

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CREATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021



THIRD SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

*The Mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ through worship and ministering to all God's people equipping them for service to God and to each other.*

\* Friendly reminder: Please have your mask on throughout the entire Service. A Ritual of Friendship card is also included in the bulletin. You may drop it in the offering basket after the service. During communion Sunday, please write a "C" or "Communion" on the card if you took communion. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Organist

OPENING HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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## INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. 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.

C **The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

C **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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## INTROIT *Psalm 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9*

P For zeal for your house has consumed me,

C **and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**

P Deliver me from sinking in the mire;

C **let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

P Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,

C **or the pit close its mouth over me.**

P Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;

C **according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Oh Lord, have mercy on us.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Oh Lord, have mercy on us.**

P 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.

C **Oh Lord, have mercy on us.**

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

**C Oh Lord, have mercy on us.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **COLLECT PRAYER**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

### **FIRST READING** *Exodus 20:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?  
Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish  
the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God,  
the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased  
God through the folly of what we preach to save those who  
believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek  
wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block  
to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called,  
both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the  
wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than  
men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you  
were wise according to worldly standards, not many were  
powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose  
what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose  
what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose  
what is low and despised in the world, even things that are  
not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human  
being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source  
of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom  
and our righteousness and sanctification and  
redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who  
boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 19; antiphon: v. 8**

P The heavens declare the glory of God,

C **and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

P Day to day pours out speech,  
C **and night to night reveals knowledge.**

P There is no speech, nor are there words,  
C **whose voice is not heard.**

P Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,  
C **and their words to the end of the world.**

P In them he has set a tent for the sun,  
C **which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his  
chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course  
with joy.**

P Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
C **and its circuit to the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

P The law of the LORD is perfect,  
C **reviving the soul;**

P the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
C **making wise the simple;**

P the precepts of the LORD are right,  
C **rejoicing the heart;**

P the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
C **enlightening the eyes;**

P the fear of the LORD is clean,  
C **enduring forever;**

P the just decrees of the LORD are true,  
C **and righteous altogether.**

P More to be desired are they than gold,  
**C even much fine gold;**

P sweeter also than honey  
**C and drippings of the honeycomb.**

P Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
**C in keeping them there is great reward.**

P Who can discern his errors?  
**C Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

P Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
**C let them not have dominion over me!**

P Then I shall be blameless,  
**C and innocent of great transgression.**

P Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
**C be acceptable in your sight,  
 O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 2:13–22*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.  
**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the

pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

<sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE HYMN**

*“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”* LSB 560

1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so

gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might

life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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**MESSAGE**

Rev. Dennis Wenholz

“What Pleases God?” 1 Cor. 1:18-31

**CREED Apostles’ Creed**

**C** 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

**SPIRITUALLY SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.

**CLOSING HYMN “Built on the Rock” LSB 645 (verses 1-3, 5)**

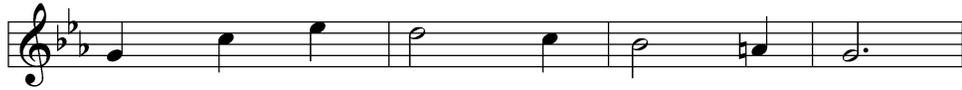
1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God’s house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the

stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing

ev - ’ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

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The LORD look upon you with favor and give ✠ you peace.

**C Amen.**

**CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

*Organist*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, because You have made us a new creation in Christ as His redeemed and restored people. Having been forgiven, lead us to live lives of humble service; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.

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