

# IDENTITY revealed

*Jesus is the Son of God in Glory*

**PEACE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Houghton, Michigan  
Sunday, February 15, 2026

## **Welcome to Worship**

God's grace welcomes you, and so do we — the pastor and members of Peace! Jesus Christ is the only Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death and triumphant resurrection, Jesus saves all sinners. We learn these truths from the Bible — God's complete plan for our salvation and his guidebook for our lives. Peace greets you with a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

## **About Our Service**

The gospel (or good news) is not just information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts, transform our lives, and give us lasting peace. Therefore, Lutheran Worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In the message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish. Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out on the following pages. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red or blue hymnals located on the chair in front of you.

## **Series Explanation: Epiphany Moments**

“Epiphany” comes from a Greek word that means “reveal.” It is the season when you see Jesus begin his public ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth. During Epiphany, you will come to understand that when the true identity of Jesus is revealed, you realize your own true identity as well.

## **Worship Series Schedule: Identity Revealed**

January 11: Jesus Is the Christ, the Anointed One

January 18: Jesus Is the Lamb of God

January 25: Jesus Is the Christ, the One Who Calls

February 1: Jesus Calls You Blessed

February 8: Jesus Calls You Salt and Light

**February 15: Jesus is the Son of God in Glory**

## **Today’s Focus: *Jesus is the Son of God in Glory***

Jesus was a real human being, and he looked like it when he taught his disciples. But one day atop a high mountain, Jesus gave his disciples a glimpse of his glory as the Son of God. After he came down from the mountain, Jesus went to Jerusalem to suffer and die. It is good for us to view Jesus in glory on the mountain. It prepares us for Lent, and it prepares us for life.

## **Service Participants:**

Computer Organ: Nate Crowder

Pastor of Peace: Pastor Welch



# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

*For Sunday, February 15, 2026*

## Hymn

*Before the Throne of God Above*

1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
3 Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
spot - less right-eous-ness, the great un - change - a - ble I

Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. At one with

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
him, I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can  
free; for God the just is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me. 4  
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

*Please stand.*

## **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Confession**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

## **Absolution**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

By Jesus' command and authority, I say to you what God says. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

1 John 1:8-9

The use of the keys of absolution is that special right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to proclaim the forgiveness of sins through Jesus. See John 20:21-23.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

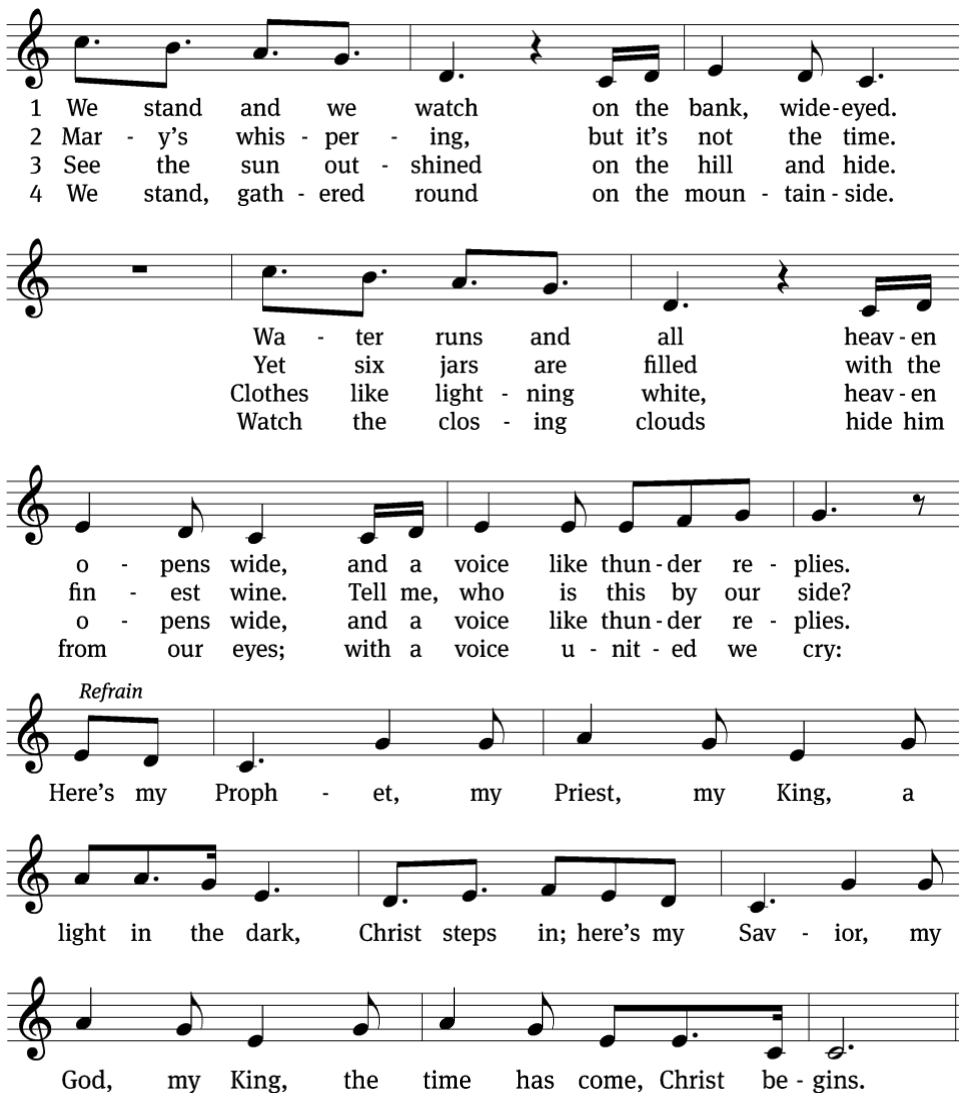
1 John 3:1

**And that is what we are! Thanks be to God!**

## Hymn of Praise

*Christ Begins*

This song of praise takes us through the Epiphany season. Stanza 1: the Baptism of Jesus (Epiphany 1); stanza 2: the Wedding at Cana (Epiphany 2); stanza 3: Transfiguration (Last Sunday of Epiphany); refrain: the Season of Epiphany.



1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.  
 2 Mar - y's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time.  
 3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.  
 4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.

Wa - ter runs and all heav - en  
 Yet six jars are filled with the  
 Clothes like light - ning white, heav - en  
 Watch the clos - ing clouds hide him

o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.  
 fin - est wine. Tell me, who is this by our side?  
 o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.  
 from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:

*Refrain*  
 Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a  
 light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my  
 God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.



## Prayer

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## The Word

### Reading

*Exodus 24:9–18*

<sup>9</sup>Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up <sup>10</sup>and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. <sup>11</sup>But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup>and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup>To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

On Mount Sinai, Moses saw the glory of the Lord’s law. On the Mount of Transfiguration Moses would see the glory of the Lord’s gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Lesson

### Reading

2 Peter 1:16–21

As an eyewitness to the majesty and glory of Jesus, St. Peter testifies to the reliability of the Christian faith.

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

<sup>19</sup>We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

<sup>20</sup>Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup>For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

Mark 9:7

For centuries in preparation for hearing the Gospel, Christians have sung or spoken “Alleluia!” and a Scripture verse reinforcing the theme of the day.

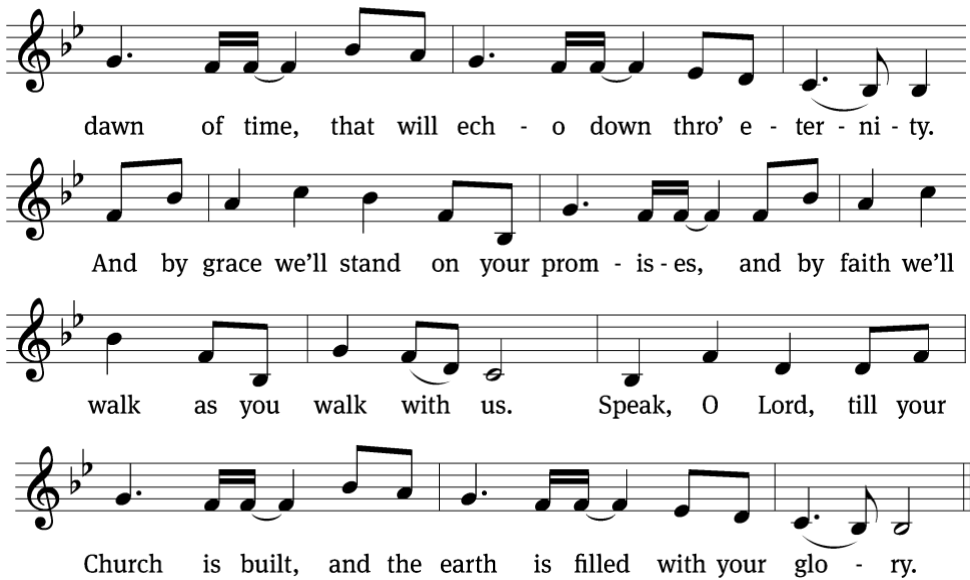
### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Alleluia.

*Speak, O Lord st. 3*







## Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

<sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The  
transfiguration  
of our Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

## Hymn of the Day

*97 Down from the Mount of Glory*



- 1 Down from the mount of glo - ry came Je - sus Christ, our Lord.
- 2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, stood ra - dian - t in the light,
- 3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the mount de - scend
- 4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that is his fame
- 5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry of Je - sus Christ, our Lord,



Re - call the won - drous sto - ry, rich gem in sa - cred Word.  
light found in God - head sole - ly, for hu - man eyes too bright.  
and, by the Fa - ther bid - den, his will - ing foot - steps bend  
our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed a mount - the hill of shame.  
and let the won - drous sto - ry full peace and joy af - ford!



A - gain your faith will view him in dou - ble glo - ry here;  
Then came a voice from heav - en, con - firmed what here we see;  
to seek hu - mil - i - a - tion in deep - est depths of woe,  
Up - on the cross he prof - ered him - self to ag - o - ny;  
The ho - ly mount ac - claims him the maj - es - ty di - vine;



the great - er hom - age due him will in your life ap - pear.  
the words "my Son" were giv - en to seal his de - i - ty.  
to suf - fer deg - ra - da - tion no mind can probe or know.  
his ho - ly soul he of - fered to set the guilt - y free.  
Mount Cal - va - ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

## Sermon

*Matthew 17:1-9*

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Public  
confession is  
faith's  
response to  
God's saving  
Word.  
Christians  
composed the  
Nicene Creed  
in the fourth  
century to  
defend the  
Bible's  
teachings that  
both Jesus  
Christ and the  
Holy Spirit are  
true God,  
equal to the  
Father in one  
eternal,  
undivided  
Trinity.

*Please be seated*

## Offering

*The members of Peace have joined together in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7) to do the Lord's work of sharing the message of Jesus. Visitors need not feel obligated. You are our guests!*

*Members and visitors, kindly fill out one of our Connection Cards. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.*

## Prayer of the Church

*Please stand. The pastor will speak the prayer of the church and the congregation will join to say the Lord's prayer.*

## Lord's Prayer

**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 Sacrament

*We believe what God's Word says. God's Word clearly teaches that along with the bread and wine we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:26,28; Mk. 14:22,24; Lk. 22:19-22). God's Word also tells us that those who take Communion together are to:*

- 1. Recognize that Christ's true body and blood are miraculously present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 10:16; 11:29),*
- 2. Examine their hearts (1 Cor. 11:28), and*
- 3. Be united in faith with the congregation with which they commune (1 Cor. 10:17).*

*Therefore we ask that those who have not had the opportunity to understand our Scriptural confession would speak with the pastor before participating in the Lord's Supper this morning. If you would like to come forward to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms as the pastor approaches. It is our sincere desire to share in the blessings of the Lord's Supper with you according to the pattern Jesus himself has given in his Word.*

# Introduction to the Lord's Supper

Everyone ought to examine their hearts before partaking of the Lord's Supper. 1 Cor. 11:28

**I confessed my transgressions to the Lord and he forgave the guilt of my sin.** Psalm 32:5

Everyone ought to recognize the true body and blood of the Lord in this Supper. 1 Cor. 11:29

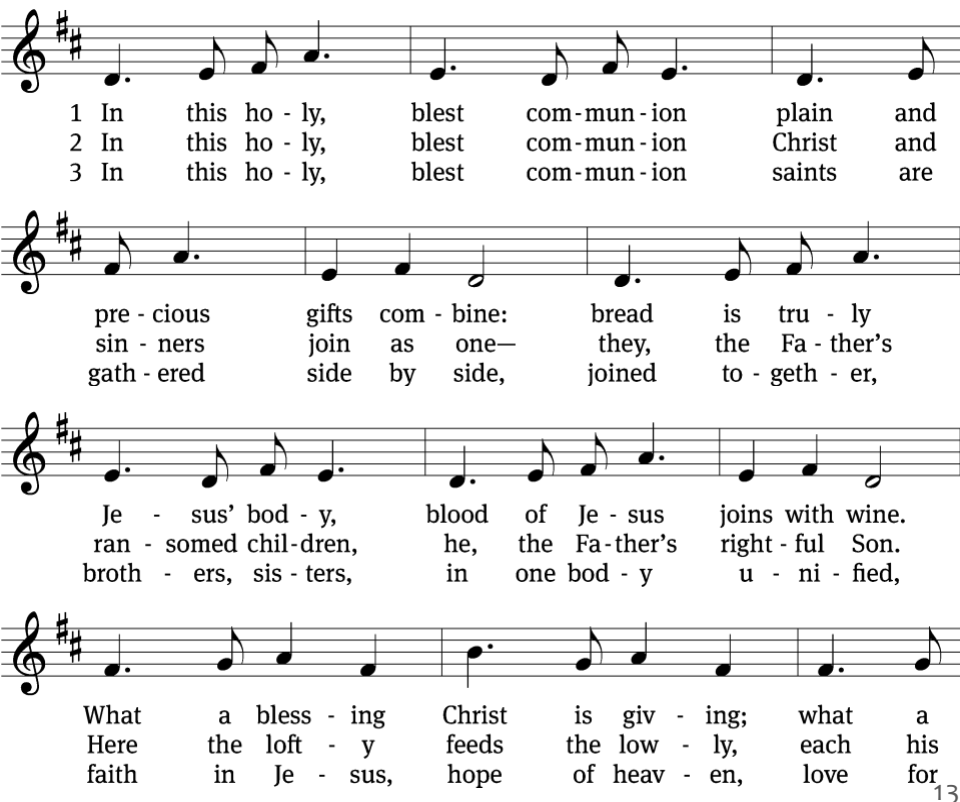
**The bread that we break and the cup that we bless are a participation in the body and blood of Christ.** 1 Cor. 10:16

Those partaking of the Lord's Supper are to be united in fellowship as one body.

**Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.** 1 Cor. 10:17

## Hymn

*In This Holy, Blest Communion*



1 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion plain and  
2 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion Christ and  
3 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion saints are

pre - cious gifts com - bine: bread is tru - ly  
sin - ners join as one— they, the Fa - ther's  
gath - ered side by side, joined to - geth - er,

Je - sus' bod - y, blood of Je - sus joins with wine.  
ran - somed chil - dren, he, the Fa - ther's right - ful Son.  
broth - ers, sis - ters, in one bod - y u - ni - fied,

What a bless - ing Christ is giv - ing; what a  
Here the loft - y feeds the low - ly, each his  
faith in Je - sus, hope of heav - en, love for

lov - ing, gra - cious host, in his sup - per  
high - ly cher - ished guest; here the guilt - y  
oth - ers all in - creased by the full - ness

well pro - vid - ing what his peo - ple need the most!  
taste for - give - ness, here the wea - ry find their rest.  
of the ban - quet, by the rich - ness of the feast.

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## Words of Institution

*The pastor speaks the words of institution according to the words of 1 Corinthians 11.*

## Lamb of God

John the Baptist declared Jesus to be God's Lamb, who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,  
ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.  
All sin you car - ried for us, else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

## Distribution

*Please be seated after the song. Communicants will come forward at the usher's direction after the song.*

## Closing Prayer

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Farewell to Alleluia

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord

# Hymn

*From All That Dwell below the Skies*



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -  
 2 In ev - 'ry land be - gin the song, to ev - 'ry  
 3 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, LORD; e - ter - nal

a - tor's praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 land the strains be - long: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 truth at - tends your Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung through ev - 'ry  
 In cheer - ful sound all voic - es raise and fill the  
 Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall

land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 world with joy - ful praise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



# Announcements

## Foundations of Faith

Foundations is for everyone: people interested in becoming members, those looking to build their faith, or the curious observer who wants to study the Bible without feeling obligated to join a church. This study is Bible-based and discussion-centered. Classes can be arranged to fit personal schedules.

To get plugged in or to request more information, contact Pastor Welch (pastor@peacehoughton.org). Childcare is available upon request.

## Online Offering Option

If you would like to give an online offering today, please scan the QR code. All online donations are safe and go directly to Peace.



## Upcoming Events

There is a full schedule of events for both members and students alike. You can find the schedule on the table in the fellowship hall, on the app/website, or by scanning the QR code. Here are some upcoming events to keep in mind:



- **Laser Tag at Respawn Laser Tag: February 20 at 7:00 pm**

## Midweek Lenten Services and Dinner

During the season of Lent, we will hold midweek Lenten services every Wednesday from February 18 to March 25. Dinners will be served at 5:00, and the services will start at 6:00.

If you are interested in helping to serve a meal, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the entryway.

## Sunday Volunteer Schedule

Date	Usher	Counter	Computer	Piano	Snacks	Children's Ministry
February 15	Steve	Steve	Nate	x	Amy Spahn	Grace
Feb 18 (Ash Wednesday)	Cody	Cody	Zack	x		NA
February 22	Cesar	Craig	Nate	x	Heather	help needed
Feb 25 (Midweek)	Cody	Steve	Zack	x		NA
March 1	Steve	Cody	Mary Ann	x	Sarah Robb	help needed
March 4 (Midweek)	Cody	Scott	Mary Ann	x		NA
March 8	Cesar	Craig	Mary Ann	x	Lesley/Janet	help needed
March 11 (Midweek)	Cody	Steve	Zack	x		NA
March 15	Steve	Cody	Nate	x	Gabriela	help needed





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