



Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota
4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2024

6:30pm & 8:30am Hymn 578 (Maroon): Thy Strong Word, verses 1, 2, 5 and ▲ 6
10:30am SONG: Cornerstone

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP, PSALM 111

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Praise the LORD.

I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**² Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

**⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**⁸ They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.

**¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.**

To him belongs eternal praise. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SONG: Wonderful, Merciful Savior

**Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men
You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for**

**Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way
You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for**

**Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne
You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for**

Alleluia!
THE PRAISE
CONTINUES

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ (ESV) This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

6:30pm & 8:30am ▲ GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)
Thy Word is a path to follow, a light to show the way.
Thy Word is a path to follow, a light to show the way.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

10:30am Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee. (ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

HYMN: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at His command
And all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with His word
And then pronounced them good
Lord how Thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flower below
 But makes Thy glories known
 And clouds arise And tempests blow
 By order from Thy throne
 Creatures that borrow life from Thee
 Are subject to Thy care
 There's not a place where we can flee
 But God is present there

MESSAGE “Not Artificial, but Divine!” (Mark 1:21-28) Pastor Bode

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

10:30am SONG: As We Gather at Your Table

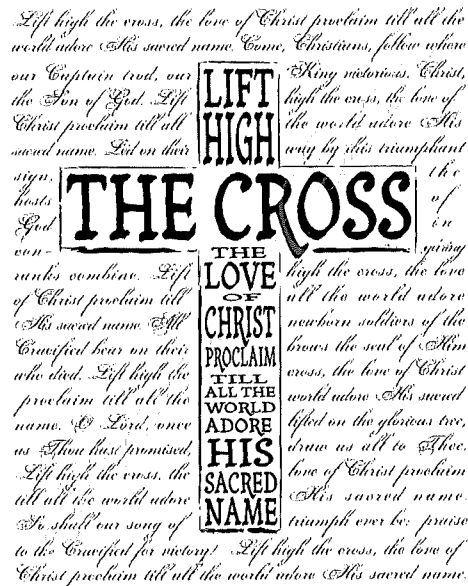
BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 660 (Maroon): Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

10:30am SONG: Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

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February Events

February 4th – 11:30am, Annual Congregational Meeting

LENT begins on February 14th

Wednesday worship at 11:30am, 4:30pm and 6:30pm, February 14th through March 20th

Valentine's Pie Sale – February 14th. Place orders by February 9th.



SOUPER Sunday School Mission Project

Please bring can of SOUP for our "SOUPER BOWL" fundraiser for Common cup Ministries.

We will also be having a "SOUPER" lunch after church on February 18th.

The students sing at 10:30am worship that day, followed by lunch.

There will be no charge for lunch at 11:30am but a freewill donation will benefit Common Cup.

Please sign up to bring a crockpot of soup or chili or something fun for the kids
(mac and cheese soup anyone?).

AGENDA
ANNUAL VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

1. Slate of candidates for open positions on Church Council & Board of Elders
2. Presentation of amendments to the Bylaws
3. Ballot distribution, vote
4. Annual Financial Plan
 - a. Question/Answer period
 - b. Call for motion to approve
5. Trustee report
6. Call Committee update
7. Child Care Commissioned Team update
8. Pastor's report
9. Adjournment

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2024 SLATE OF CANDIDATES
FOR CHURCH COUNCIL AND BOARD OF ELDERS

CHURCH COUNCIL

President

Melissa Weckwerth (incumbent)

Vice President

Chuck Jones (incumbent)

Members at Large (3 openings)

Kathy Hochsprung (incumbent)

Becky Kobow (incumbent)

Gary Havemeier

BOARD OF ELDERS (5 openings) (All seats are at large)

Robbie Peterson (incumbent)

Matthew Markgraf (incumbent)

Dale Schumann (incumbent)

Jeff Weckwerth (incumbent)

Marc Telecky