

Peace Lutheran Church

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 2022

As We Gather In the lessons for the Second Sunday in Lent we find that there may not be a hometown advantage. God is willing but we are stubborn. We don't want to hear the truth, unless the truth is easy. Our Lord confronts us with the hard word of sin and its death that has had its way with us. He speaks with no joy and only the great sorrow and regret of a Savior, who comes to save His people, not condemn them. Will we hear it? Only the Spirit can prepare our ears to hear, our minds to receive, and our hearts to respond to this living voice. The Word of the Lord surely cuts and exposes sin, but it also heals and restores with the grace of forgiveness. Today we pray, we hear the voice of the Law lay bear our need of redemption and the voice of the Gospel tell us of the redemption that is ours by grace, through faith.

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.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

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.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

(During Lent we put away the Hymn of Praise until Easter)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O God, why do You cast us off forever?

People: Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture? *Psalm 74:1*

Pastor: May the Lord direct us to the ruins of our righteousness

People: that we may learn repentance.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Pastor: O Lord:

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, plead guilty before You of all my sins.

I have lived as if You did not matter and as if I mattered most of all.

Your name, O Lord, I have not honored as I ought; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let Your love persuade me and so my love for others has failed.

There are those whom I have hurt and those whom I have failed to help.

My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and I beg You for Your grace to forgive me all my sin and grant me Your Spirit to amend my sinful life.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy hears His peoples' cry for mercy, and for Jesus' sake forgives you all your sins. May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen

(Please be seated)

PSALM 4

Pastor: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

People: You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

Pastor: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

People: But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

Pastor: Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

People: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

Pastor: There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"

Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

People: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

Pastor: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

People: for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 READINGJeremiah 26:8-15

(The Lord has sent me to speak all these words in your ears.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READINGPhilippians 3:17 - 4:1

(St. Paul speaks with great regret over those who have lost faith in Jesus Christ and become enemies of the Gospel.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HANDBELL CHOIR.... “Lamb of God” Saxophone: David Hudnell

HOLY GOSPEL. Luke 13:31-35

(Jesus’ mercy finds rejection and rebellion instead of resolute faith.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke , the 13th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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MESSAGE

When A Flower Stops Growing, It Starts Dying: Getting Your Act Together And Your House In Order

Luke 13:31-35

Rob Rebensal

CONFESSION OF FAITH (*Apostles' Creed*)

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From thence he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew.)

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

“Create In Me”

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious onto You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.
Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
POSTLUDE**

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ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by the members of Peace.

ATTENDANCE ON 3/6/22: 9:00am-96 11:00am-30 Total-126

Sunday School: 10

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY SUNDAY March 13, 2022

9:00am

Elder: Scott Klittich
Greeters: Carol Yung
Readers: Al Bosman
Acolytes: Lucas Williamson
Ushers: Scott Klittich
Steve Rusch
Mike Elbert
Altar Care: Linda & Bill Young
Organist: Karen Foote
Choir Director: Linda La Jeunesse

11:00am

Dave Hutter

Brian Nomi

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY March 20, 2022

9:00am

Elder: Scott Klittich
Greeters: Susan Klein
Readers: Linda Young
Acolytes: Marissa Denninger
Ushers: Blaine Wanke
Keith Hedrick
Todd Harter
Altar Care: Linda & Bill Young
Organist: Karen Foote

11:00am

Dave Hutter

Peter Lee

THIS WEEK AT PEACE March 13, 2022

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

Monday: *Office closed*

Tuesday: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Council

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
6:00 pm Soup Supper
6:30 pm Women's A&AA Family Support
7:00 pm Lent Service

Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
10:00 am LifeLight Bible Study via Zoom
5:45 pm Handbell rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Friday: 6:00 pm Confirmation

Saturday: 10:00 am Praise Band practice

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10:00 am Sunday School
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 13, 2022

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- To resume on April 28th. This study is on "Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi Return to the Lord" on Thursdays, 6:45am with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Our study will also be available on Zoom. Join us. For more info, call Dave Hutter @ (805)386-7007.

THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY- Our new study will be on Galatians, Philippians, & Colossians. Thursdays at 10am via Zoom. If you would like to join this study, please contact Blaine or Diana Wanke @ 805-465-0485.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets @ 9:30AM in rotating homes, with a study of the Gospel of John. If you have any questions please call Dave Schmidt @ 805-482-3867.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues their study of Esther. For more info contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

PRAYER CHAIN- If you have a prayer request please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail footstepps@verizon.net.

THE FOOD BANK- Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the narthex. Donations are taken to the pantry weekly. Shelf stable milk, cereal, canned vegetables, tuna, and peanut butter are always needed, but all non-perishable, unexpired donations are appreciated. The pantry serves our Camarillo seniors and families that need a helping hand. We thank you for your continued support.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: The Altar Committee is looking for volunteers for 2022. The signup sheet is posted on the white board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. Please chose your favorite month and volunteer to help with this important work. Sign up with your spouse or a friend, or if you prefer, you can do it alone. If you have never done this job and are interested in volunteering, there are mentors to help you. If you have any questions about what it entails, call Linda Young at 805 236-4820 or Carol Yung at 805 504-6876.

THE 2022 FLOWER CHART is posted on the white board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. Please sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Two signups are available for each Sunday. The arrangements are \$35.00 each, and the check or money can be placed in the offering plate. Please note on the check or on the envelope that it is designated for "Flowers". Following the 9:00 service, you may take your arrangement home.



Pray for...

HEALTH AND HEALING: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Lili Baehr, Brandee Brand, Edith Braukis, Terry Breckinridge, Carolyn Cooper, Davis, Marshall Denninger, Brian Derozer, Melissa Dupuis, Nerces Eykjian, 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, Judy (friend of Schultze family), Jacque Hendricks (Pat Massey's daughter in-law), Dick Mahlke, Rick Mahlke, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mark Reuter, Mike Reuter, Toni Rizer, Lil Rodriguez (Luther's Attic worker), Tim Schmidt, Shane Sheldon (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Don Schultz, Dale Sieber, Llewyn Rae Spencer (grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), David Stafford, Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Chris and Amy Obermier, Lucas Wentland and Henry Andermann.

Also remember their families in your prayers.



Please Join us:

Soup Suppers (6:00 pm) ~ Lenten Services (7:00 pm)

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Wednesday, April 6, 2022