

Next Sunday's Scripture: Genesis 3:1 – 21 (3); Romans 5:12 – 19 (1130); Matt 4:1 – 11 (967); Sermon Title: "Can Evil Be Stopped?"



February 15, 2026
9:00 a.m.

| SERVING | This Sunday | Ash Wed | Next Sunday |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Accompanist | JoAnn Deveny | JoAnn Deveny | JoAnn Deveny |
| Special Music | Edie Hanson | Peace Choir | Youth |
| Acolytes | Nolan M; Roslyn S; Sawyer S | Dash M; Peder R; Tyler F | Nolan D; Oliver B; Wyatt S |
| JAM Session | Meghan Weaver | N/A | Peace Puppet Pals |
| Reader | Ron Boettner | N/A | Hanna G; Wyatt S |
| Greeters | Hansen/Pederson | Barfnechts | Helfritzes |
| Ushers | Juncewskis & Schmidts | Cowgers & Lotitos | Butlers; Ruth Clark |
| Communion | Dan N & Jon P | Jon P & Dan N | N/A |
| Slide Presenter | RaKel Schroeder | Edie Hanson | RaKel Schroeder |
| Sound System | Jim Grosshuesch | Jim Grosshuesch | Jim Grosshuesch |
| Recorder | Amelia Schmidts | Tristan J | Victoria Thorson |
| Peace Café | Dammens & DiBenedettos | Edie H, Petersons & Rieckenbergs | D. Dressels & T. Dressels |
| Altar Care | Karen Dressel & Susie Kohls | | |

Ministry Board Serving Today: Dan Nelson & Jon Peterson

Family Room & Busy Bags – There is a Family/Calming area in the Preschool Room with activities for children. Busy bags are available at the sanctuary doors. Please place them in the basket after worship.

Assistive Listening – Williams Sound Assistive Listening System and T-Coil devices are available at the Tech Booth in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how they sound, so we can adjust the system for the best sound.

Need to reach Interim Pastor John? Contact him at (307) 949-0120, pastor@come2peace.com or saljohnhopper@gmail.com.

Peace Offering: February 8 – Received: \$4,505 | Attendance: 173

Noisy Offering: \$2,013

February Benevolence: Ronald McDonald House \$750 | KTIS Radio \$750
Lutheran Bible Translators \$500

Capital Campaign Envelopes are available in chair backs. You can also request a pack of them by contacting Sue at 763-442-1703 or Sue.Beulke@gmail.com

| Ways to Give | | | |
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|  <p>IN-PERSON Offering gifts are received during worship</p> |  <p>ONLINE come2peace.com/giving</p>  |  <p>TEXT any amount to 952-900-7789</p> |  <p>MAIL Peace Lutheran Church PO Box 817 Watertown, MN 55388</p> |

Thank you for your generous gifts to the ministry of this congregation, your continued gifts allow us to see a positive and bright future.



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Transfiguration of Our Lord

Praise Prelude "I Give You My Heart"
 "Love You So Much"
 "Glorious Day" Praise Band

Welcome

Call to Worship "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!" LBW #89

Worship Prayer/Sharing the Peace

Confession and Forgiveness

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Meghan Weaver

Scripture Exodus 24:8 – 18 (80) Ron Boettner
 2 Peter 1:16 – 21 (1225) Ron Boettner

Gospel **Matthew 17:1 – 9** (983) Interim Pastor John Hopper

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Up on the Mountain Top" Interim Pastor John Hopper

Sermon Song "Glorious Day"

Apostle's Creed

Offering

Special Music "On Eagle's Wings" Edie Hanson

Offering Response "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" LBW page 75

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution "We Remember You"

 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" LBW #200

 "Let Us Be Bread"

Blessing and Benediction

Closing Song "Go Tell it on the Mountain" LBW #70

Sending Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!!

ALL: We will!!

Praise Postlude "Go Tell it on the Mountain" Praise Band

WELCOME GUESTS! All who believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior are welcome to join us for Communion (gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available). May the Holy Spirit bless your worship, filling you with peace and hope as you go, ready to follow Jesus. You are always welcome here at Peace! Please leave your name in our guest book by the front door or share your contact information on the "Let's Get Acquainted" card in the pew pocket. Blessings!

WE PRAY FOR COMFORT & HEALING FOR

Our church family: **Bob & Jan Carlson; Robert Dean; Chris Hoes; Mary Anne Hoes; Judy Jacobson; Glenn Johnson; Paul Nesvold; Tom Mittelstaedt; Laurie Langner; Lillie Tesch**

Our friends and family: **Dan Bird** (*Langner's brother*); **Sharon Cameron** (*Cramb's aunt*); **Linda & Gary Diers** (*Colette's parents*); **Kimmy Efta** (*Nicole's sister*); **Phyllis Healy** (*Marla's stepmom*); **Tammy Hebeisen** (*Bart Kusske's sister*); **Jackie** (*Gosha's cousin*); **Brian Junczewski; Nancy Krenzelo** (*Weinzierl's sister*); **Jeremy Laxen** (*Charlotte's son*); **Don Mey** (*Karen Dressel's cousin*); **Stephanie Nelson** (*Nelson's daughter-in-law*); **Mark Palmer** (*Gregg's brother*); **Tammie S** (*Karen Dressel's cousin*); **Ken Schmidt** (*Tory's dad*); **Dawson Semolina** (*Jobes' nephew*); **Beverly Leonhard** (*Audrey's sister*); **Nancy Friewald** (*Hulley's sister*); **Alan Panning** (*Barfnechts' friend*); **Ed Lawrence** (*Enfinger/Williams grandfather*); **Lauren Hopper** (*Hoppers' granddaughter*); **Jacqueline Lindblom** (*Petersons' granddaughter*); **Steve Hoelz** (*Barfnechts' friend*)

- *Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family and friends of John Blakstvedt (Karen Dressel's friend), who passed away on February 11.*

Our community: **LCMC & Augustana District churches; Love INC; those serving in the military; law enforcement, first responders & frontline workers who serve and protect our community; and area churches' ministries.**

Each week we will pray for LCMC churches. Join us by continuing to pray for these churches during the week:

- Abiding Savior Lutheran Church; Tucson, AZ
- Marshall Lutheran Church; Marshall, ND

Submit prayer requests using the "How Can We Pray for You?" card (back of "Let's Get Acquainted") or at www.come2peace.com/prayer.

Altar Flowers – *Information on how to provide flowers for the altar is located on the announcement board by the Connect Counter.*

Altar Paraments (Linens) change color with the various church holidays and special events. Today's paraments are White for Transfiguration of Our Lord.

WEEKLY MEETINGS & EVENTS
Email new & updated activities to
office@come2peace.com

Monday, Feb 16

6:30am – Men's Coffee
8:00am – Church Cleaning Crew

Tuesday, Feb 17

Wednesday, Feb 18

7:00am – FCA Meeting
9:00am – Story Time
5:30pm – Lenten Dinner
6:30pm – Ash Wednesday Worship
7:30pm – HS Youth Group

Thursday, Feb 19

9:00am – Matthew Bible Study

Friday, Feb 20

Saturday, Feb 21

Sunday, Feb 22

FOOD DONATION SUNDAY

9:00am – Worship
10:00am – Fellowship
Sunday School
MS Youth Group
5:00pm – Valentine's Dinner Youth
Fundraiser

Activities @ Peace unless otherwise noted

Upcoming Events

Ministry Board Mtg – Feb 24 @ 6:30pm
Story Time – Feb 25 @ 9:00am
Choir Rehearsal – Feb 25 @ 5:00pm
Lenten Dinner – Feb 25 @ 5:30pm
Lenten Worship – Feb 25 @ 6:30pm
Confirmation – Feb 25 @ 7:10pm
HS Youth Group – Feb 25 @ 7:30pm
Matthew Bible Study – Mar 1 @ 4pm

PEACE CHOIR SCHEDULE

Practice: Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18 @ 5 pm

Singing: Feb 18 (Ash Wed), Mar 1, 15,
Apr 3 (Good Friday), Apr 5 (9 am Easter)

New voices always welcome. Contact
Marla, 763-331-2525, with questions.

Psalms of the Season
Lenten Midweek Worship

Ash Wednesday, Feb 18

Supper - 5:30pm | Worship - 6:30pm
*Celebrating the Lord's Supper and
Imposition of Ashes*

Lenten Mid-Week

Wednesdays, Feb 25 - Mar 25
Supper - 5:30pm | Worship - 6:30pm

Our Lenten theme this year is "Psalms of the Season." Throughout Lent, we will walk together through seven Psalms that speak to the depth, honesty, and hope of this sacred season. We invite you to join us each week in worship as we journey together through Lent, listening for God's voice and finding comfort, confession, and renewal in the Psalms.

Peace Youth Presents
VALENTINE'S SPAGHETTI DINNER



Valentine's isn't just for couples—it's about celebrating the people we love, including **family and friends**.

Enjoy a spaghetti dinner, then join the fun during our popular **Dessert Dash**. Come share a meal, some laughs, and support the **2026 Youth Mission Trip**!

Scan me



to purchase tickets



February 22nd 5—7 pm



2026 VBS
Save the Date
June 15-19
8:30 a.m. — Noon
Students entering kindergarten — 6th grade fall 2026
ILLUMINATION STATION
More details coming soon — come2peace.com/vbs

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING

Tuesday, March 3 | 4:30pm

Join us for our first planning meeting of the year. Whether you've helped before or are new to VBS, we'd love to have you be part of this special ministry. Come and hear what it is all about! For more information, contact Shelby Dressel 952-688-7019.

Mission Opportunities

donations can be placed in the Missions' stack by the youth room


FOOD SHELF DONATION

Sunday, Feb 22nd

Consider helping by donating non-perishable food or making a monetary donation. Checks/envelopes made out to "Gather & Grow Food Shelf-Watertown." & placed in offering.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are currently receiving and reviewing answers to our call. Over the coming months we will be conducting virtual interviews to better identify who God has called to lead our church.



Free Event - Open to the Community
THE INTERSECTION OF MARRIAGE AND PARENTING

Because kids don't come with a pause button for marriage
Sunday, Mar 15th | 5-7 pm

Marriage and parenting don't happen in separate lanes—they meet every day at the intersection of family life. Join us for a meaningful conversation about strengthening your marriage while raising children, navigating challenges together, and building a home rooted in love, grace, and faith. Whether you're in the thick of parenting or just beginning the journey, this event offers encouragement, practical insight, and hope.

Dinner and child care provided. Help us plan, follow the QR code to RSVP



SUMMER CAMP

We're excited to invite our 4th–12th grade students to a memorable summer adventure at camp! This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to step away from their routines, grow in faith, build friendships, and experience God's creation in a fun and meaningful way.

Grades 4-6

Dates: July 5-10
\$422 by March 1, \$452 after March 1

Grades 7-12

Dates: July 7-12
\$442 by March 1, \$472 after March 1

Registration: www.okoboji.org/youth

GREAT NEWS - Peace covers \$100 of the registration fee for each camper. **Make sure to put "Peace Watertown" when registering.**

Questions contact Mark.

We can't wait for a faith-filled week at the lake!



From Fish Fries to Cribbage... Help Us Plan What's Next! Hospitality Survey

The Hospitality Team helps create a welcoming environment for everyone who visits Peace. We also organize events and social opportunities that give our members a chance to connect and get to know one another better.

Some of the events we organize include:

- Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations
- Easter Breakfast
- Cribbage Tournaments
- Fish Fry
- Christmas Bazaar & Cookie Walk
- Family Movie Night

We are looking for your help as we plan future events and social opportunities! Please take a moment to complete this short survey and place it in the offering plate or in the box by the survey display.

Thank you for sharing your ideas—we appreciate your help!



What helps you feel most connected at church? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Shared meals (potlucks, brunches, etc.)
- ☐ Small Groups
- ☐ Game or puzzle nights
- ☐ Themed dinners/mystery nights
- ☐ Events & activities for my stage of life:
 - ☐ family with small children
 - ☐ family with middle & high schoolers
 - ☐ singles/young adults
 - ☐ empty nesters
 - ☐ retired
 - ☐ other: _____
- ☐ Intergenerational events
- ☐ Service projects
- ☐ Other: _____

Do you prefer smaller gatherings or large group events?

- ☐ Smaller
- ☐ Larger

When are you most likely to attend something?

- ☐ Weekday morning
- ☐ Weekday afternoon
- ☐ Weekday evening
- ☐ Saturday morning
- ☐ Saturday afternoon
- ☐ Saturday evening
- ☐ Sunday after worship
- ☐ Sunday evening
- ☐ Other/Explanation:

Any ideas you'd love to see?

Any events/activities you wouldn't miss if we stopped doing it?

