

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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As We Gather Whom do you listen to? As we listen to those around us, we often need to use some sort of filter to get at what is actually going on. What is that politician *really* saying? What does my spouse *actually* want me to do? We seemingly cannot trust every word from anyone in this world! In our service today, however, we will see someone whom Moses urges us to listen to. God has raised up prophets we can trust, and the greatest of these prophets is Jesus. Listen to Him!

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

“Voices Raised to You We Offer”



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your
 3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,
 heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!

5 How can any praise we offer
 Measure all the thanks we owe?
 Take our hearts and hands and voices—
 Gifts of love we can bestow.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Triune God, to You we sing!

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INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to You,
 People: **and I did not cover my iniquity.**

Pastor: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
 People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You
 People: **at a time when You may be found.** *Psalm 32:5-6, adapt.*

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: When we do not listen to Your words and close our hearts to You, *Deuteronomy 18:19*

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: When our freedom in Christ causes one who is weak to stumble, *1 Corinthians 8:9, adapt.*

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: When we allow the forces of evil to make us forget the deliverance and love of God we have in Christ, *Mark 1:27*

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: Hear the Word and promise of the Lord. Through faith in Jesus Christ alone, and by the grace of God alone for His sake all your sins have been forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the blood of peace. *Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*
(*God promises a prophet like Moses.*)

(*After the reading*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING *1 Corinthians 8:1-13*
(*Love for those weak in faith.*)

(*After the reading*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HANDBELL CHOIR "Angels and Shepherds"



HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:21-28*
(*Authority over unclean spirits.*)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(*After the reading*)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to You O Christ**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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MESSAGE

“Shhhh! Messiah On The Move: An Open Secret”

Mark 1:21-28

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CONFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

**All: 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.**

OFFERING

*(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew.
The ushers will pick it up after the service.)*

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”



Text: William W. How, 1823-97

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

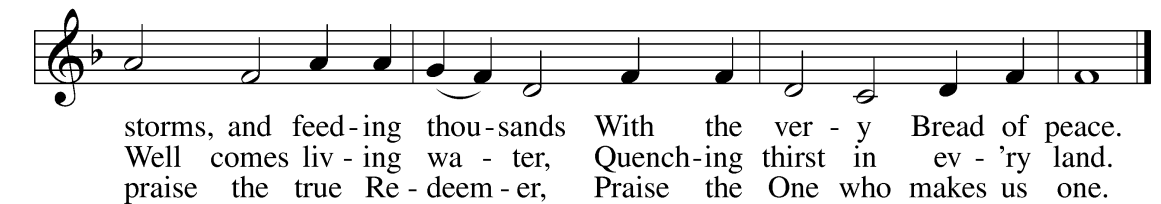
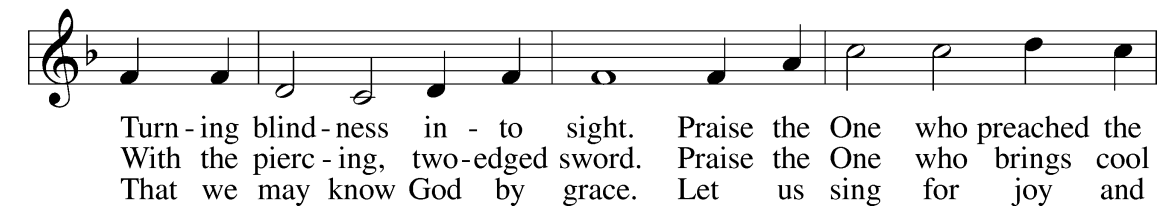
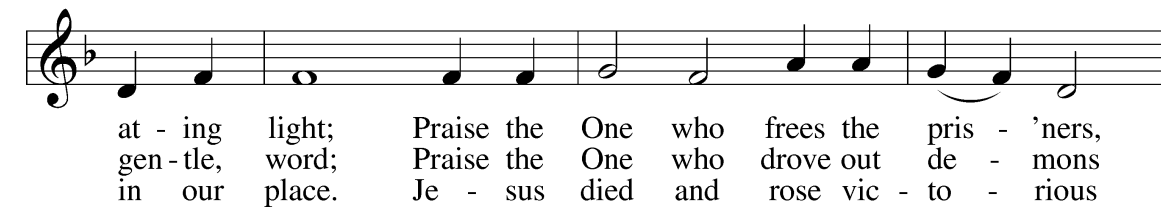
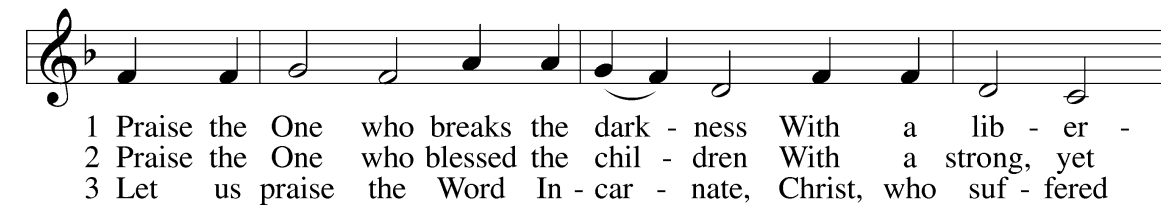
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Attendance: 1/21/24- 9am –83 11am –37 Total: 120

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 28, 2024

- Sunday: 9:00 am Traditional Service
- 10:15 am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study
- 11:00 am Traditional Service
- 1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
- 4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)
- Monday: Office closed
- Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
- Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther’s Attic Volunteers
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class
- 6:30 pm A.C.A. Women’s Support Group (PH)
- Thursday: 10:00 am Lighthouse Bible Study
- 5:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Friday: ++++++
- Saturday: ++++++

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY, January 28, 2024

- | | 9am | 11am |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Elder: | Dave Schmidt | Dave Hutter |
| Greeter: | | Connie Morris |
| Reader: | Al Bosman | Bob Hutchison |
| Acolyte: | Noah Ylizariturri | Samuel Williamson |
| Ushers: | Gary Taylor | Dave Schmidt |
| | Karen Taylor | Roy Poehler |
| | Bill Young | Jim DeVries |
| Altar Care: | Linda Young | |
| Cookie & Coffee Service: | J. Morici, C. Stuart & S. McCracken, | |
| Organist: | Karen Foote | |
| Handbell Choir Director: | Linda La Jeunesse | |

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY February 4, 2024

10:30 ONE SERVICE

- Elder:** Tom Waddell / Scott Klittich
- Greeter:** Luci Pommers
- Reader:** Dave Schmidt
- Acolyte:** Marshall Denninger
- Ushers:** Blaine Wanke
- Henry Andermann
- Todd Harter
- Altar Care:** Linda Young
- Cookie & Coffee Service:** S. McCracken, K. Taylor, T. Andermann
- Organist:** Karen Foote
- Choir Accompanist:** Sandy Haven
- Choir Director:** Linda La Jeunesse

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 28, 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 is held 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.

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

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 **NEXT Sunday, February 4th** to help support their work. Please check the Peace Happenings Board for his latest newsletter. Thank you for your generosity.

THE FIRST REGULAR VOTERS MEETING for 2024 is on **Sunday, February 4, 2024**. A light luncheon will begin at 1200 noon, and the meeting itself will start at 12:30 PM. There is an option to attend this meeting via Zoom. However, it is strongly recommended that you attend in person, if possible. To participate by zoom please note the following:

1. You **must** be an active voting member.
2. You **must** contact Linda Young no later than **Friday, February 2, at 6:00 PM by phone 805-236-4820 or email nephronurse@verizon.net** to request the zoom link. If she does not answer her phone, please leave a message.
3. Once Linda confirms that you are an active voter, you will receive a zoom link from her on Saturday evening, February 3rd.
4. There **may be** voting on motions at the meeting, therefore each person in a household **must** log in on their own device. For example, a husband and wife cannot share a computer, and both vote on the motions. Each person must be on a separate computer or cellphone.
5. If the Wi-Fi signal is lost, if you have difficulty hearing, or if there are other technical difficulties, the meeting will go forward nevertheless, and you may be unable to vote.

Items on the Agenda will include: A discussion on the Call Process; Review of the first six months Financial Data; Review of the status of the Preschool; Review of the status of projects around campus.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is starting enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year. Church Member Priority Enrollment begins **Monday, February 5, 2024**. Church members & family get a 10% discount! Please don't forget to refer our sweet preschool to family, friends and on social media.

Thank you, from all of us at Peace Lutheran Preschool



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