

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
February 1, 2026, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Christian Magnell

WELCOME AND GREETING

SONG “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THIRD GRADE BIBLES

SONG “*Graves Into Gardens*”

READING: 1 Peter 5:6-11

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering

are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

SONG “*Come, Jesus, Come*”

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but

he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. ³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the

country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart

from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

SERMON – Spiritual Warfare – Our Enemies: Satan and Demons

PRAYER FOR RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,

casting all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you.

We are told to resist the devil and he will flee,

but too often we’ve done just the opposite.

Aware of our weakness and our need for deliverance, I invite you to take a moment to reflect on your own sin.

(silence for reflection)

Let’s pray together:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have not always lived in trust. We cling to fear instead of faith, control instead of surrender, and shame instead of your mercy. We have listened to voices that accuse and deceive, and we have resisted your restoring work in our lives. Like sheep gone astray, we need your rescue. Humble us, restore us, and strengthen us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This is the Good News: In Christ you are forgiven, your ways are transformed, and you’re set free to serve.

Thanks be to God!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

PRAYER AND BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace!

Amen!

CLOSING SONG *“Hold Us Together”*

DISMISSAL

Let's go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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