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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*

#### OPENING HYMN

*"We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died" LSB 429 (Tune: LSB 178)*

- 1 We sing the praise of Him who died,  
Of Him who died upon the cross.  
The sinner's hope let all deride;  
For this we count the world but loss.
- 2 Inscribed upon the cross we see  
In shining letters, "God is love."  
He bears our sins upon the tree;  
He brings us mercy from above.
- 3 The cross! It takes our guilt away;  
It holds the fainting spirit up;  
It cheers with hope the gloomy day  
And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.
- 4 It makes the coward spirit brave  
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;  
It takes the terror from the grave  
And gilds the bed of death with light;

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
The measure and the pledge of love,  
The sinner's refuge here below,  
The angels' theme in heav'n above.

6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace  
By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
Be praise from all the ransomed race  
Forever and forevermore.

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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.** *Psalms 124:8*

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

**PSALM** *25:1-10*

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**C O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

P Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**C Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

P Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

**C Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**C Good and upright is the LORD;**

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

P He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

C **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**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.

**LENTEN CANTICLE**

*“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”* *LSB 422*

1 On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,  
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!

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**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

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 22:1–18*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

A This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

*James 1:12–18*

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let

no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

A This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 1: 9–15*

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

■ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ 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**

*“O Christ, You Walked the Road” LSB 424*

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand’ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r  
And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone  
Can fill our hung’ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,  
The food Your grace imparts.

- 3 No blinding sign we ask,  
No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone  
In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain  
With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;  
Our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand'ring feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour  
To fight our ancient foe.

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## SERMON

### “When Testing Comes” St. Mark 1:9-15

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.

## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Halle Vang, Noelle Vang, Ilyssa Her, Faith Her,  
Sunny Lee, June Xiong, Gladys Xiong, Jenny Her

## 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 194

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

☐ And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]

☐ It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 195*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *LSB 197*

**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  
 Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**PAX DOMINI** *John 20:19* *LSB 197*

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

**C** A - men.

**AGNUS DEI** *John 1:29* *LSB 198*

**O** Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

## DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” LSB 435*

- 1 Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain,  
 Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
 Here a pure and healing fountain  
 Flows for you, for me, for all,  
 In a full, perpetual tide,  
 Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
 Come defiled, without, within;  
 From infection and uncleanness,  
 From the leprosy of sin,  
 Wash your robes and make them white;  
 Ye shall walk with God in light.

- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
 Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
 Here the guilty, free remission,  
 Here the troubled, peace may find.  
 Health this fountain will restore;  
 They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever;  
 ’Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
 God is faithful; God will never  
 Break His covenant of blood,  
 Signed when our Redeemer died,  
 Sealed when He was glorified.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt. Text: Public domain

*“Not All the Blood of Beasts” LSB 431*

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts  
 On Jewish altars slain  
 Could give the guilty conscience peace  
 Or wash away the stain.
- 2 But Christ, the heav’nly Lamb,  
 Takes all our sins away;  
 A sacrifice of nobler name  
 And richer blood than they.
- 3 My faith would lay its hand  
 On that dear head of Thine,  
 While as a penitent I stand,  
 And there confess my sin.
- 4 My soul looks back to see  
 The burden Thou didst bear



When hanging on the cursèd tree;  
I know my guilt was there.

- 5 Believing, we rejoice  
To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice  
And sing His bleeding love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Text: Public domain

“Glory Be to Jesus” LSB 433

- 1 Glory be to Jesus,  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood  
From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal  
In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion,  
Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages  
Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment  
Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel’s blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries.
- 5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

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Stand

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

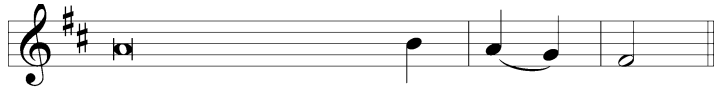
LSB 199

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.

**THANKSGIVING** Psalm 107:1

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

**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** "I Walk in Danger All the Way" LSB 716

- 1 I walk in danger all the way.  
The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey,  
Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares  
May seize me unawares  
If I should fail to watch and pray.  
I walk in danger all the way.
- 2 I pass through trials all the way,  
With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day  
The cross of God's own sending.  
When in adversity  
I know not where to flee,  
When storms of woe my soul dismay,  
I pass through trials all the way.
- 3 And death pursues me all the way,  
Nowhere I rest securely;  
He comes by night, he comes by day,  
He takes his prey most surely.  
A failing breath, and I  
In death's strong grasp may lie  
To face eternity today  
As death pursues me all the way.
- 4 I walk with angels all the way,  
They shield me and befriend me;

All Satan's pow'r is held at bay  
When heav'nly hosts attend me;  
They are my sure defense,  
All fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may,  
I walk with angels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way,  
His guidance never fails me;  
Within His wounds I find a stay  
When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
And by His footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread.  
No evil leads my soul astray;  
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When God's good healing shall allay  
All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.  
Then, worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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### POSTLUDE

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