



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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January 17, 2026 – 5:00pm
January 18, 2026 – 10:30am

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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER, APOSTLE

January 17, 2026 – 5:00pm

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RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP “Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down”

(Praise Team)

Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand,
yes the sheep of His hand.

(All)

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and the sheep of His hand,
yes the sheep of His hand.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSiON and ABSOLUTION

P Confident in the assurance of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P Almighty God,
C We confess to You that we choose to walk in places far from Your light. We neglect opportunities to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with You. We hide the light that is Your gift to us. Forgive us and guide us in our way, that we may shine before others and give You the glory. Amen.

P Arise, shine, Your light has come. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for You and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all Your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P People of God, live no longer in darkness, but in the light of Christ.
C Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray together:
C Heavenly Father, You revealed to the apostle Peter the blessed truth that Your Son Jesus is the Christ. Strengthen us by the proclamation of this truth that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-13

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” ¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Yes He Can”

(Duet)

Sometimes I wonder is He faithful
Does He see me in my trouble does He understand
Sometimes I question if He's able
Can He rescue can He save me again and again
But when I look back

(All)

Did He move every mountain
Did He part every sea
Yes He did so yes He can

Did He defeat the darkness
Did He deliver me
Yes He did so yes He can
Yes He did so yes He can

(Duet)

Sometimes those voices try to tell me
I'm forgotten and I've fallen too far from His hands
But I know what kind of God He is
And I'm trusting in His promises
I'm believing and I'm singing
Yes He can

(All)

Did He move every mountain
Did He part every sea
Yes He did so yes He can

Did He defeat the darkness
Did He deliver me
Yes He did so yes He can
Yes He did so yes He can

(Duet)

'Cause I've seen too much now I can't deny
He's come through every single time
From the beginning until the end
He did He will he can

(All)

Did He move every mountain
Did He part every sea
Yes He did so yes He can

Did He defeat the darkness
Did He deliver me
Yes He did so yes He can

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Yes He did yes He can

EPISTLE READING

2 Peter 1:1-15

¹Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: ²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:27-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

(10:30 – During the Song of Response, children age 3 through first grade are invited to attend “Kids of the Kingdom” children’s church. They will return following the sermon.)

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Trust In You”

(Praise Team)

Letting go of every single dream
I lay each one down at Your feet
Every moment of my wandering
Never changes what You see

(All)

I’ve tried to win this war I confess
My hands are weary I need Your rest
Mighty warrior King of the fight

No matter what I face You're by my side

(Praise Team)

When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You
I will trust I will trust
I will trust in You

(All)

When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You
I will trust I will trust
I will trust in You

Truth is You know what tomorrow brings
There's not a day ahead You have not seen
So in all things be my life and breath
I want what You want Lord and nothing less

When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You
I will trust I will trust
I will trust in You

(Praise Team)

You are my strength and comfort
You are my steady hand
You are my firm foundation
The Rock on which I stand
Your ways are always higher
Your plans are always good
There's not a place where I'll go
You've not already stood

(All)

**When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You
I will trust I will trust
I will trust in You**

**I will trust in You
I will trust in You
I will trust in You**

SERMON

“Year of Grace”

Text: Mark 8:27-35 – Pastor Danny Eggold

NICENE CREED

C 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 worshiped 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.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG

“Who Am I”

(Praise Team)

Who am I that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name

Would care to feel my hurt
Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wand'ring heart

Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are

I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind

Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am
I am Yours

(All)
Who am I that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me

Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are

I am a flower quickly fading
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A vapor in the wind

Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am
I am Yours

Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are . . .

I am Yours I am Yours I am Yours

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Gracious and loving God,

C We bring to Your table these gifts of Your creation and fruits of our labor for Your use in the world. Receive them for the sake of Christ, who enlightens our lives and leads us to the feast now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Heavenly Father, receive our praise this day for St. Peter and his confession that Jesus is the Christ. We rejoice that Your Son builds His Church upon this rock and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Keep us in this faith all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Lord God, You placed the wood of the cross on the back of Your only begotten Son, that as the promised offspring of Abraham He might possess the gates of hell. Bless, we pray, His Church and all those called to preach and teach within her. Give them certainty that hell cannot prevail against them, and so embolden them in faith to trample every power of the enemy underfoot. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Shine Your light upon us, O Lord, that we may do what is good and right and live as faithful citizens in our nation. Bless our president, our governor, and all those elected and appointed to make, administer and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord of glory, You are the Great Physician of body and soul. Give rest, healing and relief to all who are sick or in any need. Invite them and us to cast all anxiety on You, and so live in the certainty of Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Loving Father, until Your Son returns in glory, He gives us His body and blood to sustain us. Grant that all who receive this gift today may receive it in faith, trusting that it is given for the forgiveness of their sins and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, grant us the grace to take up our crosses and follow wherever You lead. Give us courage in the face of challenge and adversity and compassion and harmony in our lives together. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

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

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

“Lamb of God”

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, and to be called the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

“Your Mercy Flows”

(Praise Team)

Your mercy flows upon us like a river.
Your mercy stands unshakable and true.
Most holy God, of all good things the Giver,
We turn and lift our fervent prayer to You.

Hear our cry, O Lord.
Be merciful once more.
Let Your love Your anger stem.
Remember mercy, O Lord, again.

(All)

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“Your Grace Is Sufficient for Me”

(Praise Team)

Your grace is sufficient for me.
Your strength is made perfect when I am weak.
All that I cling to I lay at Your feet.
Your grace is sufficient for me.

(All)

Your grace is sufficient for me.
Your strength is made perfect when I am weak.
All that I cling to I lay at Your feet.
Your grace is sufficient for me.

(Praise Team)

I’m no longer striving to merit Your love.
I rest in Your promise to me
That all of my sins have been washed in Your blood.
Your mercy is all that I need.

(All)

Your grace is sufficient for me.
Your strength is made perfect when I am weak.
All that I cling to I lay at Your feet.
Your grace is sufficient for me.

(Praise Team)

You see me as righteous because of the blood
That made the atonement for me.
Your mercy has triumphed where I should be judged,
So now by Your grace I am free.

(All)

Your grace is sufficient for me.
Your strength is made perfect when I am weak.
All that I cling to I lay at Your feet.

Your grace is sufficient for me.

“All Hail the Lamb”

(Praise Team)

All hail the Lamb, enthroned on high;
His praise shall be our battle cry.
He reigns victorious, forever glorious,
His name is Jesus, He is the Lord, He is the Lord.

(All)

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His praise shall be our battle cry.
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DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  in peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Heavenly Father, You have graciously fed us with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Let this holy food empower us, that Your dawn may break forth as we give ourselves to the hungry and to those who thirst for righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

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.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG

“Song for the Nations”

(Praise Team)

May we be a shining light to the nations
A shining light to the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world sees the glory of Your name
May your pure light shine through us.

(All)

May we bring a word of hope to the nations
A word of life to the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world knows there's salvation through Your name
May Your mercy flow through us.

May we be a healing balm to the nations
A healing balm to the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world knows the power of Your name
May Your healing flow through us.

May we sing a song of joy to the nations
A song of praise to the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world rings with the praises of Your name
May Your song be sung through us.

May Your kingdom come to the nations
Your will be done in the peoples of the earth

**Till the whole world knows that Jesus Christ is Lord
May Your kingdom come on earth.**

May Your kingdom come...on...earth.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

“Song for the Nations”