

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

As We Gather With the granting of sight to a man born blind, today our Lenten journey teaches us that forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life make a difference in our lives as great as night and day, sunshine and darkness. It is no less a miracle that Christ gives once spiritually blind sinners the vision of His glory and truth. By the miracle of faith in Jesus we not only see light but even become light, reflecting the light of the love and salvation that are in Jesus Christ. We are called to bring that liberating light to others by our testimony and confession of the great grace God has for all people in Christ.

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.

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

A special welcome to those with young children. If needed, a cry room is located near the church entryway complete with a window and sound so you may fully participate in worship. If you need guidance please see an usher.

SPRING CLEANING: At the voter’s meeting, the idea to do a monthly cleaning of small areas of the church was shared. Originally we were going to call this a Work Party, but on further reflection we decided that it might get confused with our Trustee’s work party. We are going to call this Spring Cleaning (no matter the season). Our first Spring cleaning will be to clean Pastor’s office on Saturday, March 25th at 9AM. Please join us if you are available. Contact Diana Wanke with questions or suggestions of areas to clean 805-490-8212.



Remember in your Prayers:

HEALTH AND HEALING: Ashley (Sandi Stepp’s niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mike Reuter, Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men, women and their families: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Henry Andermann and Avery Chapman.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY MARCH 19, 2023

9:00

11:00

Elder: Bob Hutchison	Dave Hutter
Greeters: Carol Yung	
Readers: Toni Radle	Richard Bongiorno
Acolyte: Michelle Ullerick	
Ushers: Gary Taylor	
	Karen Taylor
	Bill Young
Altar Care: Linda Young	Rachael Ylizaliturri and Jane Morici
Cookie & Coffee Service: S. McCracken, L. Pommers, S. Frasier, J. Morici	
Organist: Karen Foote	
Choir Accompanist: Sandy Haven	
Choir Director: Linda La Jeunesse	

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT WEEK MARCH 26, 2023

9:00

11:00

Elder: Bob Hutchison	Dave Hutter
Greeters: Charlo Stuart	
Readers: Steve Herman	Richard Bongiorno
Acolyte: Shane Muller	
Ushers: Scott Klittich	
	Steve Rusch
Altar Care: Linda Young	Rachael Ylizaliturri and Jane Morici
Cookie & Coffee Service: S. McCracken, L. Pommers, S. Frasier, J. Morici	
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RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: With my voice I cry out to the LORD;
People: with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

Pastor: I pour out my complaint before Him;
People: I tell my trouble before Him.

Pastor: With You is the fountain of life;
People: in Your light do we see light. Psalm 142:1-2; 36:9

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Having gathered to hear God's Word and receive the light of salvation and wisdom, we must first confess that, on our own, we take part in the unfruitful works of darkness because of our sins. Apart from Christ we are blind to both God's wrath and His mercy and grace for sinners. Come near to Him now so that He may have mercy on us and give us the light of His forgiveness and life.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Pastor: Merciful Father,
People: Out of the darkness of our sin and our weariness we call to You, O Lord. For we desire to see the light of Your grace and receive the enlightenment of Your truth. We plead for the forgiveness of our sin and lift our eyes to see Your salvation for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: "The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down." *Psalm 146:8*
God hears the confession of a repentant heart. In Christ, and for His sake, all your sins have been forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by The McCracken's in celebration of their anniversary.

Attendance on 3/12/23: 9:00 am– 11:00 am– Total–
Sunday School -

THIS WEEK AT PEACE March 19, 2023

Today: 9:00 am Traditional Communion Service
9:20 am Sunday School
10:20 am Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Praise Service (FH)
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Proverbs House)
7:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group
6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm Lenten Service

Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
10:00 am Lifelight Bible Study
5:45 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal
6:00 pm Girl Scouts (FH)
7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday: 6:00 pm Confirmation

Saturday : ++++++

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.

HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



Refrain
 In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 READING Isaiah 42:14-21

(The Lord turns darkness into light.)

(After the Reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 5:8-14

(Walking in the light.)

(After the Reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR

“Just As I Am”



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enable constantly to serve You; 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 bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

HOLY GOSPEL. John 9:1-41 (*Sight for a man born blind.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th 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

“Amazing Grace”

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright
 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to
 now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

MESSAGE

Pastor Mike Schultze

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, 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**

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - ling days are done.

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“Draw Near and Take The Body of The Lord”



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and 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.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT 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.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"The Gift of Love"



1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire, And have the gift
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, And striv - ing so
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, Our spir - its long



to all in - spire, And have not love, my words are
 my love pro - fess, But not be given by love with -
 to be made whole. Let in - ward love guide ev - ery



vain, As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 - in, The pro - fit soon turns strange - ly thin.
 deed; By this we wor - ship, and are freed.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His 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 is My + blood of the new testament, 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

"Lamb of God"

□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

