Peace Lutheran Church

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"Peace Lutheran Church ... Our mission as a caring family is to reach out to all, share Christ's love, and teach God's Word."

Our Vision: Equipping Our Members to Take the Message of Jesus Where They Live, Work and Play

PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025

Divine Service, Setting Three

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11 Pew Bible, pg.981

(Congregation stands and faces processional cross)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-first chapter.



(The Gospel is read.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



- P Let us go forth in peace,
- in the name of the Lord.

P In the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 118

- P Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.
- The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- P This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
- We bless You from the house of the Lord.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

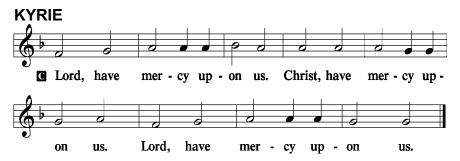
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for personal confession)

- P O Almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +



SALUTATION and COLLECT

- P The Lord be with you.

 And with thy spir it.
- Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 32:36-39 *Pew Bible, pg.206* (God will vindicate His people.)

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11 (Paul reveals what the mind of Christ is.)

Pew Bible, pg.1165

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

CREED 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 worshiped and alorified. 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

HYMN "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

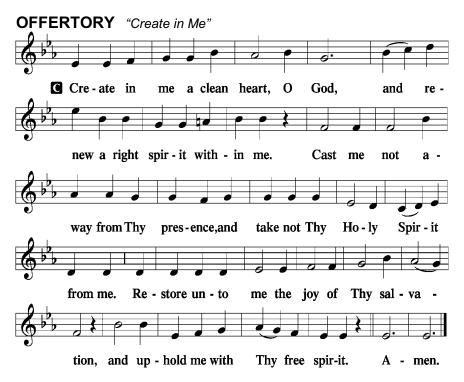
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SERMON

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WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will.

Everlasting Father, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His humble obedience and be made partakers of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- Lord Jesus Christ, You have promised us the gift of Your Holy Spirit to be our Helper in our lives of faithful obedience. It is only by Your Spirit that we have been gathered here together into one body. Just as He has mercifully worked in our lives through the proclamation of Your gospel, we ask that He would continue to work through us as we invite others to hear about Your glorious resurrection and proclaim to them the wonders of Your redemption. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P King of kings, remember in Your mercy the men and women who bear the burden of authority in this land, people like us who are easily bent towards the pressure of temptation and the impact of power. Remember them and strengthen them when they are moved to hide the truth for their own ends and give them courage to instead be servants of it. Bless Donald our President and Gretchen our Governor as well as all others whom You have given authority to rule. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P For those who attended our Journey to the Cross and relived a small part of our Lord's Passion, we pray, dear Father, that they would be captivated by the wonders of Your work in the world and built up in a relationship of trust with You through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy.
- hear our prayer.
- P We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering, those who echo the cry of the crowds on Palm Sunday and cry out "Hosanna", "save us now!". We remember especially, Ruth, Neil, Ed, Ryan, Ruth, Neil, and Heather, as well as Sandy, Jenny, Rose, Corey, Peg, Maci, Lisa, Rich, and Kathy. Answer their prayer and ours according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy.
- hear our prayer.
- Finally, O Lord and King over all things, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. You led Your Son through the wilderness for forty days to fight the schemes and temptations of the evil one. You have led us also through this season of Lent and to the beginning of this Holy Week. Guide our hearts and our minds in these coming days that we might gladly and dutifully hear Your word, treasure it in our lives, and hold it sacred above all else. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

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.

REMEMBRANCE OF CHRIST'S PASSION

- **P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.
- By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.
- P Consider Jesus, thrown down upon the cross, stretched out His arms and offered to His eternal Father the sacrifice of His life for so that we could be welcomed. They nailed His hands and feet, and then, raising the cross, left Him to die.

Then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. And over His head they put the charge against Him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And it was the third hour when they crucified Him.

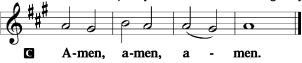
But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

upon Him was the punishment that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:23–26

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 23:1-56 Pew Bible pg.1049 (Jesus' trials before Pilate and Herod before being sentenced and executed)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty third chapter.



(The Gospel is read.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CLOSING HYMN "No Tramp of Soldiers Marching Feet" LSB 444

+ in the name of Jesus +

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