

**Third Sunday after Epiphany
In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin
January 26, 2025**



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Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

We are called to be an inclusive community,
sharing God's grace through worship, service,
and hospitality.

We of Peace Lutheran Church welcome all people to
full participation in the life of the church regardless of race,
ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression,
or physical or mental disability.

Children are welcome in any worship service at Peace Lutheran Church.

It is a pleasure to have you worship with us this week
and we invite you to worship with us again soon.
If you are in need of assistance of any kind, please speak with an usher.

P= Presider, A= Assisting Minister, C= Congregation

PRELUDE *Praeludium and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553* --J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

⊕ ----- GATHERING ----- ⊕

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life..

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,
C: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:
 "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
 I have called you by name. You are mine."
 In † Christ, you are forgiven.
 In the Spirit, you are made free.
 Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
 live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

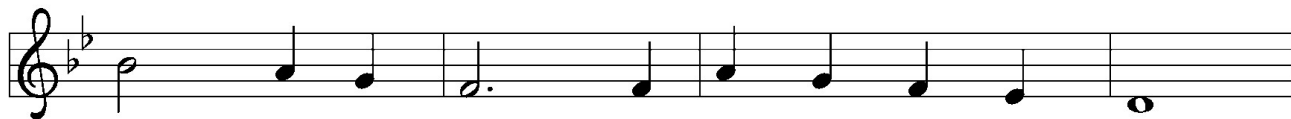
***GATHERING HYMN**

O Zion, Haste

ELW 668



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

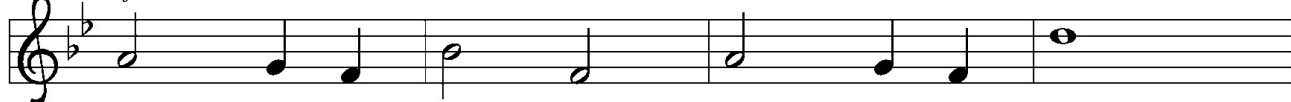


that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

*GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen.**



FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

- L: The Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 19

read responsively

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
² **One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
³ Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
⁶ **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its ¹ burning heat.**

⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸ **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² **Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL

Luke 4: 14-21

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Hannah DiPasquale

Silence for Reflection



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

Saints of Peace:

**Edward Hosbach, Arlene Peterson, Colleen Adelia Whitford, Geraldine Smith,
Leroy Stoffel, Albert Brenner, Peter Layne**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise
is revealed among the people. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

*In-Building: Please share signs of peace in whatever way you are comfortable and
is respectful of your neighbor's comfort level.*

Online: You may share signs of peace in the chat .

⊕ -----MEAL----- ⊕

OFFERING

*Gifts for the work and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church can be placed in the offering
plates or mailed to the Church Office or sent through on-line giving on our website.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Breathe on Me Robert Jackson
Arr. Janet Van Valey and Susan Berry
Campanas de Paz

***OFFERTORY**

Doxology

(Old 100th)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye



hea - v'nly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: God of grace,

C: **your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

**Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.**

**Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.**

Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: **We lift them to the Lord!**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

***PREFACE**

P: ...And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW p. 108



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of



pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in Heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive
those who sin against us
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el Cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu Reino,
hágase tu voluntad
en la Tierra como en el Cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación,
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el Reino, tuyo el Poder,
y tuya la Gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table for communion, regardless of age or church membership. Come forward up the center aisle, taking an empty cup from the tray at the front. Follow the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the rail. The Bread Minister will hand you a piece of bread (gluten-free wafers are available, just ask the bread minister). There are two Wine Ministers. The first pouring chalice offers wine and the second chalice is grape juice.

If you choose not to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing from the Bread Minister. Crossing your arms over your chest will indicate that you would prefer a blessing.

If you have difficulty coming to the front, please notify an usher and communion will gladly be brought to you.

***LAMB OF GOD**

ELW p. 112



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***BLESSING FROM THE TABLE**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

A: Nourishing God,
 C: **at this table you have refreshed us
 with holy gifts of food and drink.
 Strengthen us for service,
 and send us out to embody your good news
 of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
 In the name of Christ we pray,
 Amen.**

⊕ -----SENDING----- ⊕

***THE BENEDICTION**

P: The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy
 Anoint you with compassion, And send you in love.
 C: **Amen**

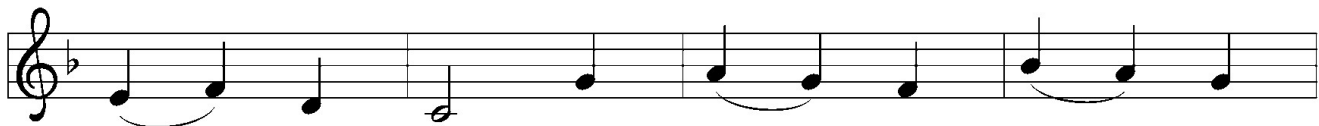
***SENDING HYMN**

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Little Fugue in F Major, BWV 556

--J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Peace values music highly, so some may choose to remain in the sanctuary for the postlude.

Others may choose to leave quietly at that time.

All are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - January 26

If you have **Prayer Requests to be included in the Prayers of the Day**, please write them before the service on the Prayer Request sheet found on the stand in the narthex.

The Flower Chart for 2025 is posted on the Kiosk in the Narthex. Sign up to donate for coming Sundays. The cost is \$45.

FINAL PERFORMANCE TODAY at 3 p.m. Singing Out Las Cruces Presents: And the Winner Is . . . A Choral Concert Experience. Red Carpet, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Refreshments, and more. See the flyer on the Kiosk in the Narthex

Interested in helping with home and hospital visits? There will be an orientation on Sunday, **February 2**, at 10:30 AM after worship for anyone who wants to take on a more active role as a church home visitor. Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Pastoral Care Committee should also plan to attend. This meeting is for any Peace people who would like to learning about visiting our homebound and other in-need church members, as a way to train, equip, organize, and coordinate our visits and care efforts.

THE "NOURISH OUR FUTURE" CAMPAIGN TO END CHILD HUNGER is sponsored by Bread for the World and an informational Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, **February 4**, 7:00 PM EST (5:00 PM local time). <http://qrco.de/nourishourfuture> (will take you to the registration page), *Nourish Our Future* is the theme for this year's Bread for the World letter writing campaign, which will be held the beginning of May 2025. Lynette Schurdevin will hold an informational meeting in person in the near future to discuss the letter writing campaign and this year's theme.



PEACE SOLAR INITIATIVE: The Green Team, with the support of the Peace Church Council, Finance Committee, and Property Committee, has been studying the possibility of installing solar panels on the church roof. We invite you into the conversation beginning **TODAY after worship** with a video screening and discussion on ***How Climate Change Affects the Poor***. *If you want to learn more about this initiative and have any questions, please come to the **Informational Session on Feb 9th after worship**. Council will then hold a **Congregational Meeting on Feb 16th after worship to vote on the measure**.* Information packets are in the Narthex.

There will be a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, February 16, after worship to vote to approve the purchase of solar panels for the church (see above). Please review the informational packets available for more information including cost breakdown.

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD: Do you yearn for a deeper relationship with God? Are there things you'd like to say to Jesus but are not sure how? Take time from your busy life to cultivate a spiritual practice you can carry with you throughout the year. Peace will hold a pre-Lenten prayer retreat on **Saturday, March 1**, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (the retreat begins at 9 a.m.). Please sign up in the narthex by February 23. Light morning snacks and lunch will be provided. \$10 donation suggested on the day of the retreat but not required. Practice the presence of God.

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains is receiving a high number of refugee families and individuals within the next several weeks and is in need of support from volunteers.

There are many opportunities to volunteer, whether it be an in person role like grocery shopping with a new arrival, or a behind the scenes role like cooking a hot meal for a newcomer. If you are interested in volunteering in anyway, or have questions about volunteer opportunities, please contact Linda Lardner at linda.lardner@lfsrm.org or 575-323-1818.

 **Green Team Tip**  **Try to electrify your home ASAP!** - Who knows how long the Inflation Reduction Act tax credits will last? Try to save up and get solar panels, a heat pump, electric/heat pump water heater, an induction stove, or even an electric vehicle before 2026!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! See the open slots on the podium in the narthex.

Anyone is welcome to sign up to help! If you need training, see the bulletin board as you enter the Fellowship Hall, or ask Pr. Hannah.

OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES AND sending your year-end statements by mail or email: SEE PENNY in Narthex.

Worship Assistants - TODAY

Assisting Minister: Jeanne Brown
Lector: Diane Powell
Greeters:
Communion Server: Lennae Bentley
Ushers: Phil Lingle, _____

Technology: _____, _____
 Karen Harvey, Clare Scheffer
 Bob Treulich
Altar Care: Cindy Peterson
Bulletins: Barb Patton, Deb Sarabia

Worship Assistants - February 2

Assisting Minister: Monica Hillmer
Lector: Jane Proptom
Greeter:
Communion Server: Lennae Bentley
Ushers: _____, _____

Technology (3): _____, _____
 Mary Luckie, Kathie Rich,
 Lisa Bates
Altar Care: Hilkka Byrd
Bulletins: Deb Sarabia, Barb Patton

SCHEDULE - January 26-February 2

Sun., Jan. 26	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	10:15 a.m.	"How Climate Change Affects the Poor" Video & Discussion
Wed., Jan. 29	5:00 p.m.	Choir
Thurs., Jan. 30	4:00 p.m.	Bells
	4:00 p.m.	Ana's Place Afterschool Program
Fri., Jan. 31	4:00 p.m.	Ana's Place Afterschool Program
Sun., Feb. 2	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	10:15 a.m.	Home Visitors Meeting

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OA - Overeaters Anon: 9:30 a.m. - Sa
 AA - Downtown Group: 5:30 p.m. - Su, M, Tu, Th, F, Sa
 7:00 p.m. - W
 8:00 p.m. - Sa
 AA - Primary Purpose: 7:00 p.m. - F