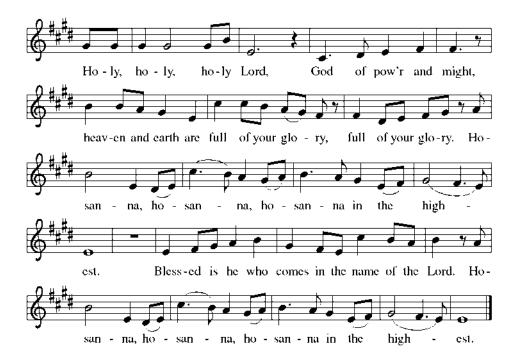
GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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

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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.

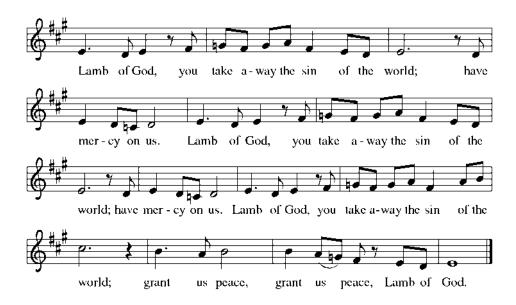
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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COMMUNION SONG/HYMNS

CONTEMPORARY SONG HERE I AM, LORD

ELW # 574

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.

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

ELW #715

C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

for light, dark - ness. Long - ing we wait in Long - ing for Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for Long - ing for food. man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for Long - ing for shel-ter. man - y are home-less. Long - ing for Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the truth. turn you. Make us your we to own, hope, man - y de spair. Your word a lone wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, man - y cold. Make us build - ing. warmth, are your hearts that yearn to be long. Let us be ser - vants your ho - ly pco - plc, light for world the sec. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. bro - ken shared un - til fed. for oth - ers. all are shel-ter - ing oth - ers. walls made of liv - ing stone. an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom one come. Refrain Shine in our Christ, be our light! hearts. Shine through the dark Christ, be light! Shine in ness. our your



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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

JESUS BEGINS HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY BY CALLING FISHERS TO LEAVE THEIR NETS AND FOLLOW HIM. IN JESUS THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR. WE WHO HAVE WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT. WE SEE THIS LIGHT MOST PROFOUNDLY IN THE CROSS—AS GOD SUFFERS WITH US AND ALL WHO ARE OPPRESSED BY SICKNESS, SIN, OR EVIL. LIGHT DAWNS FOR US AS WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD, THE FONT, AND THE HOLY TABLE. WE ARE THEN SENT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS THAT OTHERS MAY BE "CAUGHT" IN THE NET OF GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY.

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 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. 22 WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25 THURSDAY, JAN. 26 SUNDAY, JAN. 29 IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM CHOIR REHEARSAL—7:00PM

WARD MEETING—4:30PM

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22:

PRESIDING & PREACHING: REV. MARY E. ZUPANSIC

ASSISTING MINISTER: LOIS MOORMAN

MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK
USHERS: LINDA SHUDROWITZ
FLOWERS: TO THE GLORY OF GOD

CAMERA: JANET KOCIS
POWERPOINT: LINDA RICE

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2022 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

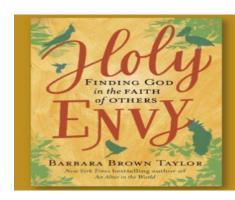
WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, FOLLOWING THE 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE. A ZOOM LINK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON.



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.



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, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED).

BOOK STUDY

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN A DAYTIME BOOK STUDY OF "HOLY ENVY: FINDING GOD IN THE FAITH OF OTHERS," WEDNESDAYS AT 1:30PM, PLEASE TALK TO PASTOR MARY.

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.

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>

WE ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR 2023 ALTAR FLOWERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPON-SOR 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
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ARE
AVAILABLE
IN THE
NARTHEX

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.

2022 YEAR END STATEMENTS

THE 2022 YEAR END STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN THE NARTHEX.



PEACE LUTHERAN IS COLLECTING STUFFED TOYS AND BLANKETS FOR THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT WHITE EARTH RESERVATION IN NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA. OUR COLLECTION IS DELIVERED TO THE RESERVATION BY HOPE FOR THE FIRST NATIONS, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION STARTED IN SPRINGFIELD IN 1997. DONATIONS MAY BE PLACED IN THE NARTHEX.



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