



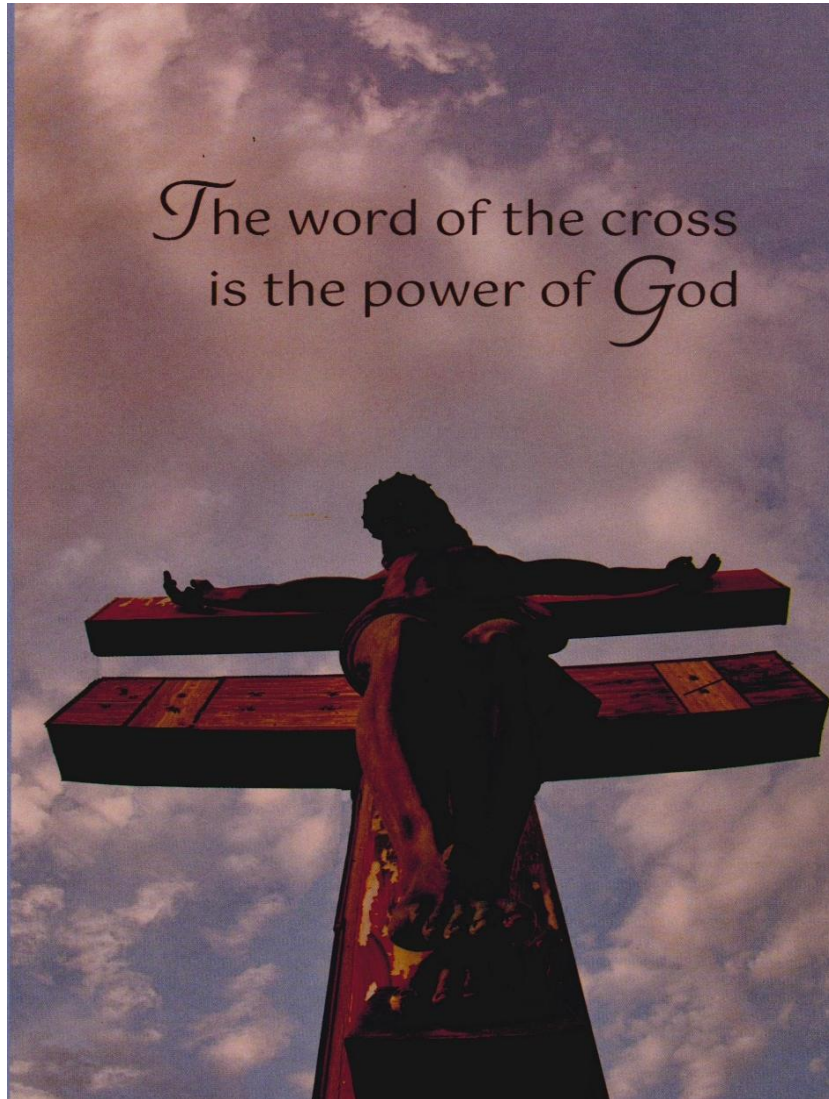
Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Pastor Ron Moritz, Deacon Ed Smallcombe

Opening Hymn: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

**OT- Micah 6:1-8** Listen to what the Lord says: “Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. <sup>2</sup>“Hear, you mountains, the Lord’s accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the Lord has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel. <sup>3</sup>“My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. <sup>4</sup>I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.” <sup>6</sup>With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup>He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

**Epistle- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31** - <sup>18</sup>For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since in the wisdom of God, the world through its wisdom, did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup>Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup>God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup>It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12** - Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup>and he began to teach them.

### The Beatitudes

He said: <sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, they will be shown mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, or they will see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## Sermon Hymn: # 427 - "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

### Sermon: "Fools for Christ" 1 Corinthians 1:26-31



Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders, and for all of your concerns. Prayers of Strength and Comfort for the Ukrainian People and wisdom for all NATO Members. Pray for all your concerns.



## The Lord's Prayer

## Communion

## Benediction

## Closing Hymn: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

## SERMON REVIEW FOR February 1, 2026

### "Fools for Christ" 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**Introduction:** God choose the F\_\_\_\_\_ of this world to shame the W\_\_\_\_\_

#### I. Only a fool can understand G\_\_\_\_\_

A. We boast in Christ

B. He is our new W\_\_\_\_\_

#### II. All our needs are met in Christ.

A. His is our R\_\_\_\_\_

B. He is our H\_\_\_\_\_

C. He is our R\_\_\_\_\_

### Since God's Word call us to be 'fools for Christ' THEN -

#### III. Let's A\_\_\_\_\_ foolish

A. Walk by F\_\_\_\_\_, no S\_\_\_\_\_

B. Put others before self (value the D\_\_\_\_\_)

C. Forgive our E\_\_\_\_\_ D. Have a servant's H\_\_\_\_\_ i.e. WWJD also means W\_\_\_\_\_ would He do it?

### Love is the ultimate foolishness for Christ



**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** will meet on Jan 25th in Zimmerman Hall. Jr. Bible Class: Classes will meet, Feb 8th & 22

**LWML/Ladies Aid** will meet

**Wed. Tuesday, February 10th at 10:00 am.**





## January - Domestic Assault Shelter



Domestic Assault Shelter provides a safe haven for individuals and families in an abusive environment

The Ground level door will be open Sunday Mornings for those who wish to avoid climbing the hill. Also shortly after the service begins, both doors will be locked.



## Severe Weather Cancellation



On Sunday where there is severe weather, Church may be cancelled. Notice of a cancellation will be on WWMT-V Channel emails for.

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