



## 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*

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

*– arr. by Kevin McChesney*

#### OPENING HYMN

*"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" LSB 812*

- 1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.
- 2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,  
"To be exalted thus!"  
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,  
"For He was slain for us!"
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honor and pow'r divine;  
And blessings more than we can give  
Be, Lord, forever Thine.

- 4 Let all creation join in one  
To bless the sacred name  
Of Him who sits upon the throne  
And to adore the Lamb.

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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

#### PSALM

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P The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

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

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

C **Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world. In them he  
has set a tent for the sun,**

P which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

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

P The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the  
testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

C **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening  
the eyes;**

P the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.  
**C More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

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

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

P Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

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

**C 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** *Mark 10:47*

*LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** 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.



**C** 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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

**LENTEN CANTICLE**

*LSB 422*

*“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”*

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**

*LSB 156*

P The Lord be with you.

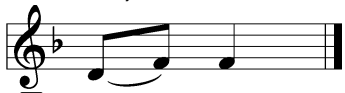
*2 Timothy 4:22*



And al - so with you.

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.



A - men.

Sit

### OLD TESTAMENT

*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.**

*Stand*

### HOLY GOSPEL

*John 2:13–25*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



**C** Glo - ry 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.

<sup>23</sup>Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup>and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” LSB 418 (Tune: LSB 733)*

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days  
You prayed and kept the fast;  
Inspire repentance for our sin,  
And free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won;  
Your faithfulness endured;  
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust  
In God’s eternal Word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed  
And fixed Your mind above;  
So teach us to deny ourselves,  
Since we have known God’s love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,  
And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns,  
We join in heaven’s praise.

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**SERMON**

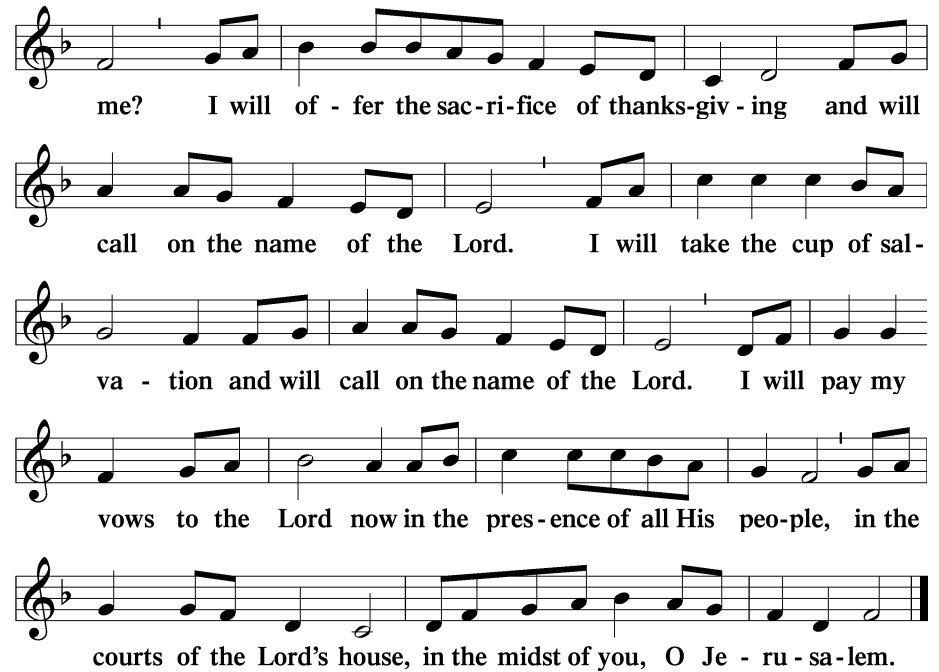
**“Zeal Revealed”  
St. John 2:13-25**

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



**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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. 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



P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]



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 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 161



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

**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**

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” LSB 618

- I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
 For weak and weary is my soul;  
 Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
 To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
 Be for my soul the highest good!

- Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
 That sinners may salvation see  
 Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
 So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*
- Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
 Because I have a sinful heart,  
 Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
 For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*
- Weary am I and heavy laden;  
 With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
 Receive me graciously and gladden  
 My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*
- What higher gift can we inherit?  
 It is faith’s bond and solid base;  
 It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
 The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

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“Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling” LSB 630 (v. 1-4)

(Tune: LSB 621)

- 1 Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling  
Of the glorious body sing,  
And the blood, all price excelling,  
Which the Gentiles' Lord and King,  
Once on earth among us dwelling,  
Shed for this world's ransoming.
- 2 Giv'n for us, and condescending  
To be born for us below,  
He with us in converse blending  
Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,  
Till He closed with wondrous ending  
His most patient life of woe.
- 3 That last night at supper lying  
Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,  
Jesus, with the Law complying,  
Keeps the feast its rites demand;  
Then, more precious food supplying,  
Gives Himself with His own hand.
- 4 Word made flesh, the bread He taketh,  
By His word His flesh to be;  
Wine His sacred blood He maketh,  
Though the senses fail to see;  
Faith alone the true heart waketh  
To behold the mystery.

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*“O Living Bread from Heaven” LSB 642*

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,  
How well You feed your guest!  
The gifts that You have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.

- Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me  
To this most holy place  
And with Yourself have fed me  
The treasures of Your grace;  
For You have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor You have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before Your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.  
And when You call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.

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*Stand*

## 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 “God of Grace and God of Glory” LSB 850

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow’r;  
Crown Your ancient Church’s story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us

Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

- 3 Cure Your children’s warring madness;  
Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

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## CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

*Organist*

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