



The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 12, 2023  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, MN

## WELCOME

6:30pm, 8:30am HYMN 648 (Maroon): Glorious Things of You Are Spoken  
10:30am Waymaker

### INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 95

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, our Creator.

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;**

**Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

It is good to give you thanks, O God;

To sing praises to your name, O Most High.

**It is good to declare your steadfast love in the morning,**

**and your faithfulness by night,**

**to the music of the lute and harp,**

**to the melody of the organ.**

For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;

At the works of your hands we sing for joy.

**Heavenly Father,**

**We sing from the depths of our sorrow.**

**We sing from the abundance of our joy.**

We sing as individual voices, each uniquely created.

And we sing together with one voice as your body.

**May the words of our mouths, whether in speech or song,  
and the meditations of our hearts, be pleasing in your sight.**

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

## CONFESSION

God of salvation, You shower our lives with love, yet too often we turn away from Your blessings.  
It is so easy to whine and complain!  
Forgive us when frustrations pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives.  
Free us from our indignation, sin and guilt.  
During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on You, that we may receive the blessing of salvation that You offer us each and every day.

Let us come before God in a time of reflection and confession.

**O almighty God, merciful Father, 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.**

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. **Amen.**

## SONG: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us (Kyrie eleison)

Lord, have mercy upon us, Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Lord, have mercy upon us, Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Gracious God and Savior, Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Come, restore, renew us, Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Lord, have mercy upon us, Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Lord, have mercy upon us, Hear our prayer, O Lord.



*Readers: 6:30pm Corinne Higgins; 8:30am Melissa Weckwerth; 10:30am Arlene Benshoof*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 17:1-7

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

<sup>3</sup> But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

<sup>4</sup> Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

<sup>5</sup> The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink."

So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?" (NIV)

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

**EPISTLE READING: Romans 5:1-8**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NIV)

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

**HYMN: From Ashes to the Living Font** *(Tune: St. Flavian)*

**From ashes to the living font, Your Church must journey, Lord,  
Baptized in grace, in grace renewed, By Your most holy Word.**

**Through fasting, prayer and charity Your voice speaks deep within,  
Returning us to ways of truth And turning us from sin.**

**For thirsting hearts let waters flow, Our fainting souls revive;  
And at the well your waters give, Our everlasting life.**

**▲ From ashes to the living font, Your Church must journey, still.  
Through cross and tomb to Easter joy, New life in You begins.**

**GOSPEL READING: John 4:4-26**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now he had to go through Samaria, <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

<sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband.<sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

<sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup> “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

<sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.” (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## THE NICENE CREED

**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.



Children's Message: God's Love

"God's Love is warmer than the warmest sunshine; Softer than a sigh.  
God's love is deeper than the deepest ocean, wider than the sky.  
God's love shines brighter than the brightest star that shines every night above.  
And there is nothing in this world that can ever change God's love."

### SONG: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

**MESSAGE** It's Time To Fill Up AND Keep Filling Up! (Romans 5:1-8)

Pastor Meyer

- I. Drained (by sin, guilt & anxiety)
  - II. Filled (with God's love, peace & hope)
- "O Lamb of God, I come, I come"

**PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS     8:30am You Are Mine by David Haas, Adult Choir**

*Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.*

**PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**10:30 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**SONG: 10,000 Reasons**

**BENEDICTION**

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. **Amen.**

**HYMN G624 (Green): Blessed Assurance**

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**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Worship: Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am  
Sunday School Sings at 8:30am

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday**

No Wednesday evening worship services  
5:00pm – 8<sup>th</sup> grade rehearsal for First Communion

**Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:30am (followed by lunch) and 6:30pm.  
6:30pm First communion for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.  
All Maundy Thursday services will have communion.

**Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Tenebrae at 12:00pm and 6:30pm  
No meal service. No communion.

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – No evening worship**

**Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Worship at 6:30am (Sunrise), 8:30am and 10:30am  
All worship services in the sanctuary, with communion.  
Continental Easter Breakfast 7:30-10:00am in the Peace Center  
No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study.