

Peace Lutheran Church

Pastor Mike Schultze

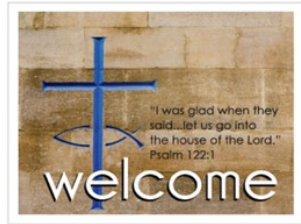
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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 22, 2023



As We Gather: What is the kingdom of God? Perhaps we each have our own image of what that means in secular terms and spiritual terms. Martin Luther tried to explain it this way to children: "The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition [of the Lord's Prayer] that it may come to us also. God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity." (*Small Catechism*)

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

A special welcome to those with young children If needed, a cry room is located near the church entryway complete with a window and sound so you may fully participate in worship. If you need guidance please see an usher.



Remember in your Prayers:

HEALTH AND HEALING: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Terry Breckinridge, Brian Derozer, Mike Elbert, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mike Reuter, Paul Schedler, Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men, women and their families: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Henry Andermann and Avery Chapman.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY JANUARY 22, 2023

9:00 am

11:00

Elder:	Bob Hutchison	Dave Hutter/Phil Hamilton
Greeters:	Luci Pommers	
Readers:	Roy Poehler	Richard Bongiorno
Acolyte:	Shane Muller	
Ushers:	Glenn Benitz Scott Ehlers Tom La Jeunesse	
Altar Care:	Nancy Fitch/Sonja Manzer	Rachael Ylizaliturri/Jane Morici
Organist:	Karen Foote	
Choir Director:	Linda La Jeunesse	

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT WEEK JANUARY 29, 2023

9:00 am

11:00

Elder:	Dave Hutter/Phil Hamilton	
Greeters:	Charlo Stuart	
Readers:	Blaine Wanke	Linda Elbert
Acolyte:	Michelle Ullerick	
Ushers:	Mike McCracken Rick Poore	
Altar Care:	Nancy Fitch/Sonja Manzer	Rachael Ylizaliturri/Jane Morici
Organist:	Karen Foote	

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - jice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have shined the light of the Gospel in our hearts.

People: **But we confess that we have not always rejoiced in it, at times preferring the darkness of our self-centered ways. Forgive us.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we give thanks that You have called us to work in Your kingdom.

People: **But we confess that we have not always sought to catch others in Your gracious nets, preferring to know only that we have been saved. Forgive us.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, we give thanks that You have united us through Holy Baptism into the one Body of Christ.

People: **But we confess that we have thought, spoken, and acted as if only those who totally agree with us are in the true Church. Forgive us.**

Pastor: There is only one God, one Lord and Savior, one cross of Christ. Although at times we might appear divided outwardly, in His great mercy, God unites us in the body of Christ and forgives us all our sins for His sake. Therefore by your faith in Jesus all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by the members of Peace Lutheran Church.

Attendance on 1/15/23: 9:00 am-101 11:00 am-28 Total-129

Sunday School-15!

THIS WEEK AT PEACE January 22, 2023

- Today: 9:00 am Traditional Service
- 9:20 am Sunday School
- 10:20 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeeshouse)
- 11:00 am Praise Communion Service (FH)
- 1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
- 4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)
- Monday: Office Open
- Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Covenant Players Perform
- Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
- 6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group
- Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
- 10:00 am Lifelight Bible Study
- 5:45 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal
- Friday: Office Closed

Saturday : ++++++

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation”



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.
And the great Church vic-to-ri-ous Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

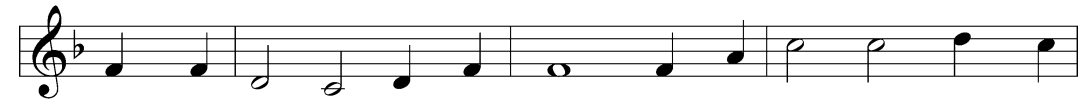
“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness With a lib-er-
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In-car-nate, Christ, who suf-fered



at-ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris-'ners,
gen-tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de-mons
in our place. Je-sus died and rose vic-to-ri-ous



Turn-ing blind-ness in-to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos-pel, Heal-ing ev-'ry dread dis-ease, Calm-ing
wa-ter To the des-ert's burn-ing sand; From this
glad-ness, See-ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed-ing thou-sands With the ver-y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv-ing wa-ter, Quench-ing thirst in ev-'ry land.
praise the true Re-deem-er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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PSALM 27:1-14

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Pastor: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes,

People: it is they who stumble and fall.

Pastor: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

People: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

People: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

Pastor: to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

People: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

Pastor: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

People: he will lift me high upon a rock.

Pastor: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,

People: and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Pastor: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

People: You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

Pastor: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,

People: O you who have been my help.

Pastor: Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

People: For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH (*Apostles' Creed*)

All: 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.

OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)

VOLUNTARY

Pastor: Teach me your way, O LORD,
People: and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Pastor: Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
**People: for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.**

Pastor: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
People: in the land of the living!

Pastor: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take
courage;
People: wait for the LORD!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our
infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to
heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 9:1-4
(The people in darkness have seen a great light .)

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
(Brothers, agree with one another.)

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR “Behold Our God”



HOLY GOSPELMatthew 4:12-25
(Jesus calls His first disciples in Galilee)

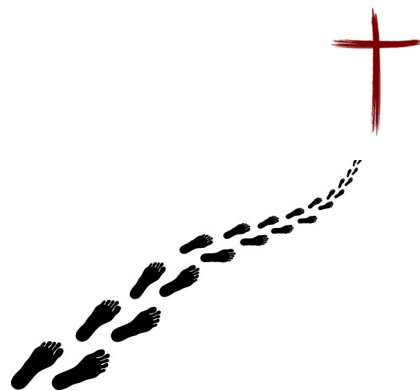
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ



(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The People That in Darkness Sat”



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

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MESSAGE

**“Here Comes The Son:
The Kingdom of Light Invades the Land of Deep Darkness”**

Isaiah 9:1-4

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