

## *Peace Lutheran Church*

### **“Peace Through Christ”**

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### **Fourth Sunday In Lent**

**March 10, 2024**

**As We Gather** Who does not know John 3:16? For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son. . . Yet if we are to speak of God's love, we must speak of the cross. For it is on the cross that we bear witness to exactly what God's love looks like. "Christ was killed so that He might kill that which was killing us" goes an old Lenten phrase. Far from being a symbol of shame or defeat, the cross is our glory. Where we proclaim Jesus Christ and Him crucified, the love of God reclaims the lost from their sins and bestows upon them the life that death cannot overcome.

**Welcome Children-** A cry room is located near the church entryway. Please see an usher for guidance.

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

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME**

**++PREPARATION++**

**OPENING HYMN**

**“Come, Thou Almighty King”**



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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**INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES**

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

**People: Amen.**

Deacon: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

**People: Whom shall I fear?**

Deacon: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

**People: Of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1**

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Deacon: Since we are assembled here to hear the Word of God, receive His gifts and to call upon Him in prayer, it is good that we reflect upon our unworthiness, confessing before God our sins of thought, word, and deed, including our helplessness to free ourselves from our sinful nature. It is also good that we remember who we are as the baptized children of God, a people to whom the Lord has shown His mercy, cleansed from all sin, and declared righteous in Christ our Lord. We come here today to rejoice in the grace by which we are forgiven and, for the sake of Christ, to be restored by His mercy to serve Him and walk in His ways.

*(Silence for meditation and reflection)*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins.

**People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Deacon: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, by your faith in His perfect life, His sacrificial death for you on a cross, and His glorious resurrection, forgives you all your sins. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the blood of peace. *Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*

### HYMN

#### "By Grace I'm Saved"



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct  
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,  
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must  
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our  
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.  
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.

### LENTEN KYRIE

Deacon: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Deacon: Let us pray. Every morning we see the signs of Your grace and mercy, O Lord. Every day You clothe, feed, and protect us. Though we do not deserve Your kindness, You do not cease to show us Your love. Help us to acknowledge Your kindness and look to the love revealed on the cross; 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** . . . . . *Numbers 21:4-9*

*(The unbelief of God's people resulted in His judgment but the same Lord gave them healing and hope.)*

*(After the reading)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** . . . . . *Ephesians 2:1-10*

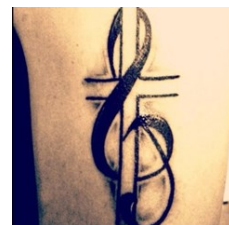
*(Once dead in trespasses and sin, the Lord has redeemed us by the gift of His grace in Christ, our Lord.)*

*(After the reading)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HANDBELL CHOIR ... "Holy Is the Lord"**



**HOLY GOSPEL** . . . . . *John 3:14-21*

*(As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up that all who believe in Him may have eternal life.)*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(After the reading)*

Deacon: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Praise to You O Christ.**

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

**HYMN OF THE DAY "God Loved the World So That He Gave"**



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

**MESSAGE**

**“A Soundbite for the Ages (But Don’t Miss the Context!)”**

*John 3:14-21*

Deacon Bob Hutchison

**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.  
The ushers will pick it up after the service.)*

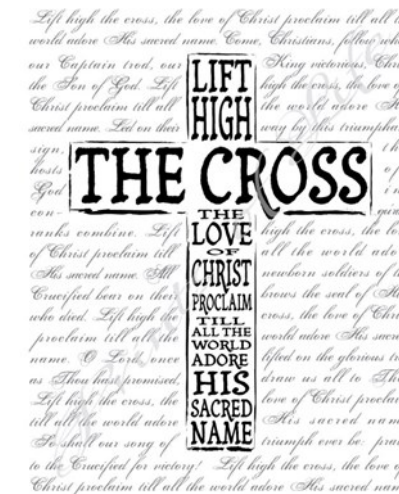
**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**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**


Deacon: 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 His  
peace.  
**People: Amen.**




**CLOSING HYMN**

**“Lift High the Cross”**

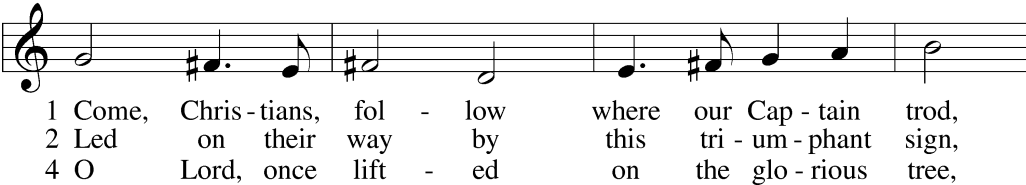
*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till

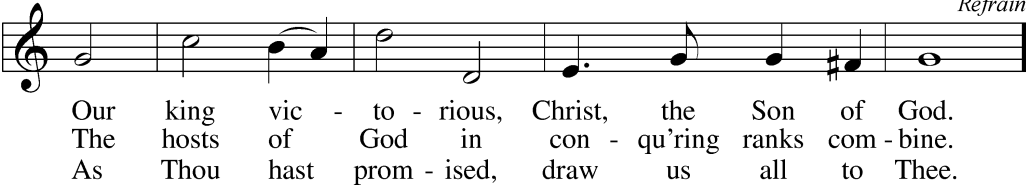


all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,  
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

*Refrain*



Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.  
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

**Attendance:** 3/3/24 9am: **88** 11am: **26** Total: **114**

**Altar Flowers:** Given to the glory of God by the members of Peace.

**THIS WEEK AT PEACE March 10, 2024**

- Sunday: 9:00 am Traditional Service  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Adult Bible Study  
11:00 am Traditional Service  
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship  
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)
- Monday: Office closed
- Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
- Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther’s Attic Volunteers  
6:00 pm Soup Supper  
**7:00 pm Lenten Service**  
6:30 pm A.C.A. Women’s Support Group (PH)
- Thursday: 5:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Friday: 4:00 pm Girl Scouts
- Saturday: ++++++

**THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY, March 10, 2024**

	<b><u>9am</u></b>	<b><u>11am</u></b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Al Bosman	Blaine Wanke
<b>Greeter:</b>		Luci Pommers
<b>Reader:</b>	Al Bosman	Don Haven
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Noah Ylizaliturri	Lucas Williamson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Blaine Wanke Henry Andermann Todd Harter	Dave Schmidt Roy Poehler Jim DeVries
<b>Altar Care:</b>	Bill & Linda Young	
<b>Cookie &amp; Coffee Service:</b>	S. McCracken, L. Pommers	
<b>Organist:</b>	Karen Foote	
<b>Handbell Choir Director:</b>	Linda La Jeunesse	

**THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT WEEK, March 17, 2024**

**9am**

**Elder:** Al Bosman  
**Greeter:**  
**Reader:** Dave Schmidt  
**Acolyte:** Marshall Denninger  
**Ushers:** Glenn Benitz  
Scott Ehlers  
Steve Rusch

**11am**

Blaine Wanke  
Cindy Klittich  
Blaine Wanke  
Michelle Ullerick  
Mike McCracken  
Tom La Jeunesse  
Rick Poore

**Altar Care:** Bill & Linda Young

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**PRAY FOR:** Edith Anderson, Ashley, Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Michael Draper, Beverly Gandy, Damon Hermann, Vicki Hutter, K. Johnson, Carol Marker, Pat Massey, Ryan Scott Morrison, Norma Regalia, T. Schmidt, D. Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, B. Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa Wright, Sue Zinger & Elle Zorkocy.

**FOR OUR MILITARY:** Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, K. Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Avery Chapman & Adam Volpei.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 10, 2024**

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS** is held, in the Proverbs House, our class will meet 15 minutes after service. We will begin our study of "Recovering the Joy of Theology" watching Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller present theological content in an interesting way. More info, call Kevin Krumdieck 805-551-8507

**TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is held at 10am with a study of Acts. Contact Leila Langston for more info at : 714-875-6340

**LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY** We will break until 4/11/24. Contact Blaine or Diana Wanke for more info @ 805-490-8212.

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

**THE 2024 FLOWER CHART** is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. There are two signups available for each Sunday, so please sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Each arrangement is \$40.00, and the donation can be placed in an envelope in the offering plate. If you do write a check, please note on the check or on the envelope that the donation is designated for "Flowers". Following the last service, you may take your arrangement home or they may be donated to one of our shut-ins.

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:** Our donations for the food pantry taken to the Episcopal Church for distribution have declined in recent months. Just a reminder that there is food insecurity here in Camarillo and your donations help our neighbors. Please put your items in the box in the narthex. The Food Pantry values our partnership, which in turn is appreciated by the recipients of your generosity! Board of Social Concerns at 805-236-4820.

**ALTAR CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Altar Committee is still in need of volunteers for 2024. If you have never done this job and are interested in learning about it, there are mentors to assist you. The signup sheet is located in the Narthex, on the bulletin board outside of the Cry Room. Please choose a month to volunteer to help with this important task. You can sign up with your spouse, with a friend, or alone. If you have any questions, contact Linda Young at 805-236-4820 or by email at [nephronurse@verizon.net](mailto:nephronurse@verizon.net).

## *Lent & Easter Schedule*

**Soup Suppers (6:00 pm) ~**

**Lenten Services (7:00 pm)**

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024 - Guest Preacher,  
Pastor Ben Mai

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024 - Guest Preacher,  
Pastor Paul Koch

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - Guest Preacher,  
Ernie Jeong

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - Guest Preacher,  
Pastor Matt Nolte

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 - Guest Preacher,  
Pastor Eric Mettala

**Palm Sunday, March 24**

9:00am Traditional Worship

11:00am Traditional Worship

**Maundy Thursday, March 28**

7:00 pm

Worship Service with Holy Communion

**Good Friday, March 29**

12:00 noon Service of Reflection  
and Remembrance

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service of Darkness

**The Resurrection of Our Lord  
Easter Sunday, March 31**

9am & 11am Communion Service  
Brunch following the 9am Service