

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

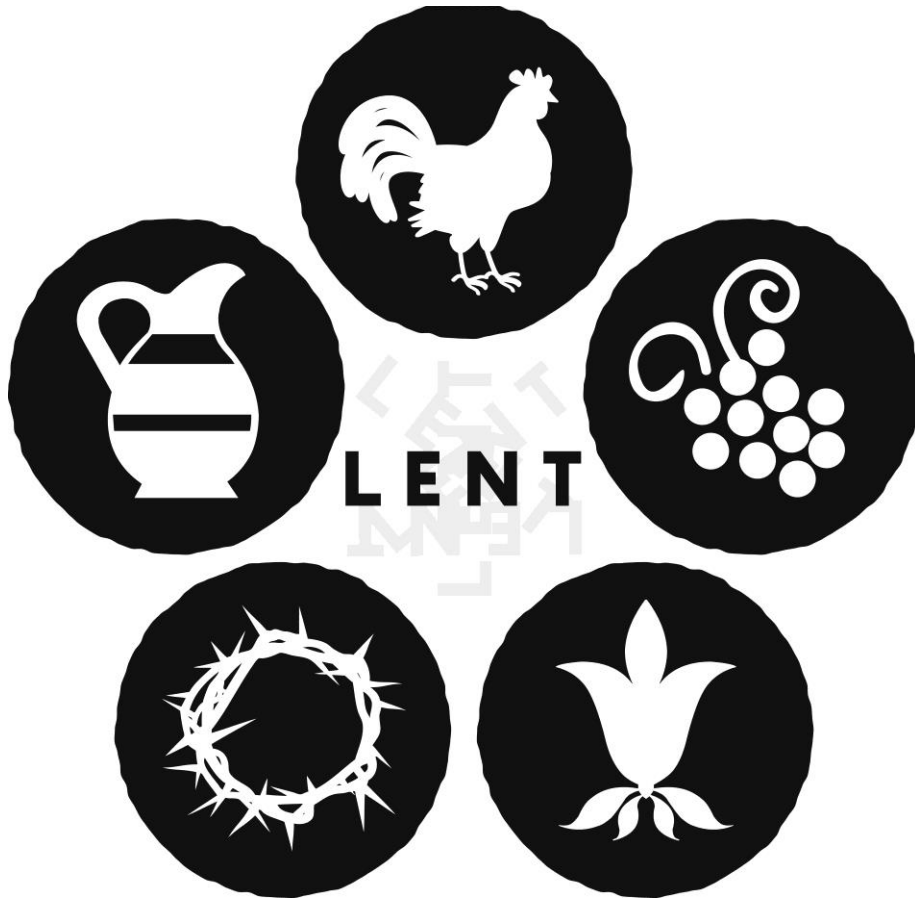
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Midweek Lenten Worship Service

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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

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Silent Prayer / The Prelude

The Hymn of Invocation **# 981 (v. 1-3, 5, 7)**
"To Your Temple, Lord, I Come"

- 1 To Your temple, Lord, I come,
For it is my worship home.
This earth has no better place,
Here I see my Savior's face.
- 2 I through Him am reconciled,
I through Him become Your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In Your courts Your love to trace.
- 3 While Your glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.
- 5 While I listen to Your Law,
Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me
Life and immortality.
- 7 From Your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,

And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."

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The Invocation

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Opening Versicles

L Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

C have mercy and hear us.

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The 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.

The 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.

The Responsive Prayer: *Evening*

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L Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

C and grant us Your salvation.

L Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;

C and let Your saints shout for joy.

L Lord, keep this nation under Your care,

C and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

L Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the
nations upon the earth.

L Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C let all the peoples praise You!

L For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
C **and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.**

L Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**

L Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C **let my cry come to You.**

The Collect of the Day

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.

C **Amen.**

The Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19

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.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his
fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you

have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

The Hymn of the Day # 844 (Tune: LSB 616)
“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace
 To love all people, ev’ry race;
 And in each person may I see
 My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.
- 2 Break down the wall that would divide
 Thy children, Lord, on ev’ry side.
 My neighbor’s good let me pursue;
 Let Christian love bind warm and true.
- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
 By loveless act and thoughtless word.
 Make me to see the wrong I do
 Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.
- 4 Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak
 Whenever strong oppress the weak.
 Should I myself the victim be,
 Help me forgive, rememb’ring Thee.

- 5 With Thine own love may I be filled
 And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
 That all I touch, where’er I be,
 May be divinely touched by Thee.

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The Sermon

**“Jesus’ Strategy for Peacemaking”
 St. Matthew 18:15-20**

The Offertory Hymn

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“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!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt. Text: Public domain

The Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The Closing Prayer: *Evening*

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C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen.

The Closing Hymn

“God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

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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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Silent Prayer / The Postlude



LENTEN CALENDAR

Join us Wednesday evenings for **Soup Suppers at 6 PM** and
Midweek Lenten and Holy Week Worship Services at 7 PM.

March 6th — Lent Midweek 3
“Jesus’ Strategy for Peacemaking”
(St. Matthew 18:15-20)

March 13th — Lent Midweek 4
“What a Pastor Owes God’s People”
(Ezekiel 3:16-21, 24-27)

March 20th — Lent Midweek 5
“What God’s People Owe Their Pastor”
(Jeremiah 26:20-24)

March 28th — Lent Midweek 6,
Maundy Thursday
“Caught Red-Handed”
(St. John 13:21-30)

March 29th — Lent Midweek 7,
Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 31st — **The Resurrection of Our Lord:**
Easter Sunrise, 7 AM
To Be Announced

March 31st — **The Resurrection of Our Lord:**
Easter Day, 9 AM
To Be Announced

March 31st — **The Resurrection of Our Lord:**
Easter Day, 12 PM (Hmong Worship)