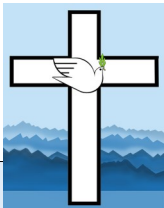


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 22, 2023



Peace First Lutheran Church

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Astoria, Oregon

Peace First Lutheran Mission Statement:

*Rooted in Christ and led by the Spirit,
We love and serve together.*

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Peace First Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the *Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes* and the *Chinook Indian Nation*, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



GATHERING

(+ = Stand as you are able)

Prelude & Welcome

+Gathering Hymn (ELW 661)

I Love to Tell the Story

+Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

+Hymn of Praise (ELW 677)

This Little Light of Mine

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

+Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: **Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Time

Choir (11:00)

For Love Will Be Our Song

WORD

First Lesson - Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

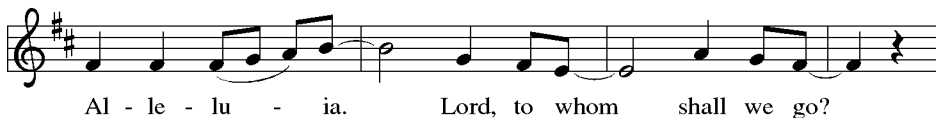
Second Lesson - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been 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 can 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 proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

+Gospel Acclamation *(Sung before and after the reading of the Holy Gospel)*



+Holy Gospel - Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that

what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked 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 fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord C: **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*Re-singing of the Gospel Acclamation*)

Sermon

Light Bearers for Christ

Pastor Stephan Kienberger

+Hymn of the Day (ELW 715)

Christ Be Our Light

Prayers of the Church (*We pray responsively*)

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran Disaster Response and Immigration Services, and Oregon Ecumenical Ministries,. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainably. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. We pray for our Outreach Committee that helps us reach out to the unhoused and hungry, the Care Team that attends to the shut-in and those facing transitions in life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community: our sibling congregations with Our Savior’s in Seaside and Faith in Clatskanie, and our partners at Grace

Episcopal, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist and First Baptist in Astoria. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

The following people have requested to be in our prayers:

Betty & Bill Cunningham, Betty Jo Heiner, Lynn Ure, Emily Smith, Missy Maise, Melinda Gustafson, Diane Kinney, Martin Nygaard and family at the passing of his daughter Mardi, Annika Ava & Khaiersta relatives of Gayle Svendsen, Judith Lampi & family at the passing of her father Melvin Lampi, Rod Lemley, Sylvia Stephens and family at the passing of her uncle Bill Belden, Kaye & Cliff Weimer, Hal Nauman family and friends at the passing of his wife Suzanne, Judy Shatto, Ben Horner (wife Barbara passed away—aunt to Ruth Benner), Natalie Osburn & family at the passing of her step-dad John, Cassie Clark, John Jensen, Judy Fredrikson, Lynn URE and her family in the passing of her oldest son John Ure, Dave & Lorine Hoyer.

Ben Holland, Navy
Makayla Weimer Armstrong, USAF
Neesen Bristow, USAF
Bill Pie, USCG
Eric Chesnut, Army Nat'l Guard

Brian Perez, Army
Clairisa Jensen, Army
Morgan Hale, USN
Luke Berdahl, USMC

Josh Schaueremann, Army
Micah Cenci, Army Nat'l Guard
Hanna Hale, USN
Samuel Brown, USCG

Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Offering Hymn (ELW 486)

God Extends An Invitation

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: **Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.**

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

+The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

+Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

+Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

+Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Hymns

ELW 817 *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray: **Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

+Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod ✝️ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always. **Amen.**

+Sending Hymn (ELW 866) *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

+Bells & Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude Ensemble: Laurie Drage, Phyllis Taylor, Charlene Larsen, Pastor Steve

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A list of today's worship helpers can be found in the Narthex.*

Sunday Attendance for January 15, 2023 was 58

We welcome you here today to worship. Please take a moment to fill out a WELCOME Card, found in each pew rack to let us know you are here, and to share any prayer requests. On your way out, please place it in the offering plate at the back of the Sanctuary. To our guests, we invite you to also sign our Guest Book located in the narthex. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. God's Peace to you!

**Next Sunday we will have ONE combined worship service at 10:00am
because of our Annual Meeting at 11:00am.**

Sunday School & Christian Education Offerings

Sundays from 9:45-10:45 A.M.

- Godly Play for our pre-K and elementary aged children
- Rite-13 (Confirmation) & High School — Contact Church Office for Schedule.
- Adults: Join the Fellowship Hour while the kids are in Sunday School!

Nursery care available during both worship services, and Sunday School hour if needed.



Our thoughts and prayers are with Lynn Ure and her family at the passing of her oldest son John Ure. A memorial service will be held here on Saturday, January 28th at 1:00pm with a luncheon to follow.

Please also keep Jim Randall and his family in your prayers at the passing of his oldest brother back in Wisconsin.

**Because the need is so great . . .
we're doing it again!**



Now through Sunday, January 22, we'll be collecting items for the **Astoria Warming Center**. They are most in need of blankets; warm coats; water-resistant outerwear including shoes and gloves; men's pants (28- 34 waist); sleeping bags and tents. They can always use hygiene supplies, socks and new or gently used underwear.

Place your donation in the baskets in the church entry by January 22.

Bible Study, Wednesday, 10:30am

We continue our study in the Book of Matthew this week with Session 6:

- 6. Where Two or Three Are Gathered in My Name (Matthew 18:1-22 [23-35])
- 7. My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me? (Matthew 27:32-56)
- 8. I Am with You Always (Matthew 28:1-10 [11-15], 16-20)

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Sunday	January 22	8:30 am	Holy Communion
		9:30 am	Sunday School
		11:00 am	Holy Communion
		1:00 pm	Sacred Ground
Monday	January 23	6:30 pm	Scouts BSA (UFR)
Tuesday	January 24	9:30 am	Stewardship Sewing (DFH)
		1:00 pm	Parkinsons Caregiver Group
Wednesday	January 25	10:30 am	Bible Study
		12:00 pm	Noontime Prayer
		6:15 pm	Cub Scouts (FSR)
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	January 26		
Friday	January 27		
Saturday	January 28		

Sunday, January 29, 10:00 am, FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Blue = Uppertown campus Red = Downtown campus

Church Council: Congregational President—Jim Randall, Congregational Vice President—Rick Balkins, Secretary—Sylvia Stephens, Financial Secretary—Phyllis Taylor, Treasurer—Karen Haines, Non-Officers: Jon Burpee, Lowell Benner, Lori McDonald, Leila Collier