

Peace Lutheran Church

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SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER

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RINGING OF THE BELL PRELUDE

INVOCATION

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

Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: All those who await His appearance pray:

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: The whole creation pleads:

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

HYMN & CANDLE LIGHTING



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Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

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PSALM 32:1-7, 10-11

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

whose sin is covered.

People: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no

iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Pastor: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

my strength was dried up^[b] as by the heat of summer.

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to you,

and I did not cover my iniquity;

People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Therefore let everyone who is godly

offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

People: surely in the rush of great waters,

they shall not reach him.

Pastor: You are a hiding place for me;

you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

People: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in

the LORD.

Pastor: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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MAGNIFICAT (Mary's Song of Praise)



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+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38 ¹⁷ In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸ Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹ And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁰ He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹ And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶ Throughout all their journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷ But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸ For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 2nd chapter. People: Glory to You, O Lord.

2 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. 5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

¹³ He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁵ And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

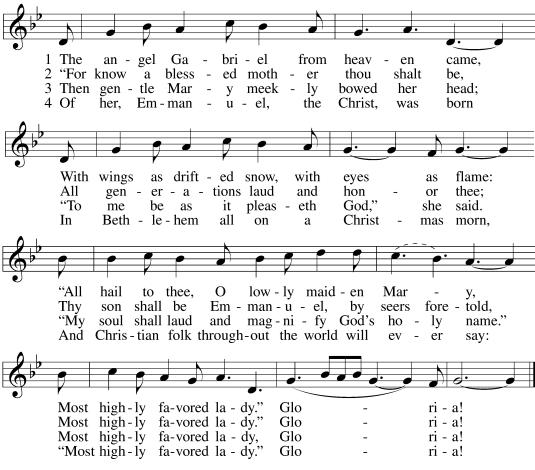
Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ



HYMN

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"



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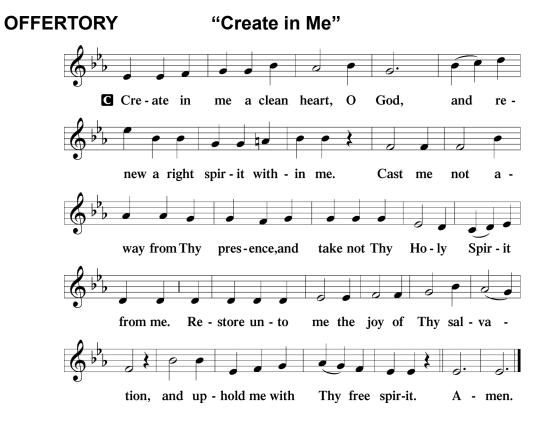
MESSAGE

"Our Lord's Authority Over Sin"

Mark 2:1-17 Pastor Paul Koch

OFFERING

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Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

We pray, O Lord, for Your wisdom and guidance as we live our lives this week in the world. Empower us to be bold witnesses for You that we may sing Your praises in such a way that people are drawn to Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the sick, O Lord, we ask for Your mercy. Place Your healing hand upon them and grant true wisdom to the medical professionals who minister to them on Your behalf.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those in need, for the hungry, the hurting, the lonely, and the depressed we pray, O Lord, that they may find in You all they need to bring peace to their hearts and provisions for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the elderly, and the homebound, O Lord, we pray for strength of body, mind, and spirit. Grant them to see the value of their lives and the contribution they make to be a blessing to each of us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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 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.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son,

and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you now and

always.

People: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

"All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"



- 5 When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply; Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow'rs of darkness me molest.
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



Please join us for:

Advent Soup Suppers
Wednesday - December 6, 13 & 20th
6 pm followed by
Advent Worship Service @ 7 pm
Christmas Luncheon

December 10th after service

Preschool Program

December 15th @ 12:15pm Children's Christmas Program / Traditional Service

One AM Service Only @ 10:00 am Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 5:00pm Contemporary & 7:00pm Traditional

> Chrístmas Day Service One Service Only @ 10:00 am

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