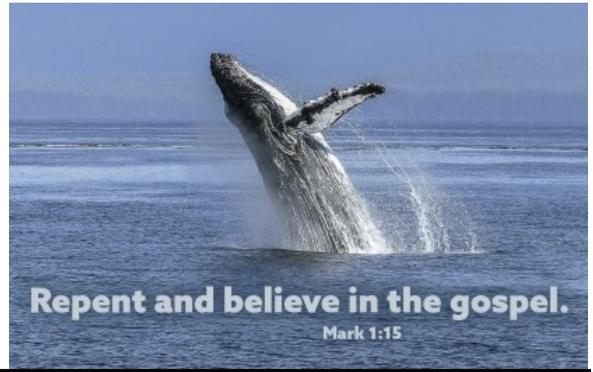


**Peace Lutheran Church
St. Joseph MI**

Worship with Communion
Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021 - 10:15 a.m.
The Third Sunday after Epiphany

The purpose of Peace Lutheran Church is to express by Word and Deed the Love of God revealed in Jesus Christ to those within and to those outside its fellowship.



Bold Print: Congregation's responses

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION *(please stand as you are able)*

Arise, shine, your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We are gathered in this Season of Light to worship God, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. *(Isaiah 60:1)* **Amen.**

Let us humble ourselves before the Lord of all, confessing our sins of which we are aware and for those things that grieve Him of which we are unaware.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and our sinful condition.

Gracious God who sent the Light of the World into the darkness of our human sin,

We come before you asking for your gracious mercy for all the things we have done and left undone. We have lived in darkness rather than seeking your light; we have ignored your call to serve our neighbors; and we have neglected to show our gratitude for all you've done for us. Forgive us, dear Lord. Let the light of Christ shine upon us and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in eternity. Amen.

Lift up your eyes all around and see! Your heart shall thrill and exult in the Lord's mercy. The Holy One of Israel, the Lord your God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit forgives you all your sin and grants you salvation in his holy name.

Amen.

GREETING

May the glorious light of the Son of God shine upon you, the abiding love of the Father fill your hearts, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, **Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62

For God alone my soul in silence waits; from him comes my salvation.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; lies are their chief delight.

They bless with their lips, but in their hearts they curse.

For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, O people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them together.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-35

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand as you are able)*

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

(John 6:68)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:14-20 *(please stand as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the First Chapter

Glory be to you O Lord.

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(please be seated)

SERMON

MUSIC

THE APOSTLES’ CREED *(please stand as you are able)*

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray ...

Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
(please be seated)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

It is indeed right, and salutary... we praise your Name and join their unending hymn:

(Spoken) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION

(All who are baptized and commune in their home church are welcome at the Lords' Table. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *(please stand as you are able)*

**Thank the Lord; sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises, Lord; lead your people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Go with the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and may the Light of God's Word ever shine within your hearts and lives so that his holy name is praised throughout the world.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine!

Thanks be to God!

(You are invited to be seated until the ushers dismiss your row.)

POSTLUDE

Peace now has a faster internet connection that will result in better picture and sound quality for on-line worship. Services will still be available over Facebook and YouTube when in-person worship resumes.

Summary Worship Attendance & Giving

Attendance Total this Week: 44

Facebook views: 32 YouTube Views: 10

Sunday: \$5,804 Simply Giving: \$277 **Total Giving: \$6,081**

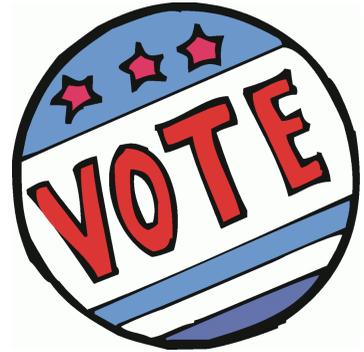
Major Repairs and Maintenance: \$150

Total Operating Fund Giving: \$5,931 Weekly Budget need: \$3,846

Over/(Under) Budget: \$2,085

Congregational Meeting January 31st

The regularly scheduled Congregational Meeting will take place after worship on Sunday, Jan 31st. There are important issues besides the budget to vote upon so please make every effort to attend.



Galatians Bible Study



Pastor Steve will be leading a Bible Study on the Book of Galatians beginning in mid-January. Sunday night classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and are on-line with Zoom. Monday classes are in-person in the Fellowship Hall and begin at 1:00 p.m. **Please contact the church office 556-7000 or use Pastor's email to sign-up for the course. pastorpeacestjoe@gmail.com**

Collection for Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen!

February is the month Peace traditionally collects non-perishable foods for the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen. This year, due to COVID, we are asking for donations of gift cards instead of non-perishables. The gift cards can be used at Gordon Foods to purchase napkins, lunch sacks, plastic sandwich bags, etc. used to distribute sack lunches. The soup kitchen has not served hot meals since March, and the need for sack lunches will continue for some time. Watch for further details.





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Worship Time: Sunday: 10:15 a.m.

Christian Education and Prayer Opportunities:

Monday: 1p.m. - Galatians Bible Study (in-person)
Tuesday: 7 p.m. - Prayer Meeting
Sunday: 10:15 a.m - Worship service
11:15 a.m. - Church Congregational Meeting
6:30 p.m. Galatians Bible Study (via Zoom)

Comfort Room

We love children in Worship! If you have a child who becomes restless, it's okay. If you feel the need, you may step behind the glass wall at the back of the church, or use the nursery (the third classroom), which is set up with comfy couches and rocking chairs to provide a calm environment. Live video is provided so you won't miss any of the service. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

Communion

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. White grape juice and gluten free wafers are available.

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available for each service. For assistance please speak to an usher.

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