



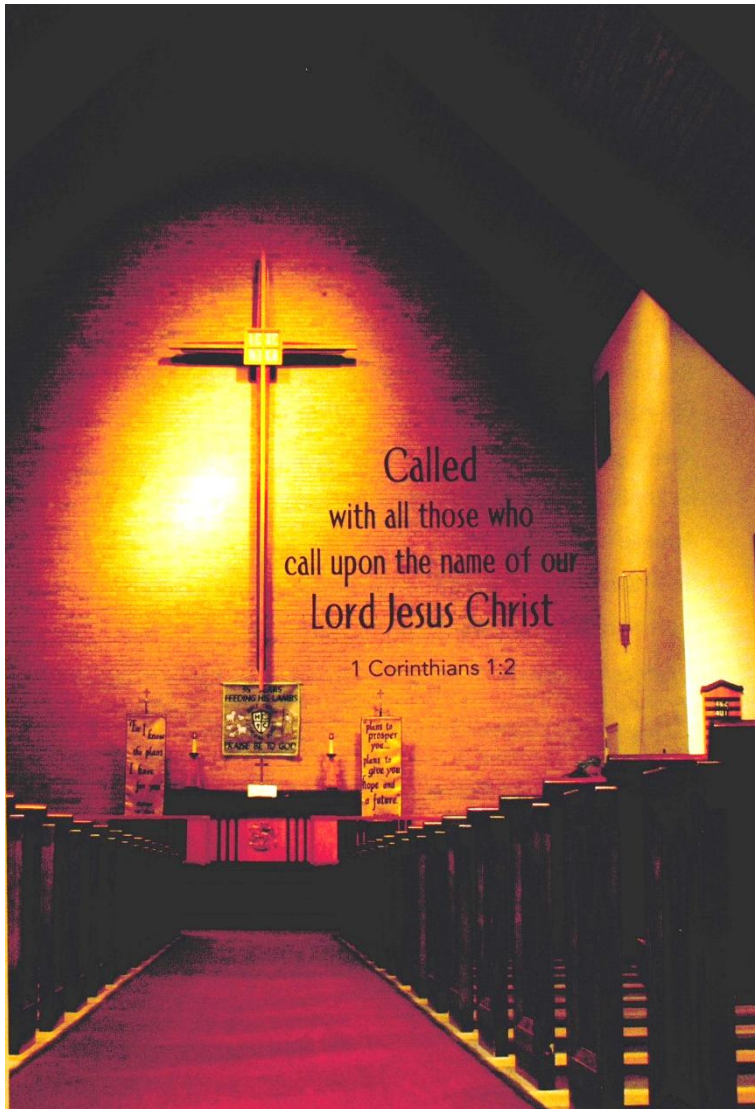
Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor Ron Moritz, Deacon Ed Smallcombe

Communion Sunday, January 18, 2026

Opening Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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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.



2nd Sunday After Epiphany

OT- Isaiah 49:1-7 - Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³ He said to me, "[You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.](#)" ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the Lord's hand, and my reward is with my God." ⁵ And now the Lord says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord and my God has been my strength—⁶ he says: "[It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.](#)" ⁷ This is what the Lord says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "[Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.](#)"

Epistle- Corinthians 1:1-9 - Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: ³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ ⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: John 1:29-42 - ²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³² Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, '[The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.](#)' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "[What do you want?](#)" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ "[Come,](#)" he replied, "[and you will see.](#)"

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "[You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas](#)" (which, when translated, is Peter).

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: # 535 - "How Wide the Love of Christ"

Sermon: "New Life in Jesus Christ"



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: # 400-"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

SERMON REVIEW FOR January 18, 2025 "New Life in Jesus Christ" 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Introduction: "Life Sunday" celebrates V----- of all human life. Apostles were M----- of 'new life in Christ' Which offers to every human being:

I. A P----- (What Jesus does IN us) 'Don't know until you try it.'

A. We leave old life of despair, and enter new life of H-----

B. No matter in what condition a child is born, Jesus make us whole

II. A G----- (What Jesus does TO us) Greek word is "Charisma"

A. Salvation - personal gift of knowing Jesus as Savior. I am saved by G-----

B. 'Fir the common good' - God edifies others through me I am G----- to others

III. A G----- (What Jesus does FOR us) O.T. Term "Day of the Lord"

A. Goal setting is good, when God is G----- through our: Education, Family, Career, Possessions, Talents Goals do not define what we get, but what we B-----

B. May we be found R----- when Jesus returns in glory.

In Christ, every life has a Promise, a Gift and a Goal

Protect the 'Sanctity of Life'



ADULT BIBLE CLASS will meet on Jan 25th in Zimmerman Hall..

Jr. Bible Class: Classes will meet Jan 25th, Feb 8th & 22 & Mar 8th & 22nd.

LWML/Ladies Aid will meet on February 10th at 10:00 am.

There will a Church Council Meeting today after church service.



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 wis 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-TV Channel 3 will go out to all members that we have emails for.

