

## ***Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany***

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember: Ron Steinberg, Marcia Neelly, Kirk Aeilts, Kim Kimmel, Ray Delfs

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service Hymns 905 842 394

### **THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:**

Jan. 31 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Jan. 31 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies

Jan. 31 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Feb. 2 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Feb. 3 2:30 p.m. Confirmation

Feb. 4 Noon Bible Study

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Epiphany* means to show forth or to manifest. During the season of epiphany, our gospel lessons focus on the ways that Jesus manifested (showed forth) his true identity as God and Savior. Our hymn of the day, *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*, was written to summarize the season of epiphany as a reminder of the ways in which Jesus manifested himself on earth during his earthly ministry. Thus, we sing about how he was manifest “in making whole, palsied limbs and fainting soul.” And how he was manifest “in valiant fight, quelling all the devil’s might,” a phrase which points to our Gospel lesson for today. We end by praying that he would manifest himself in his church today through his holy Word, that we might be ready for his final manifestation in glory on the last day.

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** Jesus taught with authority. The leadership did not know what to do because they had never heard anyone teach like this before. “He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him” (Mark 1:27). In a world filled with inert opinions about spiritual matters, we need the authoritative teaching from

Jesus. His teaching—and His alone—brings victory and eternal life. He commands our destiny by His cross and resurrection.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Isaiah 40:21-31 1 Corinthians 9:16-27  
Mark 1:29-39

**Bible Study:** There is no bible study at English for the month of February.

**Voters’ Meeting:** Here are the results from our voters’ meeting. Elder: Dennis Reuvers. Trustee: Lowell Fick. Recording Secretary: Yvette Wagmeester. Financial Board: Steve and Deb Anderson; Marv and Deb Flier. The congregation voted unanimously to earmark the remainder of our insurance for the new sound system, and to delegate power to act on the referendum for the synodical convention to the church council. Thank you to everyone who voted.

**Installation Sunday:** Installation Sunday will be next Sunday. If you hold an office in the church, please plan to attend. Thank you for volunteering to help build up Peace Lutheran Church. May God bless your efforts.

**Taxes:** If anyone needs a receipt for any single donations of \$250 or more for their tax records, please let Doris Iwen know at 712-348-0202 or [iwen@premieronline.net](mailto:iwen@premieronline.net)

**Health Announcement:** The Iowa Department of Health has asked all churches to help distribute information regarding the vaccine rollout. Please see our bulletin board for their update.

**COVID-19:** Please help us keep others safe by wearing a mask while attending services at Peace Lutheran. Masks may be removed during the service if you are a safe distance from other worshipers.

**THIS MONTH** Daughters of Peace will collect sandwich items-peanut butter, jelly, honey, cheese whiz, spam, tuna, ham, etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

**ACOLYTE TODAY is Alex Minor. Next Sunday will be Porter Vogel**

**USHERING TODAY is Team 3; Next Sunday is Team 4:** Wayne Ranschau, Brad Vogel, Gary Delfs, Marv Flier, Wayne Jepsen, Denton Olson, John Schulte

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**OPENING HYMN: COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING**

*LSB 905*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7; antiphon: v. 10*

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
**but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**  
Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
**whose sin is covered.**

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**  
I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**  
Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
**surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**  
You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;  
**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
**but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.  
**C** **Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Deuteronomy 18:15–20*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!  
**Extol him, all peoples!**  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

Mark 1:22a

Alleluia. They were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21–28

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*After the Reading*

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

- C** 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.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON HYMN: SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

LSB 842

## SERMON

### OFFERTORY

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**C** 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### BENEDICTION

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

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