



The Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2023
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 119:105-112

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

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

¹⁰⁶ **I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
that I will follow your righteous laws.**

¹⁰⁷ I have suffered much;
preserve my life, LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ **Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth,
and teach me your laws.**

¹⁰⁹ Though I constantly take my life in my hands,
I will not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ **The wicked have set a snare for me,
but I have not strayed from your precepts.**

¹¹¹ Your statutes are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² **My heart is set on keeping your decrees
to the very end.**

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

HYMN 411 (Maroon): I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

CONFESSION (*Scripture, 1 John 3:1-7*)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. (NIV)

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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.

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Readers: 6:30pm Paul Otte, 8:30am Gwen Wichmann; 10:30am Sara Peterson

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 1:1-8

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

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

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 5:8-15

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said:

"Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise.

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.**

**Lord, help us all, with You, to yield Whatever love demands
And freely give, as You have giv'n, With open hearts and hands.**

**▲ 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 8:12-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

¹³ The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. ¹⁶ But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. ¹⁷ In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. ¹⁸ I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

¹⁹ Then they asked him, "Where is your father?"

"You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

²¹ Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come."

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

SONG: Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
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When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end. *Chorus.*

I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side
I will love you to the end. *Chorus.*

MESSAGE

"The Light of God"

Rev. Mark Moss

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS - *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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

6:30pm, 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Page 198, Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

HYMN 618 (Maroon): I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table

HYMN 545 (Maroon): Word of God

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 G691: Pass It On