

# Peace Lutheran Church

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026 9:00 a.m.



## GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!

Thank you for joining in Worship today.

Whether you regularly worship with us, are here for the first time, or are returning after a time away, your presence is important for the worship we offer to the glory of God. May your experience of God's love be a blessing in your life. If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest register in the Narthex, near the front door. All are welcome at Jesus' table. The center ring in the communion tray has grape juice and the other two rings have wine.

*Information in italics* | **Congregation responses in bold** | \* indicates please stand as you are able  
Worship services may involve photography, as well as audio and video recording.

## Welcome & Announcements to Prepare Us for Worship

### \* Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and**

give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

**Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✠ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**



*\* Thy Strong Word*

ELW 511

### **\*Greeting**

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



Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **\*The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray... **Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

...the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my  
life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in  
the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**<sup>6</sup>Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

**<sup>8</sup>My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”**

**Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

....the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\* Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah  
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

**\*Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,  
the 4th chapter



**...Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As he walked 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 fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and

proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord... **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



*\* All Are Welcome      ELW 641*

### **\*APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*(A brief silence.)*

Each petition ends with: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*We pray for Dianna Shamel, Michael Knapton, Bill Goulding,  
Lynn and Phil Klein, Diane.*

*Birthdays: Ken Christensen– January 25, Matt Bieneman- January 25*

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Share the peace with each other as you are comfortable.*

**\* Offering Prayer**

Let us pray... **God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

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

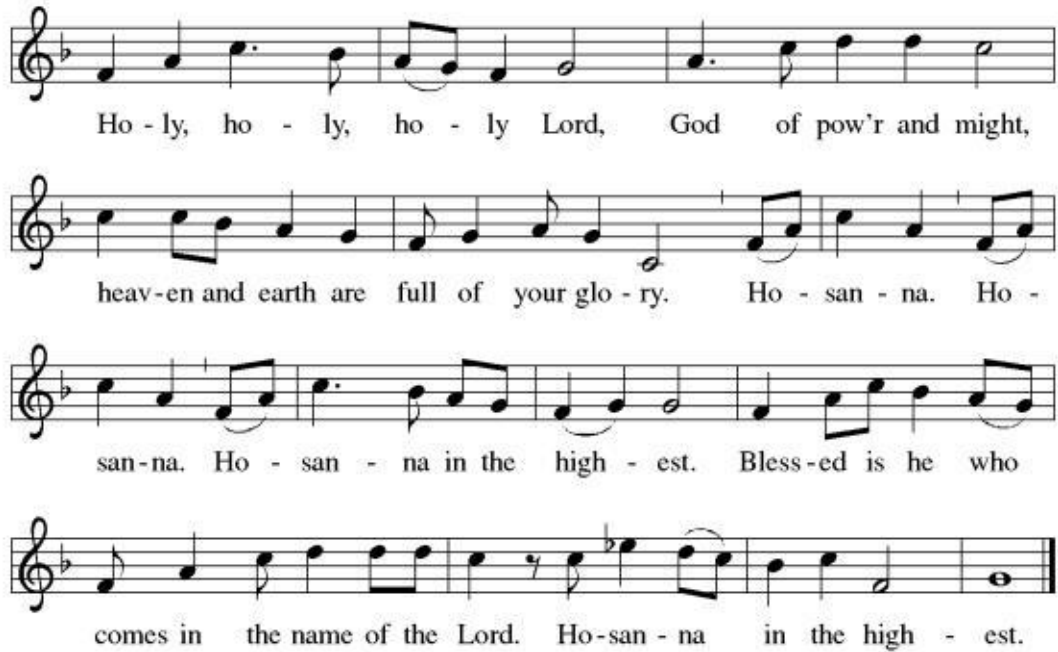
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**\*Proper Preface**





**\* Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer (*modern version*)**

**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.**

**\*Invitation to Communion**

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

*Please come forward as you are able to receive communion.*

***Lamb of God – found on Liturgy Sheet***

### **\*Post-Communion Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

### **\*Prayer after Communion**

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*Blessing**

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



*\* Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798

### **Announcements for the Good of All**

**Offering** - Please place your gifts in the baskets in the back of the Sanctuary.

### **\*Dismissal**

Grow in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**



## **Peace Lutheran Announcements for January 25, 2026**

*Church Website: [www.peacelutheranburlington.org](http://www.peacelutheranburlington.org)*

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*Attendance for Sunday, January 18, 2026 – 28 confirmed, 1 unconfirmed, 1 virtual  
General Offerings \$950.00*

*Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Ken Christensen, Lector:  
Ken Christensen, Communion Assistant: Ken Christensen, Offering counter: Sharon  
Ryd, Tech: Sean McGinty*

**Office Hours...** Pastor Carol's office hours are Wednesdays from 9am-noon. Drop in and say "Hi"!

**Growing Relationships...** Please contact Renee Knapton by phone (262-492-0718) or by e-mail at [reneeknapton@gmail.com](mailto:reneeknapton@gmail.com) with any joys, sorrows, prayer requests, etc. that you wish shared with fellow members.

**Karcher Middle School cupboard...** Start bringing healthy snacks and travel personal items i.e. shampoo, deodorant, feminine items to be delivered to Karcher on February 1st.

**Burlington Senior Center...** Looking ahead we will begin collecting in February for the Burlington Senior Center. They are in need of paper cups (no Styrofoam), small paper plates and napkins to be delivered March 1.

**Salvation Army...** Please begin collecting newspapers for them to wrap dishes in.

**The Chosen...** We will view the final 2 episodes of season 5 today and next week following worship. If you would like to view prior episodes, we have DVDs available to borrow.

**Notification of worship cancellation...** As we approach the snowy season in Wisconsin, we are setting up a notification procedure if worship will need to be cancelled. You will be contacted that morning by text, email, or both. Please be sure to watch for the notices. Be safe!

**Zoom...** If anyone would like a zoom tutorial or help downloading the app to be prepared in case we need to worship online again, please contact Sharon.