

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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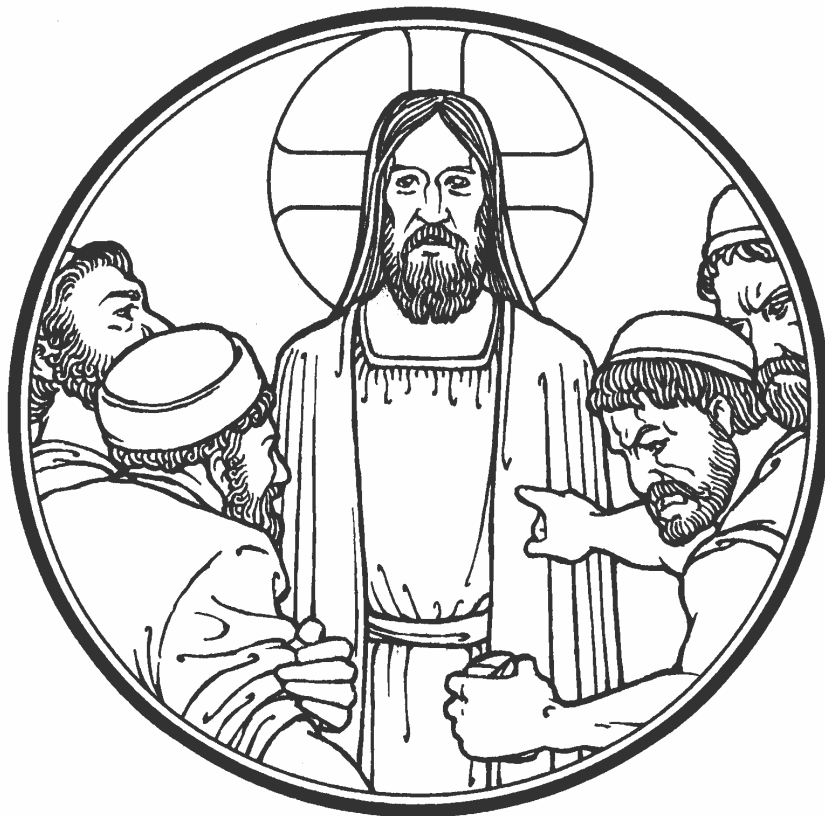
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Receiving the gift of the Lord's Supper is to receive the holy, crucified, resurrected, and ascended Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in, with, and under bread and wine.

Therefore, to receive the Lord's Supper is a confession that all who receive it in one place are united in holding to all of the doctrines of God's Word (see 1 Cor. 10:17; 11:26). Therefore, those who do not currently adhere to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod through the rite of confirmation are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Peace Lutheran Church.



DIVINE SERVICE - SETTING THREE

PRELUDE

Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace Handbell Choir

"More Precious Than Silver" - DeSchazo/Bettcher

OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Life of All the Living" LSB 420 w. 1-5

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.

**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,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

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

*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.

**C** Amen.

### SERVICE OF THE WORD



### INTROIT

*Psalm 43:3-5; antiphon: vv. 1-2a*

Vindicate me, | O God,\*  
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.  
Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me; \*  
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!  
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,\*  
and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.  
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?\*

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my  
God.  
Vindicate me, | O God,\*

and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.  
*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

### KYRIE

LSB 186



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### SALUTATION



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

Sit

### OLD TESTAMENT

*Genesis 22:1-14*

<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.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### GRADUAL

*Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c*



Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\*

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!

[You] delivered me from my | enemies;\*

you rescued me from the man of | violence.

### EPISTLE

*Hebrews 9:11-15*

<sup>11</sup>When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

### HOLY GOSPEL

*John 8:42-59*

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



**C** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.

<sup>43</sup>Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear

my word. <sup>44</sup>You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup>But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. <sup>46</sup>Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

**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  $\text{†}$  everlasting. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY                      "My Song is Love Unknown"                      LSB 430

#### SERMON

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

Stand

#### OFFERTORY

LSB 192



**C** 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.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

#### SANCTUS

LSB 195

**C** 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

**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 Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread, and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  bod-y, which is giv-en for you. This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al- so He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al- ways.  
**G** A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "O Perfect Life of Love" LSB 452
- "Your Table I Approach" LSB 628
- "Sing, My Tongue, The Glorious Battle" LSB 454

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

**G** 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

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.

**G** A - men.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**G** And with thy spir - it.  
**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**G** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
 His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.  
**G** A - men, a - men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

*“Christ the Life of All the Living”*

LSB 528 vv. 6-7

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*Organist*

**2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE**

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

**March 25<sup>th</sup>** — Lent Midweek 5

Soup Supper hosted by: Elders  
Great Prayers in the Bible

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** ---- Palm Sunday

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** — Maundy Thursday

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** — Good Friday

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** — **The Resurrection of Our Lord:**

**Easter Sunrise Matins, 7 AM**

**Easter Divine Service, 9AM**

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