

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 2024

As We Gather As if we did not have enough problems, the readings begin by rehearsing the commandments. Before the magnifying glass of the Law, our cause for boasting melts away and we are left with only Jesus Christ. His righteousness is not the object of our admiration but His gift to us in our Baptism. The proof of His faithfulness lies in His promise to rise again after three days. Once this was seen as blasphemy but Jesus proved the words true. When He was raised from the dead, His disciples recalled what He has said and believed the Word of the Lord. Do we believe it today?

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God’s forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ’s body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God’s forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to the Pastor.

Welcome Children- A cry room is located near the church entryway. Please see an usher for guidance.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

**RINGING OF THE BELL
PRESERVICE MUSIC
WELCOME**

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

INVOCATION and OPENING VERSES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Deliver me from sinking into the mire;

People: Deliver me from all my sins and my enemies and from the flood of death.

Pastor: O Lord, Your steadfast love is good.

People: According to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father

People: 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.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 20:1-17
(In light of God's Law, we acknowledge the depth of our own guilt.)

(After the Reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
(The Word of the cross is folly to the perishing but to those who are saved it is the wisdom of God.)

(After the Reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR

“Only God”



HOLY GOSPEL John 2:13-22
(Jesus clears the temple and points to His resurrection after three days as sign that He is who He claims to be.)

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(After the Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God Himself Is Present”



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. “Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!” Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769, abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, alt.; tr. John Miller, 1756–90, alt.
Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650–80
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MESSAGE

“Behold, the Dwelling Place of God Is With Man.”

(John 2:13-22)

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CONFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible
and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of
God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the
Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also
for us, under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was
buried.**

**And the third day he rose again according to the
Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the
right hand of the Father.**

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with
the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of
the world to come. Amen**

OFFERING

*(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew.
The ushers will pick it up after the service.)*

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-80
Tune: Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010
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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have brought to earth the brightness of Your heavenly kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was
 betrayed, took bread, and when He had given
 thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and
 said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given
 for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the
 same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He
 had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all
 of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is
 shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as
 you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“What Is This Bread”

1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
 2 What is this wine? The blood of
 3 So who am I, That I should
 4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
 5 Is this for me? I am for -

ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
 Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace
 live and He should die Un - der the rod?
 Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
 My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
 He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
 That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
 me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
 meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

Text: Frederic W. Baue, 1946
Tune: Jean Neuhauser Baue, 1951
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“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -

own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain
 On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
Tune: John Stainer, 1840-1901
Text and tune: Public domain

“How Firm a Foundation”

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 “The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 “When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 “Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne.”

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.
 Tune: Genuine Church Music, 1832, Winchester
 Text and tune: Public domain

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is

thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -

ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851-1928
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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord, who made heaven and earth, bless you and keep you.

The Lord, who stopped at nothing to save you, make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord, whose glory it is always to show love and mercy, look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos - er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008
Tune: Welsh, 18th cent.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Attendance: 2/25/24- 10:30am= **94** Sunday School-**15**

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God and in memory of Darylne Williams, by Hal & Heather Williams, and God's Heart Ministry. On the first year of her passing, her family and friends take comfort in that she is with our Lord and grateful she was in their lives to experience her love.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE March 3, 2024

Sunday: 9:00 am Traditional Communion Service
9:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Traditional Communion Service
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Lenten Service

6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group (PH)

Thursday: 10:00 am Lifelight Bible Study
5:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday: ++++++

Saturday: 11:00 am Memorial Service for Susanne Klein
SPRING AHEAD!! TIME CHANGE BEFORE GOING TO BED.

THOSE WHO SERVE US Today, March 3, 2024

9am

Elder: Al Bosman
Greeter:
Reader: David Hudnell
Acolyte: Blake Denninger
Ushers: Gary Taylor
Bill Young

11am

Blaine Wanke
Connie Morris
Brian Nomi
Gavin Nava
Mike McCracken
Tom La Jeunesse
Rick Poore

Altar Care: Bill & Linda Young

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. McCracken, L. Pommers

Organist: Karen Foote

Choir Accompanist: Sandy Haven

Choir Director: Linda La Jeunesse

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT WEEK, March 10, 2024

9am

Elder: Al Bosman
Greeter:
Reader: Al Bosman
Acolyte: Noah Ylizaliturri
Ushers: Blaine Wanke
Henry Andermann
Todd Harter

11am

Blaine Wanke
Luci Pommers
Don Haven
Lucas Williamson
Dave Schmidt
Roy Poehler
Jim DeVries

Altar Care: Bill & Linda Young

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. McCracken, L. Pommers

Organist: Karen Foote

Handbell Choir Director: Linda La Jeunesse

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Please pray for the Williamsons (Susan Klein's daughter) and all of Susan's surviving relatives, as Susan went home to the loving arms of her Savior.