



February 1st, 2026 – Epiphany 4

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Peace Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning for worship. In our service, we gather to praise our God who in his great love for us has bought us back from sin, death, and the devil through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

About the Picture: Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount in our gospel text.

Offering: The offering is collected as you enter into the sanctuary, in an offering plate located on a small table. Guests and visitors do not need to feel obligated to make an offering, though you are welcome to do so.

[Online Offering Portal](#)

The Service

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Hymn: 619 – Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him

1 Praise the Almighty; my soul, adore him!

Yes, I will laud him until death.

With songs and anthems I'll come before him
as long as he allows me breath.

From him my life and all things came;
bless, O my soul, his holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
pardon and peace from him obtain;
ever the wants of the poor supplying,
their faithful God he will remain.

He helps his children in distress,
the widows and the fatherless.

Alleluia, alleluia!

3 Trust not in princes, they are but mortal;
earth-born they are and soon decay.

Vain are their counsels at life's last portal
when the dark grave will claim its prey.

Since, then on one can help afford,
trust only Christ, our God and Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

4 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
of him who does such wondrous things!

All that has being, to praise him solely,
with happy heart its amen sings!
Children of God, with angel host
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the
Holy Spirit

Amen

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and
the truth is not in us,

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

**And will forgive us our sins
And purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

**And have sinned against you in my thoughts,
words and actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart

I have not loved others as I should.

**I deserve your punishment both now and
forever**

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

With his innocent suffering and death.

**Trusting in him I pray: God have mercy on me a
sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)(sung)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory Be to God (Gloria in Excelsis)(sung)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great
glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy
on us.**

**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father, Amen**

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our
weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out
the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.**

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11–13

³Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land,

 you who do what he commands.

Seek righteousness, seek humility;

 perhaps you will be sheltered
 on the day of the Lord's anger.

¹¹On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame

 for all the wrongs you have done to me,

because I will remove from you

 your arrogant boasters.

Never again will you be haughty

 on my holy hill.

¹²But I will leave within you

 the meek and humble.

The remnant of Israel

 will trust in the name of the Lord.

¹³They will do no wrong;

 they will tell no lies.

A deceitful tongue

 will not be found in their mouths.

They will eat and lie down

 and no one will make them afraid."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Blessed are they, blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed is the one who / does not walk
in step with the / wicked
or stand in the way that / sinners take
or sit in the company of / mockers,
but whose delight is in the law / of the Lord,
and who mediates on his law / day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,
which yields its fruit in / season
and whose leaf does not / wither –
whatever they do / prospers.

Blessed are they, blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so the / wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous.

Blessed are they, blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

For the Lord watches over the way of the / righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Blessed are they, blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶Brothers and sisters, think of what you were
when you were called. Not many of you were wise by

human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Stand

Gospel Acclamation (sung) The offering is brought to the altar at this time. Our online [giving portal can be found here.](#)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Jesus is the light of the world; in him we have the light of life.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

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

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

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

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

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

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

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you,
persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you
because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is
your reward in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 799—I Leave All Things to God’s
Direction

1 I leave all things to God's direction;
he loves me both in joy and woe.
His will is good, sure his affection;
his tender love is true, I know.
My fortress and my rock is he:
what pleases God, that pleases me.

2 God knows what must be done to save me;
his love for me will never cease.
Upon his hands he did engrave me
with purest gold of loving grace.
His will supreme must ever be:
what pleases God, that pleases me.

3 God gives me help in all temptation,
his loving goal my soul to save.
Calm in the face of life's frustration,
all earthly trouble I will brave.
His will be done eternally:
what pleases God, that pleases me.

4 My God has all things in his keeping;
he is my ever-faithful friend.
He gives me laughter after weeping,
and all his ways in blessings end.
His love endures eternally:
what pleases God, that pleases me.

Sermon: Zephaniah 2 – Seek the Lord

- 1. Self-seekers, Beware**
- 2. Lord-seekers, Be Not Afraid**

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Be seated

Church Council Installation

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and

factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Hymn 816—I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

1 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,
trusting only you;
trusting you for full salvation,
free and true.

2 I am trusting you for pardon;
at your feet I bow,
for your grace and tender mercy
trusting now.

3 I am trusting you for cleansing
in the crimson flood;
trusting you who made me holy
by your blood.

4 I am trusting you to guide me;
you alone shall lead,
ev'ry day and hour supplying
all my need.

5 I am trusting you for power;
you can never fail.
Words which you yourself shall give me
must prevail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever
and for all.

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The 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.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look with favor and + give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated

Hymn: 849 – Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
upon life's way;
direct, protect, and feed me
from day to day.
Without your grace and favor
I go astray;
so take my hand, O Savior,
and lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages,
are always near.
Close by your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding,
in peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
and night has come,
I know that your will strengthen
my steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
blessed Friend;
so take my hand and lead me
unto the end.

"The Service: Setting One" and all hymn lyrics

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Thank you to Corrine Ziesemer for playing the organ, Bryce Jacobs, Mark Bierman, Tyler Stocker, and Steve Jacobs for ushering, and Gary Ziesemer for running tech this morning.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE:

**Today, February 1: Bible Study & Sunday School,
Worship, Fellowship**

Monday, February 2: Camp Phillip registration opens

Wednesday, February 4: Adult Bible Study, 10 am

Catechism, 5 pm

Adult Choir, 7 pm

Chime Choir follows

Friday, February 6: PLS Chapel, 8:35ish

Blue Knights Basketball @ CALA, 4:15

Saturday, February 7: Praise Him Concert, Trinity

Neenah, 1 pm

Daddy/Daughter Dance, CALA, 6-8 pm

Sunday, February 8: Bible Study & Sunday School,

Worship w/ Communion, Fellowship

Acolyte: Layne Lemke

COMING UP:

February 18: Ash Wednesday

February 21: Men of His Word, Oshkosh

March 1: LWMS Convention Registration opens

April 5: Easter

June 21: Homecoming Anniversary Service

August 12: Golf Outing

November 1: Festival Anniversary Service

February Birthdays! Happy birthday to our February members: Sarah Kasubaski, Willis Kummerow, Greg Kelma, Mark Priebe, Rodney Dietsche, Carol Guderjahn, Tonya Johnson, Aiden Guderjahn, Leah Haasch, Diane Bazeley, Archer Ladwig, Steve Jacobs, Sara Lemke, and Bart Koopman!

Did we miss a birthday? Fill out a friendship register, leave a note in Pastor's box, or email PeaceChurchGL@gmail.com.

Submit Peace Memories!

Remember to write down your recollections for posterity! You can fill out a form on paper or online. Paper forms are in the fellowship hall; online forms are [available HERE](#).

Men of His Word

Guys – consider attending the Men of His Word conference in Oshkosh on February 21! It's a day of fellowship, God's Word, and presentations designed to help you live God's grace in your everyday life. Talk to David Kummerow to learn more, or sign up in the fellowship hall! Scholarships may be available; fill out the form on the fellowship table and return ASAP for consideration. A group can also host fellowship after worship and use proceeds for these costs. More information: [Men of His Word Oshkosh](#)

Watch for information on the summer golf outing!

LWMS - Important Convention Support Info/Calendar

Correction/Fish Update

Regarding the cost for our convention attendees:

Because registration opens on March 1st, we will do a Door Collection on February 8th and one more Noisy Offering on February 15th to assist them. If you would like to make a separate donation, please get that to Lisa Utecht before Sunday, February 15th, if possible. Right now we should be able to give them each \$100 toward their hotel costs which is greatly appreciated! Any monies donated after March 1st can be used for meals, etc. (The dates for the June convention are June 25-28, not June 23-28 as stated on the back. Sorry for the confusion!)

Our Fish Ornament project is progressing at an unbelievable pace! As of now all 1500 have been painted and over half tied with a cross and string!! We will pause the project for a few weeks. I will get another work date figured out later in February. Thanks to all who have helped thus far - you are a blessing!!

If you have any questions about LWMS, please see Lisa.

Got Bulletin Announcements?

OFFERINGS 1.25.26

BUDGETED EXPENSES

General Fund \$7,372.00

Plate Offering \$30.25

Tuition \$1,745.00

WLA Commitment \$75.00

TOTAL \$9,222.25

Our weekly budgeted need is \$10,492. This number has been changed to reflect our 2026 budget.

CHURCH SPECIAL FUNDS

Church Blacktop \$50.00
Church Furnace Fund \$350.00
Missions Envelope \$25.00
Church Window Repairs \$175.00
Organ Fund \$50.00
Youth Rally \$50.00
Roof Fund \$100.00
Worker Training Support Fund \$405.00
TOTAL \$1205.00

SCHOOL SPECIAL FUNDS

School Misc. Fund 1,028.00
School Family Financial Aid \$40.00
TOTAL \$1,068.00

In Memory of Alice Bazeley

To: Roof fund
From: Phil & Lynn Priebe

To: Window - Parsonage
From: Gordy & Cheri Smith

To: Window - Parsonage
From: Joanne Jahns

To: Ladies Aid
From: Tim & Kelley Riggs

To: Worker Training Support Fund
From: Steve & Lisa Utecht

To: School Misc. Fund
From: Mark & Lynn Bierman

To: School Family Financial Aid
From: Mark & Mary Priebe