



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 1, 2026
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 904 (Maroon): Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
10:30am SONG: Thy Word

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP, PSALM 15

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

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?

² **The one whose walk is blameless,
who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart;**

³ whose tongue utters no slander,
who does no wrong to a neighbor,
and casts no slur on others;

⁴ **who despises a vile person
but honors those who fear the LORD;
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
and does not change their mind;**

⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

**Whoever does these things
will never be shaken.**

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 G679 (Green): Open Our Eyes, Lord (We will sing this twice.)

**Open our eyes Lord, We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him, And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord, And Help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord, We want to see Jesus**



Readers: 6:30pm Lee Uldberg; 8:30am Nona Anderson; 10:30am Kevin Pfau

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ "O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord."

⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? (ESV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” (ESV)

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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 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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



Children's Message

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 842 (Maroon): Son of God, Eternal Savior

10:30am SONG: Seek Ye First

MESSAGE "God's Map" 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

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

6:30pm & 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Page 198 AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

HYMN 618 (Maroon): I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

HYMN 643 (Maroon): Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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 750 (Maroon): If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee, verses 1, 2, 3 & 7

10:30am SONG: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



**February 1st Today
Congregational Meeting at 11:30am**

**Sunday School sings Sunday February 8th at 10:30am
Followed by a SOUP-er bowl lunch at 11:30am.
Donations benefit Common Cup Ministries.**

**Lenten services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18th
11:30am followed by lunch; 4:30pm in the Peace Center; 6:30pm in the Sanctuary
This year's theme for Wednesdays is "This I Believe" (The Apostle's Creed)
The theme for Sundays in Lent will be "Were You There?"**

AGENDA
PEACE LUTHERAN ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Welcome

- 1. Slate of candidates for open positions on Church Council & Board of Elders**
- 2. Ballot distribution, vote**
- 3. Director of Family Ministries introduction/update**
- 4. Guiding Light update**
- 5. Annual Financial Plan**
- 6. Trustee report**
- 7. Congregational Fund Committee report**
- 8. Pastor's report**

Church Council-President (Vote for one)

- Melissa Weckwerth (Incumbent)

Church Council-Vice President (Vote for one)

- Dean Kirchoff (Currently serving as an At Large council person with one year remaining in his first term)

Church Council-At Large (Vote for three)

- Kathy Hochsprung (Incumbent)
- Gary Havemeier (Incumbent)
- Sara Peterson

Board of Elders-All Seats are At Large (Vote for 5)

- Robbie Peterson*
- Dale Schumann*
- Matt Markgraf*
- Mark Telecky*
- Allen Broll

*Incumbent