

WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – FEBRUARY 4, 2024

8:15AM

MEET US

Our family is loved by Christ and we love each other. We hold firmly to God's Word of truth, which convicts us of our sin and comforts us with God's forgiveness in Christ. We embrace the rich heritage of hymns and liturgy that has guided the worship of the Church for generations. We are passionate about Christian education, wanting young and old to grow in their knowledge of God's Word. As a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), we enjoy fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

TODAY'S WORSHIP

The devil attempts to distract us from God's promises. Our lives are affected by the power of sin and we can become weary, troubled, or feel overcome. When our faith is tested by disappointment or temptation, God encourages us. He sent Jesus to be our ever-present strength to help us.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Restrooms are located to the right as you leave the sanctuary and are equipped with child changing tables.

Parent Room is located on the left as you exit the sanctuary doors. This room is equipped with a livestream of the service.

For the hearing impaired, an induction loop is provided. Just switch your hearing aid to "T".

For other special needs or questions, our ushers are here to assist you. Don't hesitate to ask.



DIVINE SERVICE

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WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN

I Lay My Sins on Jesus | ELH 239

CONFESSION OF SIN

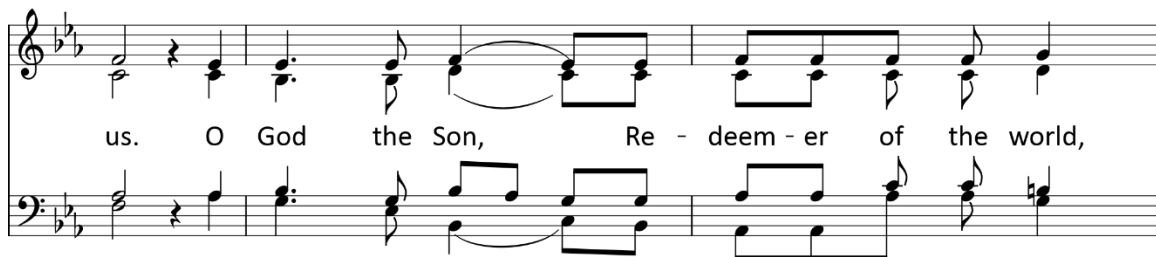
Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

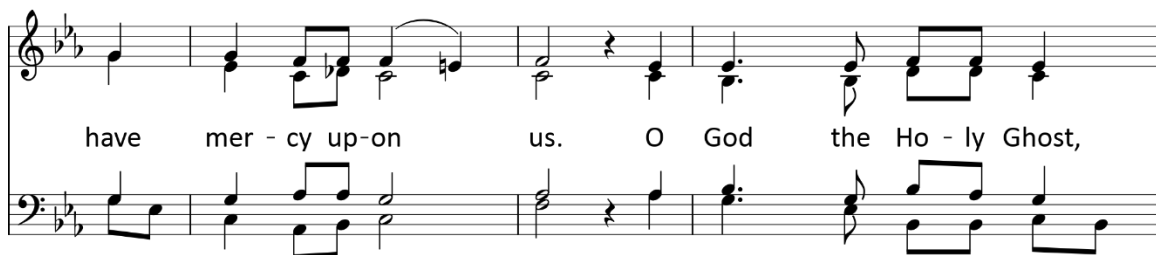
KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, have mercy)



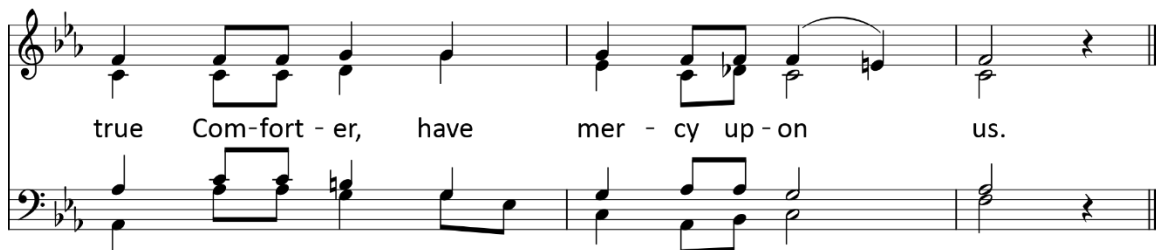
O God the Fa - ther in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on



us. O God the Son, Re - deem - er of the world,



have mer - cy up-on us. O God the Ho - ly Ghost,



true Com-fort - er, have mer - cy up - on us.

ABSOLUTION

Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN of PRAISE

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness | Edwards & White

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, turn - ing
 gen - tle, word; praise the one who drove out de - mons with the
 in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we

blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the
 pier - cing, two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool
 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 Fa-ther's word 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.

“Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness”

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SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spir - it.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - - - - men.

FIRST READING

The Lord Promises to Renew Our Strength | Isaiah 40:27-31

Why do you speak, O Jacob? O Israel, why do you say, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and justice for me is ignored by my God”? ²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the eternal God. He is the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired, and he will not become weary. No one can find a limit to his understanding. ²⁹ He is the one who gives strength to the weak, and he increases the strength of those who lack power. ³⁰ Young men grow tired and become weary. Even strong men stumble and fall. ³¹ But those who wait for the LORD will receive new strength. They will lift up their wings and soar like eagles. They will run and not become weary. They will walk and not become tired.

SECOND READING

Though the Devil Stalks Us, God Promises Deliverance | I Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall 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.



The Lord bless you and keep you and make his face shine on you.
Now go in peace my children.
The Lord is with you today.
He brought you here.
The love you share is his good gift from above.
Now go in peace and love.
The Lord bless you and keep you and make his face shine on you.
Now go in peace my children, the Lord goes with you each day.
He will be gracious unto you and fill your hearts with joy.
Now go in peace and love.
Love always trusts; Love always hopes; Love always perseveres.
The Lord bless you and keep you and make his face shine on you.
Now go in peace my children.
The Lord is with you always.
You are his own.
He'll keep you close, forever he'll be by his side!
Now go in peace and love.

HYMN

O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways | ELH 441
(students sing verses 1-2, cong. 3-4)

SERMON

Jesus Lifts Us Up! | Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³²That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. ³⁵Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.

According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister _____ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name Thy king-dom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and
for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tress-pass a-gainst us; And lead
us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us from e-vil. For Thine is the
king-dom and the pow'r and the glo-ry for-ev-er and e-ver.
A - - - - - men.

PRAYER

Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

A - - - - men.

BENEDICTION

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.

A - men, a - men, a - - - - men.

CHOIR The Blessing | Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes, Steven Furtick, Chris Brown

The Lord bless you and keep you
 Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
 The Lord turn His face toward you
 And give you peace
 Amen

May His favor be upon you
 And a thousand generations
 And your family and your children
 And their children, and their children

May His presence go before you
 And behind you and beside you
 All around you and within you
 He is with you, He is with you
 In the morning, in the evening
 In your coming and your going
 In your weeping and rejoicing
 He is for you
 Amen

May His presence go before you
And behind you and beside you
All around you and within you
He is with you
In the morning, in the evening
In your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you,
Amen

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PRAYER

O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE

Guest Preacher	Ken Mellon
Organist	Laura Harstad
Choir	Katie Hartwig Director Annaliese Emmons & Joe Roemhildt Vocalists Lexi Fosburgh Accompanist
Mt Olive Choir	Donna Fosburgh Director Anita Krienke Accompanist
Ushers	Brandon Evers & Derek Harstad 8:15 Phil Wels & Alex Barnett 10:30
Refreshments	Group 2

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Divine Service	8:15am
Bible Story Time	9:20am
Sunday School	9:30am
Youth Bible Study	9:30am
Bible Class	9:30am
Divine Service	10:30am

TUESDAY

Solid Grounds	9:00am
Gospel Outreach	5:00pm
Christian Education	6:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Confirmation	7:00pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm

FRIDAY

Men's Bible Study	6:30am
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NEWS & NOTES

For more detailed information concerning our news & notes, visit peacemankato.com/news

MVL TOUR

FEB 4 | 4PM

Tour the new MVL High School. After we will meet at Swanny's in Courtland for pizza. Contact Mark Smith if you have questions smith@flymankato.com or text to 507-469-0793.

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE AUXILIARY FEB 12 | 7PM

Old Main Bldg., Bookstore. Featured speakers are Terri Fries and Dan Gerdts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGING

FEB 14 | 6PM

Will be singing on, Feb. 14th for Ash Wednesday.

MARRIAGE MAINTANCE

CANCELED

YOUTH EVENT – BROOMBALL

CANCELED

LENT BEGINS – FEBRUARY 14, 4PM & 6PM

Lent begins on February 14th with Ash Wednesday. This year due to high attendance we have decided to offer two services with Holy Communion. The first service will be at 4pm and the second will be at 6pm. We are not offering a Lenten meal that day. For the rest of our midweek Lenten services on the Wednesdays between Feb. 21st and Mar 20th we will offer a meal at 5pm and a service at 6pm.

LENTEN MEALS

All groups will be scheduled to serve a meal before our midweek services. Please sign up to help. More details will be coming soon.

INSTALLATION SERVICE FEB 4 | 7PM

Rev. David Thompson will be installed as Director of the Center for Apologetics and Worldviews at Bethany's Trinity Chapel on Sunday, Feb. 4th. All are invited to attend.

JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRE-K

2-, 3- or 5-day sessions Ages 3-5
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