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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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 2025

Divine Service, Setting Three

MORNING MEDITATION WITH PASTOR

This Lenten season, we've been reflecting on the word "repentance". Repentance is often associated with cutting things out of our lives and avoiding that which is sinful. "Holiness" is another word that is often treated the same way. Holiness comes from living outside of the world, away from all of its sin and temptations. Or so we think. If only the Christian life were so easy. The readings from this second Sunday in Lent give us a very different picture. All three characters in our readings, Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus, create a difficult tension for us. Christians must call out the sin of the world without fear or hesitation and stamp it out whenever possible. But they must also love the world enough to serve it sacrificially and even die for it. Our repentance is therefore not a journey that leads away from the world. Our repentance is a journey that leads us to a cross. Our cross. A life of following Jesus will lead us to the same burdens of suffering, sacrificing, and selfless love for others that he had. But as Jesus tells us, those who lose their life for the sake of following him will find it. Because waiting for us at the end of this journey is the empty tomb. Do you not know that those of us who have been baptized into Christ have been baptized into his death? And if we have been united to him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united to him in a resurrection like his. The resurrection of Jesus Christ redeemed the world. Redeemed is another word you hear a lot in church. It means to buy something back with a price. Christ has bought the world back from the captivity of sin, death, and the devil, not with gold or silver, but with holy, precious blood. A Christian, therefore, must do the same. We must hate the world enough to want to see it totally and completely changed. We must love the world enough to see it worth changing. Not because it is good deep down at heart, but because Christ has died to redeem it, to make it good again. As Christians, the greatest way to follow Jesus is through our service and love for one another, knowing that all who trust in the Lord will be raised to eternal life with Him.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

**The altar is the symbolic location of God's presence in our worship. In the season of Lent, the pastor begins service outside of the altar area, signifying the consequence of our sin, which is separation from God.*

OPENING HYMN "Glory Be To Jesus" *LSB 433 v.1-4*

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 28*

P To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
C lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

P Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,
C when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

P The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.
C Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for personal confession)

P O Almighty God, merciful Father,
C 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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Glory Be To Jesus" *LSB 433 v.5-6*

After hearing the forgiving words of Christ, the pastor now enters the altar area, signifying our entrance into God's presence through the forgiveness that was won for us by the sacrifice of His Son.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, as false prophets and teachers have arisen among Your people in all ages, give us such devotion to the truth of Your Word that we may stand firm in steadfast faith all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 26:8–15
(Jeremiah threatened with death)

Pew Bible, pg.777

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

EPISTLE Philippians 3:17-4:1
(Our citizenship is in heaven.)

Pew Bible, pg.1166

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

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35
(Lament over Jerusalem)

Pew Bible, pg.1038

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CREED *Nicene Creed*

- C** 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 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" **LSB 708**

SERMON

Pastor - Jonathan Dueker

OFFERTORY "Create in Me"



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your own Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil, but may be empowered to serve you in the freedom of grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God, our Rock and our Deliverer, from the days of Cain and Abel, the blood of the innocent has cried out to you. There was no blood more innocent than Your own beloved Son Jesus Christ, who shed His blood for our sins. By His death, He has sanctified our own suffering and persecution, making it our glory. We pray now for Your Church throughout the world that faces persecution, most especially in Syria and Nigeria. Keep them, and all believers, steadfast in faith during these times of tumult and assure them of the crown life which is there's through our Risen Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P By Your Spirit grant healing and comfort to all who are in sorrow, sickness, or any adversity. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. For those whose soul clings to the dust, enliven them with Your Word. We pray especially for those near to us; *Ruth, Neil, Ed, Ryan Ruth, Neil, Heather, Scott, and Kathy* as well as *Sandy, Jenny, Rose, Corey, Peg, Maci, Lisa, and Rich*. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Good Shepherd, for those who are new to faith, grant that they would diligently seek the instruction of Your Word on their own and in the company of the saints, so that they might grow in knowledge of You and so become steadfast and immovable in the face of challenge or temptation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREPARATION *Isaiah 6*

P Above God stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

C Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

P And Isaiah said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to him, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched his mouth and said:

C Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

P 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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal Feast in sincerity and truth. 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 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

C 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 *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

P 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.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C A - men.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"
 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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LSB 421
LSB 440
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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, for sending Your Son, our Lord,
 to be both a sacrifice for our sin and a model of the godly life. By His
 body and blood, strengthen our faith to stand steadfast as inheritors of

Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF CHRIST'S PASSION

Jesus takes up His cross

P We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C **By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

P Consider Jesus as He walked this road with the cross on His shoulders, thinking of us, and offering to His Father on our behalf, the death He was about to suffer.

Carrying the cross by himself, Jesus went out to the place called “The Place of the Skull”, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and blessing.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;

C **and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

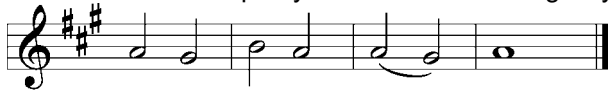
(Silence for personal reflection)

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



C **A-men, a-men, a - men.**

CLOSING HYMN “How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728

† in the name of Jesus †

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