



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

PRELUDE

Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace Handbell Choir

*“Arioso” – Georg Friedrich Handel
Laura Shaghoian, Pianist*

OPENING HYMN

“In Adam We Have All Been One” LSB 569 (Tune: LSB 524)

- 1 In Adam we have all been one,
One huge rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice
That sought us as we ran.
- 2 We fled Thee, and in losing Thee
We lost our brother too;
Each singly sought and claimed his own;
Each man his brother slew.
- 3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still
And sent Thine only Son
That we might hear His Shepherd's voice
And, hearing Him, be one.

4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee not,
Didst love and save us all,
Thou great Good Shepherd of mankind,
O hear us when we call.

5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;
Thou Son, O set us free
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
To make us one in Thee.

△6 Then shall our song united rise
To Thine eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore
And Spirit Thou art one.

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Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their
Baptism.*

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

C Amen. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart
and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching
Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my
sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You
and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and
sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,
innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a
poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a
called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the
grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the
command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your
sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of
the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C Amen.

Service of the Word

INTROIT *Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16*

P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with
him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

**C With long life I will satisfy him and show him my
salvation.**

P Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

**C no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

P For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

C On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

P You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion
and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

LSB 186



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
 cursed are you above all livestock
 and above all beasts of the field;
 on your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.
¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and her offspring;
 he shall bruise your head,
 and you shall bruise his heel.”
¹⁶To the woman he said,
 “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
 in pain you shall bring forth children.
 Your desire shall be for your husband,
 and he shall rule over you.”
¹⁷And to Adam he said,
 “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
 and have eaten of the tree
 of which I commanded you,
 ‘You shall not eat of it,’
 cursed is the ground because of you;
 in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
 and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹By the sweat of your face
 you shall eat bread,
 till you return to the ground,
 for out of it you were taken;
 for you are dust,
 and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was
 the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam
 and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 32:1–7

P Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
 whose sin is covered.

**C Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no
 iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
 through my groaning all day long.

**C For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
 my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

P I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my
 iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the
 LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**C Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to
 you at a time when you may be found; surely in the
 rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

P You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from
 trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:12–19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through
 one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all
 men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world
 before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there
 is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even

over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter

came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you," and

"On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

LSB 191

**C 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
worshiped 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.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY *“The Tree of Life” LSB 561*

- 1 The tree of life with ev’ry good
In Eden’s holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet
God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew
Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned
Against whose eating God had warned.
- 2 The stillness of that sacred grove
Was broken, as the serpent strove
With tempting voice Eve to beguile
And Adam too by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
Its awful poison first displayed
Within the world so newly made.
- 3 What mercy God showed to our race,
A plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman’s seed,
The One to fill our greatest need—
For on a tree uplifted high
His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread
To crush the ancient serpent’s head!

4 Now from that tree of Jesus' shame
 Flows life eternal in His name;
 For all who trust and will believe,
 Salvation's living fruit receive.
 And of this fruit so pure and sweet
 The Lord invites the world to eat,
 To find within this cross of wood
 The tree of life with ev'ry good.

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"The Whole Truth vs Half Truth" Gen. 3:1-21

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
 keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*

C Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY *Psalm 51:10-12* **LSB 192**

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

LSB 196

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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His
 face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord
 lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” LSB 657

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might.
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God’s only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat’ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpow’r us.
Let this world’s tyrant rage;
In battle we’ll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;

God’s judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

- 4 God’s Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom’s ours forever!

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POSTLUDE

Organist

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