



January 18th, 2026 – Epiphany 2

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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: In the Old Testament reading, Isaiah records God's intentions to use his people to bring the light of salvation to all nations.

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: 375 – Arise and Shine in Splendor

1 Arise and shine in splendor;
let night to day surrender.
Your light is drawing near.
Above, the day is beaming,
in matchless beauty gleaming;
the glory of the Lord is here.

2 See earth in darkness lying,
the heathen nations dying
in hopeless gloom and night.
To you the Lord of heaven –
your life, your hope – has given
great glory, honor, and delight.

3 Lift up your eyes in wonder –
see, nations gather yonder
from sin to be set free.
The world has heard your story;
her sons come to your glory,
her daughters haste your light to see.

4 Your heart will leap for gladness
when from the realms of sadness
they come from near and far.
Your eyes will wake from slumber
as people without number
rejoice to see the Morning Star.

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 God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1–6

¹Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the Lord called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the Lord's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the Lord says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant

to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord

and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the

earth."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40

Refrain: Lord, come to my aid; Lord, come to my aid.

I waited patiently / for the Lord;
he turned to me and / heard my cry.
Many, Lord my God, are the wonders / you have done;
were I to tell of your deeds, they would be too many / to
declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did / not desire;
burnt offerings and sin offerings you did / not require.
Then I said, "Here I am, I have come – it is written about
me / in the scroll.
I desire to do your will, my God; your law is with- / in my
heart."

Refrain: Lord, come to my aid; Lord, come to my aid.

Do not withhold your mercy / from me, Lord;
may your love and faithfulness always pro- / tect me.
You are my help and my de- / liverer;
you are my God, do / not delay.

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.

Refrain: Lord, come to my aid; Lord, come to my aid.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6–15

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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: John 1:29–41

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”),
“where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 398 – Not All the Blood of Beasts

1 Not all the blood of beasts
on Israel’s altars slain
could give the guilty conscience peace
or wash away the stain.

2 But Christ, the heav’nly Lamb,
takes all our sins away,
a sacrifice of nobler name
and richer blood than they.

3 In faith I place my hand
on that dear head divine,
as penitently here I stand
and lay on him my sin.

4 My soul looks back to see
the burden you did bear
when hanging on the cursed tree;
I know my guilt was there!

5 Believing, we rejoice
to see the curse remove;
we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
and sing his bleeding love.

Sermon:

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

Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule in our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the

disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers

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

Silent prayer.

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

Amen.

Hymn 525 – The Lamb

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes

God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
one perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb,

let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

3 The Lamb, the Lamb,
as wayward sheep their shepherd kill
so still, his will,
on our behalf the law to fill.

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his
own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

4 He sighs, he dies,
he takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
he gives me his own righteousness.

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his
own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

5 He rose, he rose,
my heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
till ev'ry heart to him belong.

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his
own! The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

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: 814 – Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The [January WELS Connection](#) follows worship (tech-permitting).

"The Service: Setting One" and all hymn lyrics

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE:

**Today, January 18: Bible Study & Sunday School,
Worship, WELS Connection, Fellowship
Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 21: NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Catechism, 5 pm
Adult Choir, 7 pm
Chime Choir follows**

Friday, January 23: Men's Meat Meet, 6 pm

**Sunday, January 25: Bible Study & Sunday School,
Worship w/ Communion, Fellowship, Annual
Meeting**

COMING UP:

February 18: Ash Wednesday

April 5: Easter

June 21: Homecoming Anniversary Service

August 12: Golf Outing

November 1: Festival Anniversary Service

January Birthdays! Happy birthday to our January members: John Murphy, Mira Stepleton, and David

Kummerow!

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](#).

Check your mailboxes for 2025 giving statements.

Men of His Word

Guys – consider attending the Men of His Word conference in Oshkosh on February 26! 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! Early registration goes through January 31 and regular registration through February 15. The costs are: Early admission = \$80, Early group of 5+ = \$70 each, Early youth = \$40. 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!

Men's Meat Meet

Bring dude food to share, enjoy a short devotion and

then games and fellowship. Open to men who are Catechism age and older. Friends/non-members welcome.

LWMS - Opportunities to Support

A Noisy Offering will be done on Sunday, January 18th. The offering will assist the women attending the LWMS convention in June as registration opens up in a few weeks.

We will also have one fellowship a month as well as one door offering in the near future to help these Christian sisters who are volunteering to help run the convention. The cost for each person will run near \$500. Contact Lisa Uecht with questions. Thank you for your generosity!

Parsonage Windows Project

Following the breaking of one parsonage window (we're 75% sure it was the weather, not a Haasch, but fans of Occam's Razor are making this face: <_<) the church council would like to consider replacing all windows, which are original to the building (circa 1990s). This will be a **special project** similar to the garage accoutrements, not a budgeted expenditure. Windows with sashes are, of course, more spendy than... pretty much everything in the garage, minus the mower. If you're interested in helping this project, you can team up with a buddy or four to fund a window. Take a Window Angel from the board in the fellowship hall and clip it to your donation, then put it in the offering plate. Thank you! (For the record the Haasch family will be contributing too. Because <_< .)

Annual Meeting January 25!

Plan to stick around after church on January 25 to elect our new council and to hear reports on many aspects of ministry at Peace! There are many nominees for council; three spots are up for (re)election. Nominees must be men in good standing and members for more than one year. The nominees (in totally random order) are: Jerry Trapp, David Kummerow, Jeff Tadman, Paul Schoeneck, Gary Ziesemer, Mark Priebe, Dan Bierman, Greg Kelma, Pat Himebaugh, Jeff Ladwig, David Knapp (I), Ian Stepleton (I), Tyler Stocker (I), Bryce Jacobs, Brian Stibb, Brendan Stibb, Joel Jahns, Mike Black, and Mark Bierman. (I = Incumbent)

Got Bulletin Announcements?

OFFERINGS 1.11.26

Budgeted Expenses

General Fund \$3,904.00
Church Birthday /Anniversary Env. \$10.00
New Years Eve. \$60.00
Plate Offering \$56.60
Church-School Applied to Operating \$15.00
Tuition \$2,553.33

Total \$6598.93

Our weekly budgeted need is \$9,626

Church Special Funds

Church Blacktop Fund \$15.00
Church Furnace Fund \$15.00
Church Outdoor Sign \$65.00
Church Window Repairs \$100.00

Youth Rally \$108.00

Roof Fund \$40.00

Total \$343.00

School Special Funds

School Family Financial Aid \$65.00

In Memory of Rik & Helga Ridders

To: School Family Financial Aid

From: Pat & Nancy Himebaugh