Peace Lutheran Church "Peace Through Christ"

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 21, 2024

As We Gather: Today, we recall how Jesus found and called Peter, Andrew, James, and John to be His disciples. "Fishers of men," He said. He called them to follow Him as He was passing by them on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. We also remember how Jesus found a man named Saul, an infamous enemy of Christ and His Christians. His call wasn't as "peaceful" as with the others but with a blinding flash from heaven. We also hear of God's call to Jonah in the Old Testament and how, after trying to run away, he was given a second chance. Before he became a "fisher of men," he literally became fish bait! God calls us both to salvation for ourselves and to be fellow anglers speaking God's grace to others.

Attention Visitors: We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God's forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ's body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to the Pastor.

Welcome Children- A cry room is located near the church entryway. Please see an usher for guidance.

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

RINGING OF THE BELL PRESERVICE MUSIC WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

"O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"



CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

When Jesus was beginning to call His first disciples, Pastor: He announced, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). Our God has been our help in ages past; He is our hope for years to come. He, our eternal Lord, comes to us today in His Word. It is the good news of Jesus' paying for our sins-and the resurrection proof that our heavenly Father accepted His sacrifice for us-that enables us to believe, confess, repent, and ask God to guide us in lives pleasing to Him. Therefore, now is the time for us to draw near to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

Pastor: Most merciful God, we confess that, as the prophet Jonah, we have at times refused to announce Your mercy to the people around us when You gave us the opportunity.

People: Forgive us, heavenly Father.

- Pastor: With Your people throughout the ages, we have valued our social and professional connections, our property and possessions, our intellect and emotions more than Your abiding presence each and every day.
- People: Have mercy, loving Lord.
- Pastor: Unlike the disciples who left everything behind to follow You, we have continued with business as usual without significant regard for Your divine will in our lives.
- People: Open our hearts and minds to Your guidance and direction, O Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Our Lord fulfilled all prophecies, being born, living an obedient life, dying and rising in our place. Behold, the kingdom of God is at hand. And so today, by your faith in Christ the risen King, God has forgiven all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE



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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+

(The people of Nineveh repent.)			
	(After the reading)		
Reader:	This is the Word of our Lord.		
People:	Thanks be to God.		

(We are living in the end times.)				
(After the reading)				
Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.				
People: Thanks be to God.				

CHOIR.

"The King of Us All"

..... Jonah 3:1-5,10

.... 1 Corinthians 7:29-31



(Jesus calls four fishermen to follow Him.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(After the reading of the Gospel)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake"



MESSAGE

"First Call: The Immediacy of the Mission" Mark 1: 14-20 and Jonah 3:1-5 Deacon Bob Hutchison

CONFESSION OF FAITH (NICENE CREED)

- I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

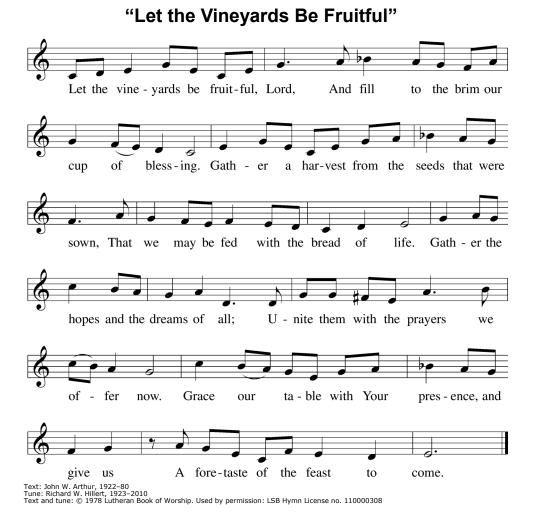
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

- And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
- And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

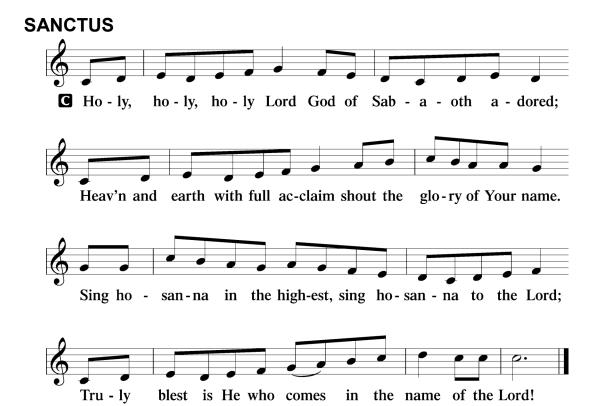
PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Pastor: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:





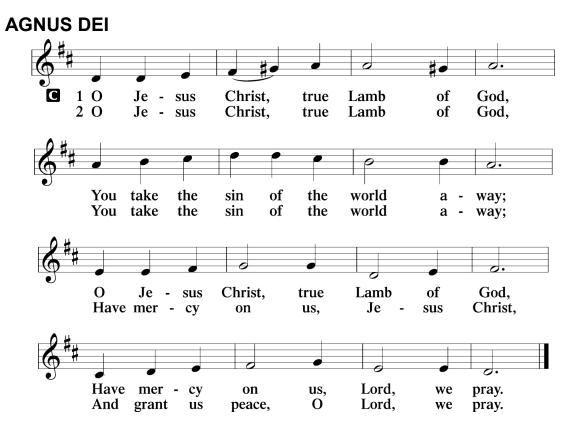
THE LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it. in remembrance of Me.

People: Amen.



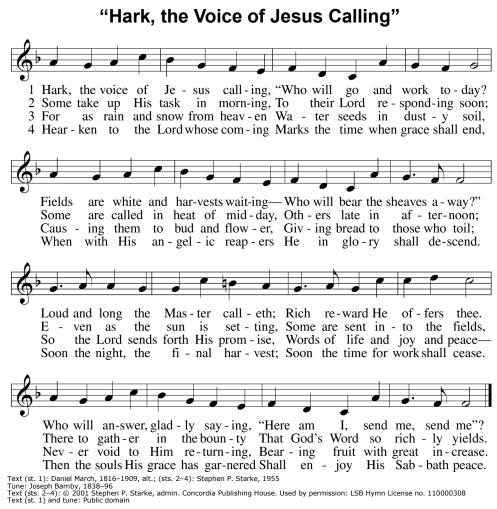
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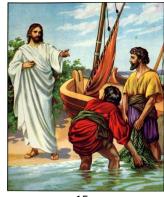
HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" 1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the a bride to 2 Has - ten as meet Him, And with 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver gloom-y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day-light's lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price-less gifts of this sur-pass-ing won - der That the bread of life is der. splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren is knock - ing mor - tal He at your por - tal. heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en. bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count - less: Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you us is giv - en. Oh, glo - rious con - so most ho - ly, dwell with you most low - ly. Deigns to That ceive You, T nev - er - more will leave You. blood, for you once giv - en. riv - en, And His la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"



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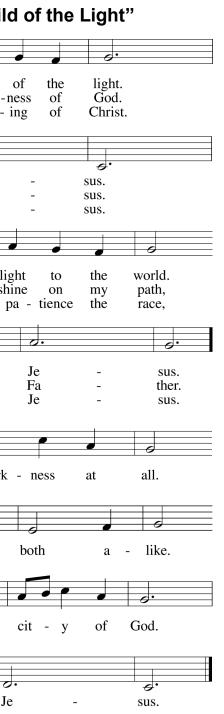








"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



NUNC DIMITTIS **C** 1 O Lord, now Your De let ser vant -2 All glo - ry the Fa ther, All to 6 part in heav'n - ly peace, For Ι have seen the the Son, All glo - ry the glo - ry to to 66 **O**f Your deem - ing glo ry it, re grace: --Špir -For - ev - er Three - in - One; light lead the Gen tiles Un to -For as be ning, in the gin Is -6 hill, The glo - ry of Your Your ho - ly to now, shall ev - er God's tri - une name re be, ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el. peo sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; People: for His steadfast love endures forever. Psalm118:1

Pastor: We give thanks, gracious God, that You have refreshed us through this holy meal. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may remain strong in faith until we see our Savior face-to-face, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

- Pastor: May God the Father, who has called you to life and eternal life; may God the + Son, who has forgiven you all your sins; and may God the Holy Spirit, who has worked faith in your hearts, bless you this day and always.
- People: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN "Spread the Reign of God the Lord" 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Work; 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still, 3 Tell of our Re-deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n, Ev - 'ry-where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban-quet hall. How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save. And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him -self as sac - ri - fice. Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work-ing both to will and do.

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind; Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Attendance: 1/14/24- 9am -83 11am -32 Total: 115

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

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mailbox ready for you to pick up. Please use these 2024 envelopes and discard any unused 2023 envelopes.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE January 21, 2024

Sunday:	9:00 am Traditional Communion
	10:15 am Sunday School /Adult B
	11:00 am Traditional Communior
	1:30 pm New Life Christian Fello
	4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)
Monday	Office closed
Tuesday:	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 am Luther's Attic Voluntee
	6:00 pm Confirmation Class
	6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Supp
Thursday	: 10:00 am Lifelight Bible Study
	5:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehear
	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday	: +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
Saturday	: 5:30 pm Family Movie Night

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY - January 21, 2024

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Elder:	Dave Schmidt	Dav		
Greeter:		Cha		
Reader:	David Hudnell	Sus		
Acolyte:	Blake Denninger	Gav		
Ushers:	Glenn Benitz	Mik		
	Scott Ehlers	Тог		
	Steve Rusch	Ric		
Altar Care: Linda Young				
Cookie & Coffee Service: J. Morici, C. Stuart & S.				
Organist:	Karen Foote			
Choir Accompanist: Sandy Haven				
Choir Director: Linda La Jeunesse				

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THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY January 28, 2024

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Elder:	Dave Schmidt	Dave Hutter		
Greeter:		Connie Morris		
Reader:	Al Bosman	Stacey Hunter		
Acolyte:	Noah Ylizaliturri	Samuel Williamson		
Ushers:	Glenn Benitz	Mike McCracken		
	Scott Ehlers	Tom La Jeunesse		
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 21, 2024

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS is held, in the Proverbs House, our class will meet 15 minutes after service. We will begin our study of "Recovering the Joy of Theology" watching Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller present theological content in an interesting way. More info, call Kevin Krumdieck @ 805-551-8507.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume at 10am on January 9th with a study of Acts. Contact Leila Langston for more info at : 714-875-6340.

LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY meets 10 AM via Zoom. Contact Blaine or Diana Wanke for more info @ 805-490-8212.

PRAYER CHAIN- If you have a prayer request, please call Sandi Stepp at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail: footstepps@verizon.net.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT NEXT SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH: Pizza & Salad at 5:30pm. The movie for adults; "Luther, the Story of Martin Luther" in the Fellowship Hall @ 6:15pm. For children; a Disney movie will be shown in the nursery. A freewill offering for dinner. Organized by the Youth Board.

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. There are two signups available for each Sunday, so please sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Each arrangement is \$40.00, and the donation can be placed in an envelope in the offering plate. If you do write a check, please note on the check or on the envelope that the donation is designated for "Flowers". Following the last service, you may take your arrangement home or they may be donated to one of our shut-ins.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Our donations for the food pantry taken to the Episcopal Church for distribution have declined in recent months. Just a reminder that there is food insecurity here in Camarillo and your donations help our neighbors. Please put your items in the box in the narthex. The Food Pantry values our partnership, which in turn is appreciated by the recipients of your generosity! Board of Social Concerns at 805-236-4820.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Altar Committee needs your help now. The new signup sheet for 2024 is now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex outside of the Cry Room. Please choose a favorite month to volunteer to help with this important work. You can sign up with your spouse, with a friend, or you can do it alone. If you have never done this job and are interested in learning or if you need a refresher on what the job entails, there are mentors to help you. Questions? Call Linda Young

EMPTY INK and TONER CARTRIDGES: Please don't throw away your empties, drop them off at the church office for recycling. We are able to turn in 20 empty cartridges per month to Staples and receive store credit.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE FEBRUARY 4TH VOTERS MEETING – The first Voters Meeting of 2024 is on Sunday, February 4th at 12:00 noon. They'll be a light luncheon at noon, with the actual meeting beginning at 12:30 PM. Information on Zoom attendance for those unable to attend in person is forthcoming. Agenda items include a review of the first six months Financial Data, the status of the Preschool, the status of projects around campus, and a discussion on the Call Process. The Elders will be looking for input from the congregation as to their thoughts on what road the congregation should take. They'll be one Traditional Communion Service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM on February 4th prior to this Voters Meeting.

THANK-YOU to everyone that donated to the Christmas Toy Drive. This was a joint effort with Spark of Love and a total of 700 gifts were given to children in our county 14 years of age and under. Your generosity helped to bring some joy into children's lives that struggle with more hardship than most! Gratefully, Social Concerns

DOOR OFFERING TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL

MINISTRY - Our church has been sending support to Rev. Paul Nelson since he was our guest Pastor in April 2021. Pastor Paul and Gena Nelson are serving overseas. In this role, Paul works closely with the local Christian Lutheran Church and helps train and mentor local pastors and lay leaders. Please pray for Paul and Gena as they serve. We will be collecting a door offering **Sunday**, **February 4th** to help support their work. Please check the Peace Happenings Board for his latest newsletter. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING: Edith Anderson, Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Michael Draper, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Carol Marker, Pat Massey, Ryan Scott Morrison, Norma Regalia, Sarah Stepp (granddaughter of Al & Cindy Fox), Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung, Sue Zinger 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, Avery Chapman and Adam Volpei.

NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE:

9:00 AM Traditional Service

10:15 AM Adult Bible study and Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Service

One Service on Feb. 4th @ 10:30am