

THE SIXTH SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 700 744 718

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Feb. 13 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Feb. 13 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Feb. 13 9:00 a.m. Sunday School classes

Feb. 15 Pastor's Circuit Meeting

Feb. 15 NO 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Feb. 15 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Feb. 16 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Feb. 16 Noon Bible Study

Feb. 16 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is *Amazing Grace*. Jesus tells us, "Blessed are the poor; blessed are the hungry; blessed are the mourning." It's not that poverty, hunger, or tears are redemptive in themselves, but when a Christian is persecuted by the world, when she becomes poor, is brought to hunger or grief for the sake of Christ, she is blessed because she has a reward in heaven that the world cannot take away. *Amazing Grace* helps us picture that reward. God has saved us from our sins and cured us of spiritual blindness. He has promised good to us; he has become our shield and portion. When this life ends, so will our suffering, but eternal joy and peace will begin in heaven. Nothing will then remain but songs of amazing grace.

A WORD: Our Old Testament reading presents two paths through life. The first trusts in human strength. That way is cursed because human strength will fail. Those who trust in it are like shrubs in a desert, barely hanging on for life. But those who trust in the Lord are blessed. They are like trees planted by a stream of water. Though drought (suffering) may strike them, they are not afraid because the stream (God) will always support them. Jesus also presents us with two paths. The first is the way of faithfulness to him. Though the world may bring us to poverty, hunger, and grief because of Christ, we are blessed because Christ has promised us a reward that the world cannot take away. But the way of faithlessness is cursed. Though we may be saved from persecution by renouncing our faith, we have lost our reward in heaven, something infinitely more valuable.

The epistle reading reminds us of the importance of the resurrection. If Christ had not been raised, then our faith would be useless. All those who died in Christ would simply perish. But Christ has been raised, and he will raise us too. Those who die in Christ will rise again.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 45:3-15 1Corinthians 15:21-42
Luke 6:27-38

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Jesus told His disciples that they should not be surprised by trials and opposition in this world because it has been this way with all the prophets. The heavenly reward from the Lord far outweighs anything that this world can throw at His people. Even more so, we leap for joy and rejoice because these trials mean we are counted among those who will be with our Lord. He has first prized us so greatly that He gave of Himself with loving, outstretched arms upon the cross.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP: Why do we pray as Christians? Why should we pray for ourselves and for others? Beginning Saturday March 5th, all ladies are welcome to come to the fellowship hall at 9 a.m. for a study on prayer and to spend time in prayer for each other and for our church body. This will be led by Ashlie Sloter. There will be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall so that we can have enough books for all who would like to join.

DONATIONS: If anyone needs a written receipt for the IRS for donations over \$250.00, call Doris Iwen at 712-348-0202 or email iwen@premieronline.net.

WORSHIP NIGHT: God didn't stop working just because the bible was finished being written. He is still working in our lives today! Please join us for a night of worship and testimonies to hear how God is still at work today! Where: First Reformed Church. When: Sunday, February 20th at 7:00 pm.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: If you wish to donate to the Scholarship Fund to assist Peace Lutheran members with college tuition, mark your offering envelope with the words "Scholarship Fund" and your donation will be put into that fund.

BLESSINGS JAR: Next Sunday, February 20th and the Third Sunday of every month, the Blessings Jar will be on the table in the sanctuary. If you feel blessed by having another birthday, anniversary, child, grandchild, or anything you feel thankful and blessed for receiving, you can place a donation in the Blessings Jar. All proceeds will be used for missions.

ALTAR COMMITTEES: The Altar Committees for March will be Deanna Hrdlicka and Jan Vogel at Peace and Wanda Wulf at English.

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

USHERING TODAY is Team 5; Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick, Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartze, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz, **Next Sunday is Team 6:** Steve Janssen, Aaron Janssen, Jesse Janssen, Arnold Vogel, Robert McKenney, Gary Dieren, Adam Vogel

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 700: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

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 119:1–2, 4–5; antiphon: v. 7

I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.
Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart.
You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
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.
I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray.
C O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

Jeremiah 17:5–8

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 15:1–20

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

VERSE

Luke 6:23a

Alleluia. Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth 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

HYMN 744: AMAZING GRACE

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

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.

HYMN 718: JESUS, LEAD THOU ON

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