Peace Lutheran Church "Peace Through Christ"

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 2024

As We Gather As if we did not have enough problems, the readings begin by rehearsing the commandments. Before the magnifying glass of the Law, our cause for boasting melts away and we are left with only Jesus Christ. His righteousness is not the object of our admiration but His gift to us in our Baptism. The proof of His faithfulness lies in His promise to rise again after three days. Once this was seen as blasphemy but Jesus proved the words true. When He was raised from the dead, His disciples recalled what He has said and believed the Word of the Lord. Do we believe it today?

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God's forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ's body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to the Pastor.

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 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"



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INVOCATION and OPENING VERSES

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

Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Deliver me from sinking into the mire;

People: Deliver me from all my sins and my enemies and

from the flood of death.

Pastor: O Lord, Your steadfast love is good.

People: According to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father

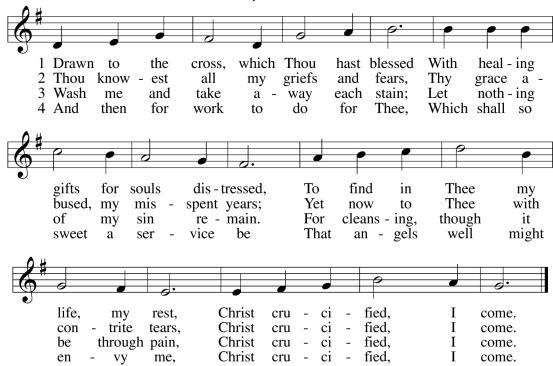
People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.







PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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+

Colors

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(After the Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord **People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God Himself Is Present"



Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769, abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, alt.; tr. John Miller, 1756–90, alt. Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650–80
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MESSAGE

"Behold, the Dwelling Place of God Is With Man."

(John 2:13-22)

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CONFESSION OF FAITH (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 worshipped 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 of the world to come. 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.)

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

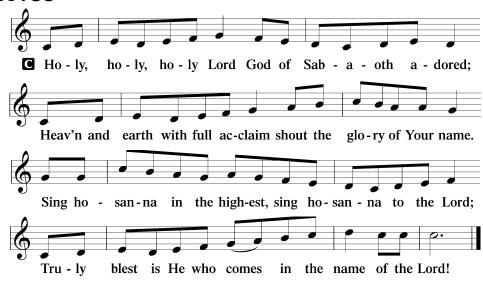
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have brought to earth the brightness of Your heavenly kingdom. 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



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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

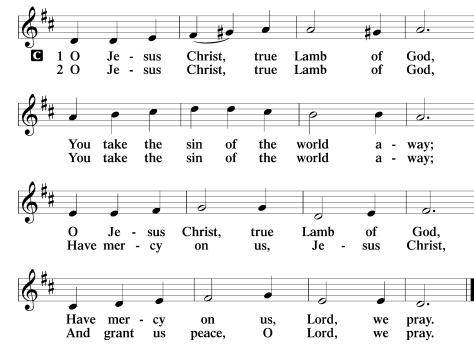
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when 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."

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



(Please be seated)

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION



"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"



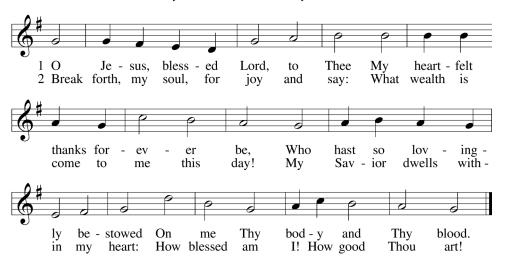
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"How Firm a Foundation"



POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"



Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one an other; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord, who made heaven and earth, bless you and keep you.

> The Lord, who stopped at nothing to save you, make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord, whose glory it is always to show love and mercy, look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Attendance: 2/25/24-10:30am = 94 Sunday School-15

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God and in memory of Darylene Williams, by Hal & Heather Williams, and God's Heart Ministry. On the first year of her passing, her family and friends take comfort in that she is with our Lord and grateful she was in their lives to experience her love.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE March 3, 2024

Sunday: 9:00 am Traditional Communion Service

9:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Adult Bible Study

11:00 am Traditional Communion 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: 10:00 am Lifelight Bible Study

5:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday: +++++++++++++++

Saturday: 11:00 am Memorial Service for Susanne Klein

SPRING AHEAD!! TIME CHANGE BEFORE GOING TO BED.

THOSE WHO SERVE US Today, March 3, 2024

<u>9am</u> <u>11am</u>

Elder: Al Bosman Blaine Wanke **Greeter:** Connie Morris

Reader:David HudnellBrian NomiAcolyte:Blake DenningerGavin Nava

Ushers:Gary TaylorMike McCrackenBill YoungTom La Jeunesse

Rick Poore

Altar Care: Bill & Linda Young

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. McCracken, L. Pommers

Organist: Karen Foote

Choir Accompanist: Sandy Haven Choir Director: Linda La Jeunesse

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT WEEK, March 10, 2024

<u>9am</u> <u>11am</u>

Elder:Al BosmanBlaine WankeGreeter:Luci PommersReader:Al BosmanDon Haven

Acolyte:Noah YlizaliturriLucas WilliamsonUshers:Blaine WankeDave SchmidtHenry AndermannRoy PoehlerTodd HarterJim DeVries

Altar Care: Bill & Linda Young

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Please pray for the Williamsons (Susan Klein's daughter) and all of Susan's surviving relatives, as Susan went home to the loving arms of her Savior.

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