

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns Peace 904 606 Blue 13
English 904 606 Gray 29

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Jan. 15 8:15 a.m. Worship at English

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

Jan. 15 9:00 a.m. Christian Growth

Jan. 17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Jan. 17 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Jan. 18 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Jan. 18 Noon Bible Study

Jan. 18 5:15-6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Jan. 21 No 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

Jan. 22 Pastor Alex and Family visiting family

Jan. 22 11:30 a.m. Council Meeting

Feb. 5 11:15 a.m. Voter's Meeting

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 9:1-4 1Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-25

HYMN OF THE DAY: One of the main themes of Epiphany is the revelation of Christ. The Gospel of John reveals Jesus to us as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. So we sing in our sermon hymn, "I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God." But Christ invites us to lay on him more than our sins. He says, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden." So we also sing, "I lay my wants on Jesus." He meets us in every need of body and soul with the abundant provision of his grace. Finally, we lay all of who we are on Jesus, learning to recline on him and allowing him to embrace us with his love. That is perfect peace.

A WORD: Since the theme of the Epiphany season is the revelation of Christ, each of our readings reveals something about the work and identity of the Christmas child. The Old Testament reading is a summary of Jesus' work. He was God's chosen instrument (his polished arrow) to accomplish his will. And though it appeared as though his work had come to nothing as he hung on the cross, God caused his salvation to extend through

Christ to all people. The Gospel lesson reveals Christ as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of world, while the epistle reading reminds us that we are waiting for Christ to be revealed to all the earth on the last day. Since Christ will be revealed as the judge of the living and the dead, Paul assures us that God is faithful. He will keep us guiltless until the day of Christ's return. The revelation of Christ at the end of time means our salvation.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: The popular painting on the cover by Francisco de Zurbaran is named *Agnus Dei*—"The Lamb of God." The light of Epiphany, illumined by the words of John the Baptist, declares Jesus to be that perfect lamb without blemish. Just as we sing the liturgy of the same name, our Agnus Dei takes away our sins in God's merciful Meal.

HONOR FLIGHT: Please join us for fellowship hour today, January 15th. Larry Mara will be sharing with us his experience of the honor flights.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you wish to participate in bringing flowers to put on the Altar, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a council meeting following the service on January 22nd.

VOTERS MEETING: There will be a voters meeting for the election of new officers following the service on February 5th.

BLESSINGS JAR: Today 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.

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.

GUEST PREACHER JANUARY 22: Pastor and his family will be out of town on January 22 to visit family. Pastor Joe will be leading the services.

FEBRUARY ALTAR COMMITTEES: Altar Committee for Peace is Karen Olson, Sue Vande Kop, Hennessey Flying Horse and Lexi Davis. At English it will be Linda Wulf.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect canned fruit, elbow macaroni, spaghetti sauce, jello snack packs and soups for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERS: Today, January 15-Terry Dieren and Lowell Fick; January 22-Steve and Jesse Janssen, January 29-Wayne Ranschau and Lowell Drenth

+ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO +

HYMN 904: BLESSED JESUS AT YOUR WORD

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 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.
The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun.
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.

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray.

C Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

Isaiah 49:1–7

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 1:1–9

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

VERSE

John 1:29b

Alleluia. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29–42a

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, 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

HYMN 606: I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS

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: BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

Blue Hymnal 13; Grey Hymnal 29

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