



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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January 25, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK SUNDAY

January 25, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDES

“God Loves Me Dearly”

arr. Allan Mahnke

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

arr. Walter Hennig

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Hail, O Source of Every Blessing”

#409

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 The Christ has appeared to us.

C Oh, come, let us worship Him.

VENITE

(Tune: "Christ is Our Cornerstone")

Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim,
His greatness tell abroad and bless His saving name.
Lift high your songs before His throne to whom alone
All praise belongs.

Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare,
The deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in His care.
He all decrees, who by His hand prepared the land
And formed the seas.

In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess;
The great Creator, He, the Lord of Righteousness.
He reigns unseen: His flock He feeds and gently leads
In pastures green.

Come, hear His voice today, receive what love imparts;
His holy will obey and harden not your hearts.
His ways are best and lead at last, all troubles past,
To perfect rest.

P The Christ has appeared to us.

C Oh, come, let us worship Him.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

National Lutheran Schools Week Lectors: (8:00) Jill Rodenbeck / (10:30) Erin Schoof

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY *(Theme Psalm for National Lutheran Schools Week 2026)*

Psalm 98

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C **The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

P Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

C **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

P Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

C Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,

P for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM (10:30)

“Psalm 98”...Dorothy Christopherson

St. Peter's Junior Choir

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

With your right hand and your holy arm you have won for yourself the victory.
You, Lord, have made known your victory; in the sight of the nations.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands. Lift up your voice and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp, and the voice, with trumpets and horn.
Shout with joy to the Lord.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

National Lutheran Schools Week Lectors: (8:00) Zach Burchardt / (10:30) Heather Volmerding

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified

for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-25

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Christ, Our True and Only Light” #839

SERMON “Teach a Man to Fish”
Text: Matthew 4:12-25 – Pastor Nathan Widener

HYMN “The People That in Darkness Sat” #412
(We rise for stanza 6.)

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and
GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS**

VOLUNTARY (8:00)
“Adagio” W.A. Mozart

ANTHEM (10:30)
“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” St. Peter’s Wildcat Bells

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.

PRAYERS

P Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
C have mercy and hear us.

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.

C 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.

P I cry to You, O Lord;
C in the morning my prayer comes before You.

- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- P** My mouth is filled with Your praise,
C and with Your glory all the day.
- P** Every day I will bless You
C and praise Your name forever and ever.
- P** By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,
C O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
- P** Bless the Lord, O my soul;
C and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
- P** He redeems your life from the pit
C and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C let my cry come to You.
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us. Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.
- P** O Lord, You gather us by the work of Your Spirit and dwell in our midst by Your Means of Grace for the sake of Your Son. Open our mouths to tell of Your name and declare Your praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.
- P** Merciful Lord, graciously allow Your Church to enjoy unity of doctrine and a spirit of harmony in the work that You have given her to do. Prosper this work, and supply us with faithful pastors and church workers. Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Our Father in heaven, we praise You for the gift of education and pray that You bless those who teach and those who learn during this National Lutheran Schools Week. Raise up faithful teachers and ministry workers who are equipped to assist parents in nourishing children in faith and preparing them for life in this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P O God, grant peace to the nations. Give good and faithful leaders in our land. Grant them wisdom and integrity for the good of all people, that justice may be served in every place and for the protection of the unborn and the weak. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, Your Son welcomed the sick, the afflicted and those oppressed by demons, and He healed them. Have mercy upon all whom we bring before You in prayer, and deliver them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, be present with the lonely. Work through us, that they may find welcome and consolation within the fellowship of God's people. Grant that those who sorrow may not despair but find hope in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You raised Your Son, Jesus, from the dead as the firstfruits of the new creation. In reverence, we glorify Your name for the hope and promise of the resurrection. We give You thanks and praise for all those who have departed from this mortal life in faith. Preserve us also in Your Word and faith until we die. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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 Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve You.

C Amen.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

“God Loves Me Dearly”

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(St. Peter’s Day School January 2026 Hymn of the Month.)

POSTLUDE

“Rondeau”

Joseph Mouret