



The Third Sunday
after the Epiphany
January 25, 2026
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

HYMN 411 (Maroon): I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

6:30pm Baptism of Harper Michael Schmidt

8:30am Baptism of Clara and Caden Cassens

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP, PSALM 27

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

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

**For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.**

Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.

**Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.**

Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

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

CONFESSION

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.

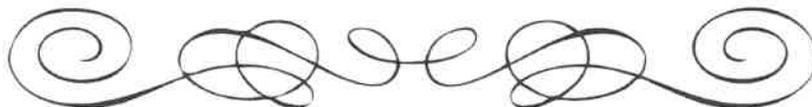
Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.**

HYMN G640 (Green): Lord, Be Glorified

- 1. In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**
- 2. In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In my song, Lord, be glorified today.**
- 3. In your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your Church, Lord, be glorified today.**



Readers: 6:30pm Heidi Sickmann; 8:30am Mary Haag; 10:30am Sharon Christensen

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.

³You have multiplied the nation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴For the yoke of his burden,

and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian. (ESV)

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

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may 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.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (ESV)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ▲ Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to His name.

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.

Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to His name.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-25

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,

and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸ While walking 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. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan. (ESV)

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



SOLO: The Star's Song by Erin Bode

He picked me out, one in a billion. He said, "I've got something for you to do."
They'll need to know where to go to find him. And it's all up to you.

Standing out in the desert, There's a little town called Bethlehem
Lead the way to the little stable, Lead the way to the little lamb.

Chorus: What a strange and a lovely thing for a star to do
To lead the way to the baby boy born for you
Shine the light across the footprints in the sand
Follow me down the road that leads to Bethlehem

He picked me out, one in a billion. He said, "I've got something for you to do."
After centuries of darkness, Comes my promised son to you. Chorus.

MESSAGE "The Light of the World is Still Here" Pastor Weber

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.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Handbells: Siyahamba (We are marching in the light of God)

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

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

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.**

HYMN 829 (Maroon): Christ, the Eternal Lord, verses 1-3