



The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 10, 2024  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, Minnesota

**HYMN 566 (Maroon): By Grace I'm Saved..., Verses 1, 2, 3 & 6**  
**10:30am SONG: Above All**

### **INVOCATION**

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

### **CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 107:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,  
<sup>3</sup> those he gathered from the lands,  
from east and west, from north and south.**

<sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastelands,  
finding no way to a city where they could settle.

<sup>5</sup> They were hungry and thirsty,  
and their lives ebbed away.

<sup>6</sup> **Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.**

<sup>7</sup> He led them by a straight way  
to a city where they could settle.

<sup>8</sup> **Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,  
<sup>9</sup> for he satisfies the thirsty  
and fills the hungry with good things.**

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

### **CONFESSION**

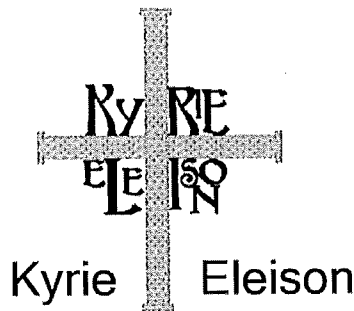
Let us come before God in a time of reflection and confession.

**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.**

**Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us)**

**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 Nona Anderson; 10:30am John Lietz*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup> they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived. (NIV)

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

**EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 2:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with

him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (NIV)

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

**10:30am SONG: I Come to the Cross** (*We will sing this twice.*)

**6:30pm & 8:30am GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: From Ashes to the Living Font**

**1. From ashes to the living font, Your Church must journey Lord,  
Baptized in grace, in grace renewed, by your most holy word.**

**2. The Son of Man is lifted up, Our eyes behold the sign:  
You are God’s own beloved Son, The source of life divine.**

**▲ 3. To God all glory, praise, and love, Be now and ever giv’n  
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav’n.**

**GOSPEL READING: John 3:14-21**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God. (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

#### HYMN: 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 power, 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.

SERMON "Unexpected" (John 3:14-16) Pastor Bode

## **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**

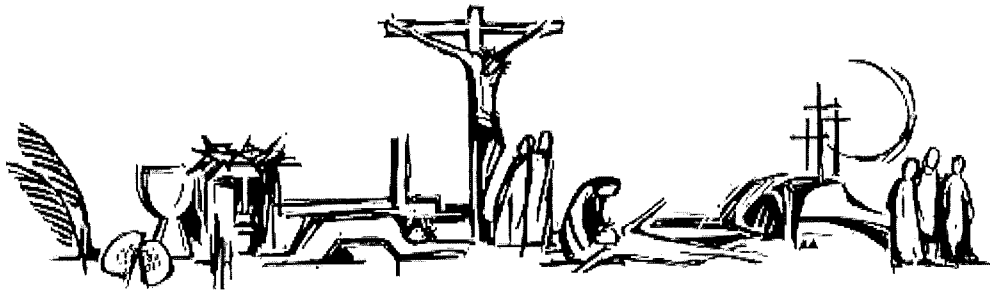
### **10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**HYMN 425 (Maroon): When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**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.**

**8:30am HYMN 744 (Maroon): Amazing Grace**

**10:30am SONG: Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone**



**LENTEN MIDWEEK SCHEDULE, through March 20<sup>th</sup>:**

**Worship at 11:30am & 6:30pm in the Sanctuary;**

**4:30pm in the Peace Center with PRAYZ team singing.**

## **HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Normal schedule. Sunday School sings at 8:30am.**

**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. No classes or activities.**

**Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: Worship at 11:30am & 6:30pm with communion (No lunch)**

**Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: Worship at 12:00 (noon) & 6:30pm (No lunch)**

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – No worship service.**

**Easter, March 31st: 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am in the Sanctuary with communion at all.  
Breakfast in the Peace Center. No Sunday School or Bible Classes.**