

Peace Lutheran Church

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025 9:00 a.m.



GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!

Thank you for joining in Worship today.

Whether you regularly worship here, are here for the first time, or are returning after a time away, your presence here is important for the worship we offer to the glory of God. May your experience of God's love be a blessing in your life. If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest register in the Narthex, near the front door. All who believe Jesus comes to us in the bread and wine are welcome at his table. The center ring in the communion tray has grape juice and the other two rings have wine.

Information in italics | **Congregation responses in bold** | * indicates please stand as you are able

Welcome & Announcements to Prepare Us for Worship

Diminishing Light of Lenten Candles

There is so much during the day that clamors for our attention. Friends, family, work, classes, household tasks. And the noise! We are bombarded with sound, from the clock that awakens us to the telephone, the radio, the television, the conversation that we have or overhear. Where is the time and place to listen for the still, small voice of God? Listen now. There is a place of quiet rest, and it is the place where God dwells within you. Close your eyes. Be aware of the place. In Lent we journey to the parts of ourselves known only to God, beneath the clamor. Let the story of Jesus reach us there. Let it teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

(A brief silence.)

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of violence in the world and to the Earth.

(A candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray... **Draw us together in your love, O God. May our restless hearts not resist you, but continue to search until they find their rest in you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**



** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

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***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray...**Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Peace Choir - "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Psalm 63:1-8

- ¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- ² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- ³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
- ⁴ **So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**
- ⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- ⁶ **when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- ⁷ For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- ⁸ **My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**



***Gospel: Luke 19:1-10**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 19th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**



¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Glory to you, O Lord...**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – Pastor Sheila Rawn



***APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Share the peace with each other as you are comfortable.

***Prayers of Intercession**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. (*A brief silence.*)

Each petition ends with: God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for Michael Knapton, Dianna Shamel, Shirley Berndt & Bill Goulding.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

***Offering Prayer**

Let us pray...**Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer (traditional)**

***Invitation to Communion**

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

***Prayer after Communion**

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Blessing**

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



** "Hark! The Glad Sound"*

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Announcements for the Good of All

Offering - Please place your gifts in the baskets in the back of the Sanctuary.

***Dismissal** - Grow in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.

Peace Lutheran Announcements

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*Attendance for Sunday, March 16, 2025 – 11 confirmed, 2 virtual
General Offerings - \$250.00*

Easter Breakfast... On Sunday, April 20, we'll be having Easter breakfast at 7:30 a.m. If you plan to come, please sign up in the narthex!

Joys and Concerns... If you have any joys and concerns you would like to add to our prayers during worship today, please fill out a 3x5 card found in the Narthex under the bulletin board and hand it to a council member before the service.

Growing Relationships... Please contact Renee Knapton by phone (262-492-0718) or by e-mail at reneeknapton@gmail.com with any joys, sorrows, prayer requests, etc. that you wish shared with fellow members.

TLC Giving Baskets... Items needed for the March and April TLC Giving Baskets are: garbage/trash bags and paper towels. Also, any monetary gifts to go towards a "pool pass" at the Burlington pool. (Please put money in an envelope and place in the giving basket).

Lent Schedule

All Wednesdays in Lent: 12:00 soup lunch, 1:00 service

April 13 – Palm Sunday service at 9:00 a.m.

April 17 – Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.

April 18 – Good Friday service at 1:00 p.m.

April 20 – Easter breakfast at 7:30, Easter service at 9:00 a.m.