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"Peace Lutheran Church ... Our mission as a caring family is to reach out to all, share Christ's love, and teach God's Word."

Our Vision: Equipping Our Members to Take the Message of Jesus Where They Live, Work and Play

2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY January 14, 2024
Divine Service, Setting Three

AS WE GATHER

God Speaks, We Listen

Since the beginning of creation, God has spoken. He spoke into being our universe and our very selves as the crown of His creation; He spoke when seeking out Adam and Eve in a fallen world; He spoke many times and many ways through the prophets; and He spoke by the very words that came from the mouth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. From Him came words of instructing, healing, forgiving, and of invitation to follow Him as we hear today with Philip and Nathanael. The Lord still speaks to us today in His Word, as His Spirit spoke instruction and encouragement of the use of bodies through Paul in his letter to the church of Corinth. Through all He speaks, we are called to listen to that Word to guide and direct, and to hear His continued words of forgiveness, peace, hope, and joy as "in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son" (Hebrews 1:2).

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

OPENING HYMN "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" **LSB 589**

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 139:1–2a, 7–10*

P O Lord, You have searched me and known me!

C You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

P You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

C Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all together.

P You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

C Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

P Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

C If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

P Speak, Lord,

C for Your servant hears.

CONFESSION *Psalm 145:18; 50:15; Isaiah 55:6; 1 Samuel 3:9*

P As the psalmist declares, the Lord searches us, knows us, is ever-present, and leads us. He listens to us as we speak to Him. We come before Him in confession.

(Silence for meditation.)

P "The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

C We confess, heavenly Father, that we often choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. We fail to be near You in our opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks. Forgive us.

P "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

C We confess, heavenly Father, that in our days of trouble we rely on ourselves and not You. We seek deliverance through our own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world. Forgive us.

P Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near."

C We confess, heavenly Father, we are the ones who are lost even though You are near and present in Your Word and means of

grace. Our sins of thought, word and deed separate us from You. Forgive us.

P Speak, Lord,

C for Your servant hears.

ABSOLUTION *2 Timothy 1:9; Isaiah 43:1; 1 Samuel 3:10*

P As we speak and call out to the Lord in prayer and confession, He calls to us, His people, through His Word of truth, mercy, and grace; for He has "saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began." As a called and ordained servant of the Word and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine."

Speak, Lord,

C for Your servant hears. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 40:1–5; antiphon: v. 10a, b

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

I waited patiently for the LORD;

He inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust,
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

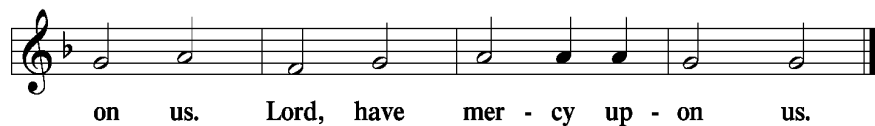
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.

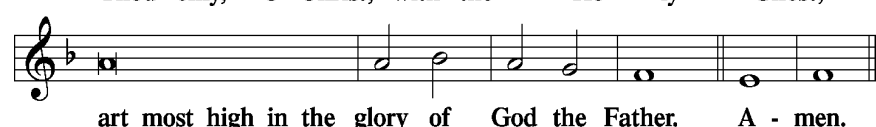
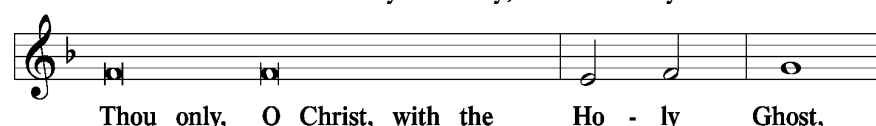
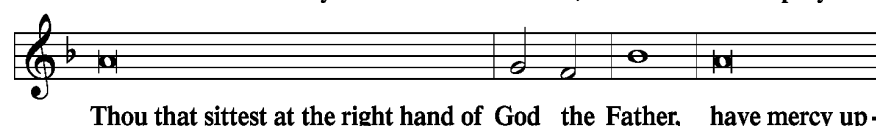
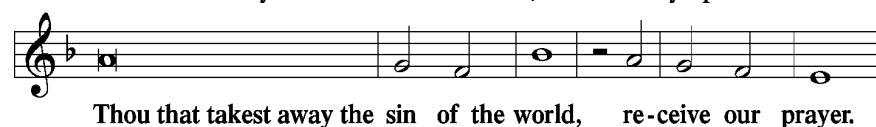
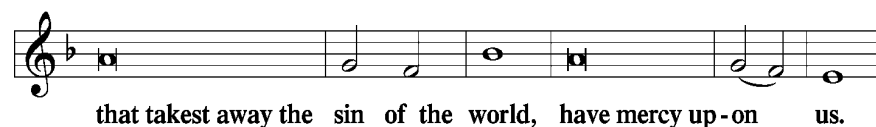
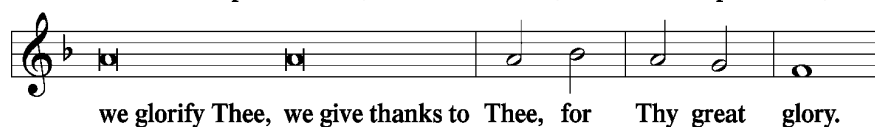
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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

♩ The Lord be with you.



Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT

1 Samuel 3:1–10

Pew Bible, pg.269

(The Lord calls Samuel.)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

Pew Bible, pg.1134

(God's call to flee from immorality.)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:43–51

Pew Bible, pg.1054

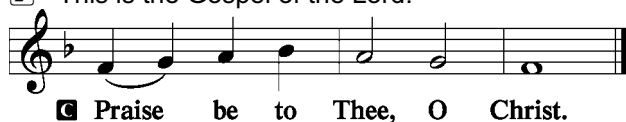
(Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



(The Gospel is read.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



CREED *Apostles' Creed*

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

SERMON HYMN

"The People That in Darkness Sat"

LSB 412

SERMON

Guest Pastor – Rev. Timothy LeClair

OFFERING

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INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

(Both new and returning congregational officers for 2024 are asked to present themselves before the altar at the foot of the chancel stairs.)

Newly-Elected Officers for 2024:

Vice-Chairman: Dan Rothe

Secretary: Kay Spomer

Financial Secretary: Joan Sorgenfrei

Elders: Randy Martens (1-yr.), David Grulke (1-yr.), Chad Coolman, Tom Catalano, Scott Grulke, Jesse Fenstermaker, Dave Schaedig

Trustees: Daryl Rhode (1-yr.), Randy Reisener (1-yr.), Larry Darga (1-yr.), Larry Rhode, Mike Adrian, Tom Bruning

Financial Review: Carrie Schleben, Althea Hein

Board of Education: Cheryl Kowalewsky, Leeny Ries, Marsha Grulke

Board of Human Care Ministry: Janice Brown, Cinda Grulke

P Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture admonishes us that "all things should be done decently and in order."

To that end, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the Early Christian Church as described in Acts, chapter six:

The twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of

good reputé, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

The apostle Peter writes in his first epistle:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- P** You have been chosen to fill specific offices and positions of responsibility at Peace Lutheran Church. You are to work with the pastor(s), that our life together in Christ may be orderly and pleasing in His sight.

You are to see that the services of God's house are held at the proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the Sacraments of Christ are administered according to His institution, that provision is made for the Christian instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained.

You are to see that the temporal affairs of the congregation are properly administered and that proper support is provided for the workers of this congregation. You are to assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Christ here and throughout the world.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as office-bearers in His Church, show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the office(s) entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

R *I do.*

- P** Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women whom you have selected to serve as officers of Peace Lutheran Church. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

C **We do.**

- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as officers of Peace Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

- P** The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your offices that you may be good and faithful stewards to the glory of His name and the good of His people.

C **Amen.**

- P** Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have raised up these servants for work among Your people. We humbly implore You to grant them, by Your Holy Spirit, those gifts needed for the faithful carrying out of their tasks, most especially wisdom, strength, and willing hearts. Let Your blessing rest on this congregation. Strengthen the faith, quicken the love, and enkindle the zeal of its members, that Your name may be glorified and that here and in all places under heaven the kingdom of Your Son may be advanced. We remember with thanksgiving those who have faithfully served Your people and have now completed their time of service. We pray that in the end of days we, with all Your faithful people, may hear the voice of Christ saying: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

- P** Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our Fathers by the prophets,

C **but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.**

- P** As God has spoken to us in His Word through His Son, let us speak to Him in prayer. We pray for the Church of God and all people according to their needs. We praise You, heavenly Father, for calling us to faith through Your Spirit. As Your Body of believers, called to follow You, enable us to proclaim Your Word of salvation in all truth and purity. Soften the hearts and open the minds of all people, that they may know You have called them as Your own in grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As Samuel heard Your call to faithful service, let us also heed Your call to serve You and serve others in joy. For those whom You have called to serve as church workers, bless their ministry, protect their health and well-being both mentally and physically, and grant Your continued presence and blessings upon their work. For those You have called in other vocations with various jobs and employments, let all work be done as work done for You and the benefit of others. For the unemployed and underemployed, continue to give patience and an awareness of the gifts and abilities that come from Your hand, all the while serving You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P As Paul calls believers to flee from immorality, give to Your people steadfast faith and the ability to resist temptation. As You in Your Law have given a clear standard for the right use of our bodies, which were bought at a price through the blood of our Savior, cause us to glorify You in our bodies and in our very selves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P As Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, so also help us heed His call and follow in faith. Even amid troubles and trials faced in body and soul, keep faith steadfast and firm with trust in Your presence, Your promises, and Your peace. Be especially with those who have requested our prayers. As they call out to You, speak to them Your comfort, compassion, and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

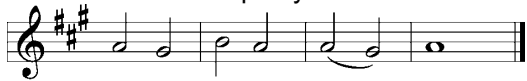
C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Inside back cover of hymnal)

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

LSB 919

✠ In the name of Jesus ✠

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