



Welcome!

Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave

8:00 am Worship Service; 7:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14th Street

11:00 am Service; 10:00 am Sunday School; 10:15 am Bible Class

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4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 30, 2011

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 98 front of hymnal p. 144
The Hymns: 53, 396, 775 (755), 401

Personal Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, make us diligent in the use of Your Word, and enable us by the grace of Your Holy Spirit to walk before You in fervent faith and all holy obedience. Through the Word made flesh, Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, work Your blessings in us for now and eternity. In His saving name, Amen.

Opening Prayer

First Hymn 53

THE INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, page 5 – Congregation Stands)*

PASTOR In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
CONGR. (sing) Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

PASTOR Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) Who made heaven and earth

PASTOR I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR 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.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTOR Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

CONGR. (sing) Amen. *(congregation is seated)*

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This we do with Introit - the Lord's own Word, most often from the Psalms.

P: The lightnings lightened the world:

C: The earth trembled and shook.

P: How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of hosts!

**C: My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts
of the Lord.**

P: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house:

C: They will be praising You forever.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 6)

CONGR. (sing) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

*Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.
(Hymnal page 7 - sing)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - sing)

God, we praise You! God, we bless You!

God, we name You sovereign Lord!

Mighty King whom angels worship,

Father by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory;

Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne

Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

CONGR. (sing) And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.

CONGR. (sing) Amen.

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, 16 "according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.' 17 "And the LORD said to me: 'What they have spoken is good. 18 'I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. 19 'And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. 20 'But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: You are fairer than the children of men:

C: Grace is poured into Your lips.

P: The Lord said to my Lord, Sit down at My right hand:

C: Until I make Your enemies Your footstool.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Sing to the Lord, bless His name, and show forth His salvation from day to day:

C: Declare His glory among all people. Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PASTOR The New Testament Reading is from 1 Corinthians chapter 8, beginning there in the 1st verse.

CONGR. (sing) *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

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1 Corinthians 8 Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. 2 And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him. 4 Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live. 7 However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. 9 But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. 10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? 11 And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? 12 But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

PASTOR Here ends the New Testament Reading.

CONGR. (sing) *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.

Amen.

Congregation sings Hymn 396

THE SERMON

Mark 1:21-28 Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. 22 And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are; the Holy One of God!" 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" 26 And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. 27 Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." 28 And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

Theme: "THE BLESSINGS OF DISCIPLESHIP"

- I. Strength from Jesus' Word (v. 21-22, 27-28)
- II. Security In Jesus' Power (v. 23-26, 27)

THE OFFERTORY

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, pages 12-13) (sing)*

**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.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that
He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our
offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 441:1-2:*

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

THE GENERAL PRAYER (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (All)

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.

St John's Congregation sings Hymn 775

Peace Congregation sings Hymn 755

Peace Congregation continues with Communion

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

CONGR. (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Closing Hymn 401

**** Silent Prayer ****

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

Annual Congregational Meeting – At Peace after service today.

IN THE HOSPITAL – IN OUR PRAYERS Barbara Martin, a member of Peace is at the hospital in Spokane recovering from a successful pancreatic surgery this past Friday. Cards may be sent to: Mr. & Mrs. Everet Martin, 818 W. Pierce St., Weippe, ID 83553
James 5:15-16 "And the prayer of faith will save the sick ... The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS:

Altar Flowers: There is a list for those who wish to bring flowers for the altar on any given Sunday.

Pre-service Goodies: If you are able to bring goodies of some kind for people to eat while they are visiting from 10:45 till 11:00 (after Bible Class and Sunday School) please sign on the sheet in Kitchen.

WOMEN'S RETREAT the Northwest Women's Retreat at Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane, WA, will take place Saturday, March 19, 2011. This year's seminar on "Forgiveness" will begin at 9 a.m., and continue with various activities until early - mid afternoon. Flyers with more information will be forthcoming. The organizer this year, Kristi Morgan, would like to know if anyone would be willing to serve as a Group Leader. They can respond to this email address: ekarnitz@hotmail.com

St. John's Women's Group Summary of January 16, 2011

Nine ladies were present and the Pastor. The meeting was called to order by President Sue Martin. Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer's report was approved as follows: Balance on hand - January, 2011 - \$826.29

Old Business: Cards in display case have been replaced with new ones. Old display cards will be used for the Potluck cards, older/miss matched cards are on table in the back of the church for sale. Sue has updated the birthday/anniversary calendar. If any corrections needed, contact Sue M.

December events – Sue M thanked everyone for helping with decorating the church, caroling, assembling shut in boxes. Caroling had about 12 members go to a number of our senior members. It was decided to dispense with supper meal afterwards. A thank you went to Moira Drager and Desirae Naumann for all the work they did for the Women's Christmas party held Dec. 12th. We had about 25 women, young and old, had taco salad, sandwiches, and lots of cookies. We all enjoyed the singing of our favorite Christmas songs and the exchange of gifts. If there is anyone who took pictures that day, we could use some for our scrapbook. Men had a good time at the parsonage eating chili and visiting. Plans are to have another Christmas party in December.

New Business 2011 Calendars – Michol Ann J has done up our new calendars. There will extra put in the track at the back of the church. Thank you doing that for us.

Tour Choir- March 16th. We will need to plan for a 30 member choir. Housing and food will need to be provided. Discussions on possible having T shirts done up with our church's logo or cloth book bags to put their lunches in was also suggested. Final arrangements will be done at next meeting Feb. 13th.

100th Year Anniversary – 2012- Discussion on a possible photo album done of the congregational members be done. Tim Martin of Zoom Photography (Spokane) will willing to come done for a weekend to take the photos and make them up into albums for members to purchase. Possibly scan photos for CD to be displayed during the celebration was also discussed. Committees will be formed at a later date.

Elections of Officers – President – Sue Martin, Treasurer – Verlene Coleman. There were no nominations for the positions of Vice President or Secretary. If anyone knows of some one who could attend the meetings and fill either of those positions please contact Sue M. Secretary position will be done by the President, Interim.

Extra Sunday School Monies – Pennies collected a number of years ago totaling \$117 was given to be used for Sunday School. A purchase of a new flat screen TV, to be used for Bible Class or movies for Sunday

School was discussed. Any other ideas for the use of this money, contact Verlene C or Pastor. No other business was brought forward. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Sue Martin
President/Secretary, Interim

"Why Go to Church?"

Different people view going to church in different ways. There are some who wouldn't miss church on Sunday morning for the world, even though they have to drive a long way to get there. On the other hand, there are some who seldom come, even though they live right around the corner from their church. Then there are those in every congregation who seem to show up only at Christmas and Easter.

Our church has no hard and fast rules about how often it's members must attend services - that would be wrong! However, the Bible does have quite a bit to say about the worship life of God's children. Part of the pastor's job is to remind all the members, from time to time, about how Scripture answers the question:

"Why Go to Church?"

- . . . for the Word
- . . . for fellowship
- . . . for confession and absolution
- . . . for the Lord's Supper

The most important reason to attend your weekly church services is to hear the Word of God. The Bible tells us that a regular diet of His Word is more important to our spiritual health than food is to our physical health. When Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness, he told the Devil, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" (Matt 4:4). We need God's Word to live!

It's a sad fact, though, that many people consider church services to be a minor part of their weekly schedule - something they can omit if another activity comes up, or if they need extra sleep. According to the Bible, coming to hear God's Word isn't just one part of our lives. . . it's the very foundation that the rest of our life is built on! Jesus said, "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock." (Matt 7:24-25). If we want to make our lives more secure, from the ground up, the regular hearing of God's Word is the right place to start!

Someone once said that a believer's faith never stands still - it is always either growing. . . or fading. Jesus said just about the same

thing when he described His relationship with every individual believer. He said the relationship of a Christian to his Savior is like that of a branch attached to a grape vine. The more firmly the branch is attached, the more life-giving nutrients it can receive from the vine, and the more fruit it can bear. On the other hand, a branch that is cut off from the vine soon withers and dies. "I am the vine, you are the branches," Jesus said. "He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered." (John 15:5-6). Our weekly church services are designed specifically to strengthen your connection with the Savior. The closer you can keep to God's Word, the more you'll find your faith - and your Christian life - growing and bearing more fruit. There are always some who object, "Yes, but I can read my Bible at home. I don't have to come to church to hear God's Word!" That's true, of course, and we should all take time to study the Bible at home. But there are some things that you can get from church that you can't get from personal Bible study - and one of them is fellowship.

"Do not be unwise," says St. Paul, "but understand what the will of the Lord is." And the Lord's will concerning our faith lives is that we get together with other believers on a regular basis to hear God's Word, to thank and praise Him, and to encourage one another in the faith. In the book of Hebrews, Paul says, "Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching!" (Heb 10:24-25). The encouragement that comes from worshipping together is like a fire that warms both ourselves and those we worship with. For our own good, and for the good of our fellow Christians, God warns us not to let our attendance at public worship services slide!

There are other advantages to attending church regularly. One is confession and absolution. Every Sunday, during our liturgy, each person confesses his sins before God, in repentance removing the load of guilt that has been weighing on his conscience. Then the pastor, exercising the Ministry of the Keys in behalf of the congregation, pronounces the "absolution", or forgiveness of sins. He does this according to the words of Jesus, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them." (John 20:23). Of course, you can confess your sins and get forgiveness from God any day of the week. But it is often especially comforting to join in confession with your fellow believers, and hear God's word of forgiveness spoken out loud from the lips of the pastor.

One very special way that we receive the assurance of the forgiveness of sins in church is through the Sacrament of the Altar - the Lord's Supper. Scripture tells us that along with the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, we also receive the actual body and blood of our Savior. In this special way, God "seals" to each individual the forgiveness of sins, much as a person would seal a letter, making it very personal - to be opened by him alone. Also, Paul says, coming to the Lord's Supper regularly is one way we witness the truth of the Gospel to our fellow believers, ". . . For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." (I Cor 11:26).

In these and many other ways, God encourages us through His Word to make regular use of the means of grace - the Gospel in Word and Sacraments. On the day of Pentecost, when Peter preached God's Word to the crowds in Jerusalem, three thousand people came to faith in Christ and were baptized. What did these new believers do then? "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42). Let us take advantage of the same precious fellowship, too. . . by attending church services as often as we can!

CLC NEWS <> The Rev. Terrel Kesterson, Spokane WA, has accepted the call to St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA. <> Ascension Lutheran Church in Batavia IL, has called the Rev. Philip Matzke, Mankato MN. <> The 26th annual Grade School Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI, Friday through Sunday, March 11-13, 2011. Full guidelines are available online at <http://www.clclutheran.net/tourney>.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” 1 John 4:1

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The Old Testament Reading for 4th Sunday after Epiphany Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Here in these verses Moses advises the people to listen to the Prophet that God would raise up from among them. He is speaking of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah. The forgiveness of sins that Jesus gives us guarantees eternal life. People who refuse to hear His Word and false teachers who teach not His Word will die eternally. We read...

New Testament Reading:

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul here reminds us that there is but one God the Father, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. By faith our knowledge about God helps us to live lives that spiritually HELP people, not Hurt them We read...