

**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 ONE**

**PRELUDE**

*Organist*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Peace Handbell Choir*

*“Palm Sunday Celebration” – arr. by Dan R. Edwards*

**OPENING HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” LSB 442**

***Refrain***

*All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

- 1 You are the King of Israel  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our King and Blessèd One. ***Refrain***
- 2 The company of angels  
Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply. ***Refrain***
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before You went;



Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before You we present. **Refrain**

4 To You before Your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. **Refrain**

5 As You received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King. **Refrain**

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### Confession and Absolution

*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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the  
truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and  
just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all  
unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C 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.** *[John 20:19-23]*

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.**

### Service of the Word

**INTROIT** *Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26*

P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**C Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient  
doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

**C Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient  
doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

**C Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

**KYRIE** *Mark 10:47*

*LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*LSB 156*

P The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord God helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 118:19–29*

P Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter  
through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**C This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

P I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**C The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**

P This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.**

P Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

P The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine  
upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!

**C You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.**

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**EPISTLE**

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in  
Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not  
count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made  
himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in  
the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he  
humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of  
death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly  
exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above  
every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should  
bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and  
every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of  
God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 12:20–43*

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup>So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup>So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup>While you

have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. <sup>37</sup>Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup>so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been  
revealed?”

<sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

<sup>40</sup>“He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their heart,  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and understand with their heart, and turn,  
and I would heal them.”

<sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. <sup>42</sup>Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Sit*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet” LSB 444*

- 1 No tramp of soldiers’ marching feet  
With banners and with drums,

No sound of music's martial beat:  
"The King of glory comes!"  
To greet what pomp of kingly pride  
No bells in triumph ring,  
No city gates swing open wide:  
"Behold, behold your King!"

2 And yet He comes. The children cheer;  
With palms His path is strown.  
With ev'ry step the cross draws near:  
The King of glory's throne.  
Astride a colt He passes by  
As loud hosannas ring,  
Or else the very stones would cry  
"Behold, behold your King!"

3 What fading flow'rs His road adorn;  
The palms, how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn  
The King of glory's crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,  
The streets with tumult ring,  
As Pilate to the mob replies,  
"Behold, behold your King!"

4 Now He who bore for mortals' sake  
The cross and all its pains  
And chose a servant's form to take,  
The King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior's name  
Till heaven's rafters ring,  
And all the ransomed host proclaim  
"Behold, behold your King!"

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## SERMON

Rev. Dennis Wenholz

### "The Gates of Righteousness Are Open"

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19* LSB 159

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

## APOSTLES' CREED

*LSB 158*

**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.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

Service of the Sacrament

**PREFACE**

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

☐ And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

☐ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P 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, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

LSB 161

☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*LSB 162*

**P** 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24*

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*LSB 162*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**PAX DOMINI** *John 20:19*

*LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.





A - men.

### AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

### DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637*

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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*“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” LSB 556 (v. 1-5)*

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict’ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan’s chains I lay;  
Death brooded darkly o’er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell;  
My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught,  
No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God’s judgment fought,  
Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state  
Before the world’s foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great,

He planned for my salvation.  
 He turned to me a father's heart;  
 He did not choose the easy part  
 But gave His dearest treasure.

- 5 God said to His beloved Son:  
 "It's time to have compassion.  
 Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
 And bring to all salvation.  
 From sin and sorrow set them free;  
 Slay bitter death for them that they  
 May live with You forever."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt. Text: Public domain

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LSB 443*

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
 The little children sang;  
 Through pillared court and temple  
 The lovely anthem rang.  
 To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
 Close folded to His breast,  
 The children sang their praises,  
 The simplest and the best.
- 2 From Olivet they followed  
 Mid an exultant crowd,  
 The victor palm branch waving  
 And chanting clear and loud.  
 The Lord of earth and heaven  
 Rode on in lowly state  
 Nor scorned that little children  
 Should on His bidding wait.

- 3 "Hosanna in the highest!"  
 That ancient song we sing;  
 For Christ is our Redeemer,  
 The Lord of heav'n our King.  
 Oh, may we ever praise Him  
 With heart and life and voice  
 And in His blissful presence  
 Eternally rejoice!

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*Stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *Luke 2:29-32* *LSB 199*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 166

A 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 another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” LSB 441

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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## CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

*Organist*

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