

# St Peter Lutheran Church

## Order of Worship

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*February 8, 2026*

### Welcome

#### Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### Opening Song, LSB 832 Jesus Shall Reign

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.

4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:  
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

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*(Please stand, as you are able)*

#### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

**P** 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.

Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, who has 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 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.

**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

## Responsive Psalm Reading, Psalm 112:1–9

Praise the Lord!

Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord,  
who greatly delights in his commandments!

**<sup>2</sup>His offspring will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches are in his house,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

<sup>5</sup>It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;  
who conducts his affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup>For the righteous will never be moved;  
he will be remembered forever.**

<sup>7</sup>He is not afraid of bad news;  
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

**<sup>8</sup>His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,  
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

<sup>9</sup>He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever;  
his horn is exalted in honor.

## Salutation and Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of

Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through 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)*

### **Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 58:3–9a**

“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day  
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,  
and a day acceptable to the Lord?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of wickedness,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

<sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up speedily;  
your righteousness shall go before you;  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord   **C** **Thanks be to God**

### **Epistle Reading, 1 Corinthians 2:1–12**

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with

lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord   **C** **Thanks be to God**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **The Holy Gospel, Matthew 5:13–20**

[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord   **C** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Sermon**

## Sermon Song, Salt and Light

You make me want to be like You  
Your holiness I will pursue  
I want the heart of Jesus  
Show me the meaning of Your grace  
I want to give the world a taste  
Of the love of Jesus

**(Bridge)** Set me as a city on a hill  
A lamp on a stand  
Mold me in Your image  
The work of Your hand

### Chorus 2X

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*(Please stand, as you are able)*

## 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 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,**

### Chorus

Make me salt; make me light  
Let Your holy fire ignite  
Reveal Your glory in my life  
'Cause I am not ashamed to lift up Your  
holy name  
Make me salt; make me light  
**(Repeat All)**

and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## Peace of the Lord Offering

### Offertory

**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.

### Prayers of the Church

After each petition respond: **P** Lord in your mercy **C** Hear our prayer

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**C** 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.

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** 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 saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## The Word of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  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 cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

St Peter's Communion Statement

At St. Peter Lutheran Church, we confess that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar (Communion) in, with, and under the bread and wine. (See Matt 26:26-28 and 1 Cor. 11:23-28) In this gift we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and strengthening of faith. Those who share our confession of faith as members of the LCMS may receive Communion here. Anyone else is still welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor during Communion. We ask anyone desiring a blessing to cross their arms over their chest at the railing, and the pastor will bless you.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please signal to Pastor by holding up your index finger in front of you. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the center of the tray, for those with alcohol sensitivities.

In preparing for the Lord's Supper, we are to reflect upon the following questions:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
2. Do I believe that, within this Sacrament, the bread and wine are Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life?
4. Do I confess and believe the same doctrine of faith as the church body with which I am about to commune

## **577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast**

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| 1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast<br>Like seed into the ground;<br>Now let the dew of heav'n descend<br>And righteous fruits abound. | 2 Let not the sly satanic foe<br>This holy seed remove,<br>But give it root in ev'ry heart<br>To bring forth fruits of love.             |
| 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares<br>The rising plant destroy,<br>But let it yield a hundredfold<br>The fruits of peace and joy. | 4 So when the precious seed is sown,<br>Life-giving grace bestow<br>That all whose souls the truth receive<br>Its saving pow'r may know. |

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## **"Draw Me Close"**

Draw me close to You, never let me go  
I lay it all down again  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend  
You are my desire; no one else will do,  
'Cause nothing else could take Your place  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace.  
Help me find the way; bring me back to You.

**Chorus** Jesus, You're all I want.  
You're all I've ever needed.  
You're all I want.  
Help me know You are near.

Draw me close to You, never let me go  
I lay it all down again  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend.  
You are my desire; no one else will do,  
' Cause nothing else could take Your place  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace.  
Help me find the way; bring me back to You.

### **Chorus 2X**

(Tag) Help me know You are here.

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## **671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory**

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,  
Sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
To the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking;  
Soon the storms of time shall cease;  
In God's likeness we awaken,  
Knowing everlasting peace.
- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding  
All that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading  
Never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it;  
There on high our welcome waits.  
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,  
Christ has passed the\_etalernal gates.
- 3 Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.  
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!  
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!

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## **Nunc Dimittis**

- 1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**
- 2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Closing Song, "Made to Worship"**

Before the day, before the light

Before the world revolved around the sun

God on high stepped down into time

And wrote the story

Of His love for everyone

**Chorus:**

**He has filled our hearts with wonder**

**So that we always remember**

**You and I are made to worship**

**You and I are called to love**

**You and I are forgiven and free**

**When you and I embrace surrender**

**When you and I choose to believe**

**Then you and I will see**

**Who we were meant to be**

All we are and all we have

Is all a gift from God that we receive

Brought to life we open up our eyes

To see the majesty and glory of the King

**Chorus**

**Bridge:**

And even the rocks cry out

And even the heavens shout

At the sound of His Holy name

So let every voice sing out

And let every knee bow down

He's worthy of all our praise

You and I are made to worship  
You and I are called to love  
You and I are forgiven and free  
When you and I embrace surrender  
When you and I choose to believe  
Then you and I will see  
(You and I will see)

You and I are made to worship  
You and I are called to love  
You and I are forgiven and free  
When you and I embrace surrender  
When you and I choose to believe  
Then you and I will see

Who we were meant to be

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