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Lenten Midweek Worship Service

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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.

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES 2023
"CHRONICLES OF THE KING"**

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Oh King, Kinsmen Redeemer
Help me oh Lord.

I believe and trust that You and You alone are my Savior.
Blot out my transgressions and wipe away my shame.
Help me oh Lord, for there is no one to turn to except you.
Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME

INVOCATION *(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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

SECOND WEDNESDAY IN



LENT

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity or my sin.

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.

C Amen.

INVITATORY

P Behold, the King comes.

C Oh, come, let us return to the Lord.

OPENING HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” LSB 450 (verse 3)

3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior!

'Tis I deserve Thy place;

Look on me with Thy favor,

And grant to me Thy grace.

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus ✠ Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And with your spirit.

KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Lord, have mercy upon us.

P Christ, have mercy upon us.

C Christ, have mercy upon us.

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. Help us to know and trust that You and You alone is the One who forgives our sins and washes away our shame. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

2 Chronicles 17:1-6; 18:1-3; 19:1-7

¹Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place and strengthened himself against Israel. ²He placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim that Asa his father had captured. ³The LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the earlier ways of his father David. He did not seek the Baals, ⁴but sought the God of his father and walked in his commandments, and not according to the practices of Israel. ⁵Therefore the LORD established the kingdom in his hand. And all Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, and he had great riches and honor. ⁶His heart was courageous in the ways of the LORD. And furthermore, he took the high places and the Asherim out of Judah.

¹Now Jehoshaphat had great riches and honor, and he made a marriage alliance with Ahab. ²After some years he went down to Ahab in Samaria. And Ahab killed an abundance of sheep and oxen for him and for the people who were with him, and induced him to go up against Ramoth-gilead. ³Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead?" He answered him, "I am as you are, my people as your people. We will be with you in the war."

¹Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned in safety to his house in Jerusalem. ²But Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Because of this, wrath has gone out against you from the LORD. ³Nevertheless, some good is found in you, for you destroyed the Asherahs out of the land, and have set your heart to seek God."

⁴Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem. And he went out again among the people, from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD, the God of their fathers. ⁵He appointed judges in the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, ⁶and said to the judges, "Consider what you do, for you judge not for man but for the LORD. He is with you in giving judgment. ⁷Now then, let the fear of the LORD be upon you. Be careful what you do, for there is no injustice with the LORD our God, or partiality or taking bribes."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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P My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

C You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.

P Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty!

C In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

P Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you.

C Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

P you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

C your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

P daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

C Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house,

P and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him.

C The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people.

P All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.

C In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her.

P With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

C In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.

P I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

SECOND READING

Revelation 2:18-28

¹⁸“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

¹⁹“I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²²Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve. ²⁴But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸And I will give him the morning star.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But

immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing" LSB 584

- 1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground.
- 2 May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory
Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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HOMILY

Pastor Dennis Wenzholz

"Strange Bedfellows: Jehoshaphat"

OFFERTORY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LSB 805

- △ 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.
Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(stand)*

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**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

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Prepare the way of the Lord.

C Make His paths straight.

BENEDICTION

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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven" LSB 877

- 1 God, who made the earth and heaven,
Darkness and light:
You the day for work have given,
For rest the night.
May Your angel guards defend us,
Slumber sweet Your mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us
All through the night.
- 2 And when morn again shall call us
To run life's way,
May we still, whate'er befall us,
Your will obey.
From the pow'r of evil hide us,
In the narrow pathway guide us,
Never be Your smile denied us
All through the day.
- 3 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
And when we die,
May we in Your mighty keeping
All peaceful lie.
When the last dread call shall wake us,
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us
With You on high.
- △ 4 Holy Father, throned in heaven,
All-holy Son,

Holy Spirit, freely given,
Blest Three in One:
Grant us grace, we now implore You,
Till we lay our crowns before You
And in worthier strains adore You
While ages run.

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LENTEN SCHEDULE

Join us on Wednesdays for our **Soup Suppers** at 5:30 PM
and **Midweek Lenten Services** at 6:30 PM.
Dates: **March 15, 22, and 29**

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES 2023: “CHRONICLES OF THE KING”

Sermon Titles and Readings are subject to change

- 3/15** — Lenten Midweek 3: “Cleaning House: Joash”
(2 Chronicles 24:1-4, 17-25; Psalm 122; Hebrews 10:19-25; John 2:13-22)
- 3/22** — Lenten Midweek 4: “Know Thyself: Uzziah”
(2 Chronicles 26:1-5, 15b-21; Psalm 110; Hebrews 7:1-10, 26-28; John 10:11-18)
- 3/29** — Lenten Midweek 5: “Our Last Hope: Josiah”
(2 Chronicles 34:1-3; 35:20-27; Psalm 30; Revelation 21:1-6b; Luke 23:26-31)
- 4/6** — Lenten Midweek 6, **Maundy Thursday:**
“Prepare Food: Hezekiah”
*(2 Chronicles 30:1-5, 10-13, 22b-27;
Exodus 24:3-11; Psalm 116:12-19; Matt. 26: 17-30)*
- 4/7** — Lenten Midweek 6, **Good Friday:**
“WORST. BEST. KING EVER: Manasseh”
(2 Chronicle 33:1-20; Psalm 22; John 19:17-30)
- 4/9** — **Easter Vigil / Sunrise Service:** “After The End”
(Ezekiel 37:1-14, 24-28; Psalm 16; Matthew 27:57-66)
- 4/9** — **EASTER DAY:** “Long Lives The King of Kings!”