



The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 3, 2024  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, Minnesota

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 579 (Maroon): The Law of God is Good and Wise, Verses 1, 2, 3 & 6  
10:30am SONG: John 3:16

**INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP – PSALM 19**

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

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

<sup>2</sup>**Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.**

<sup>3</sup>They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

<sup>4</sup>**Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

**In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

<sup>6</sup>**It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.**

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.**

**The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

<sup>10</sup>**They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.  
Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup>**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

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**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.**

**10:30am SONG: Give Thanks**

**6:30pm & 8:30am SONG: PURIFY MY HEART** (*We will sing this twice.*)

**Purify my heart, Touch me with Your cleansing fire**

**Take me to the cross, Your holiness is my desire**

**Breathe Your life in me, Kindle a love That flows from Your throne**

**Oh purify my heart, Purify my heart**



*Readers: 6:30pm Lee Uldbjerg; 8:30am Duane Hall; 10:30am Sara Peterson*

**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands<sup>[b]</sup> of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's." (ESV)

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**EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 1:18-31**

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." (ESV)

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**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. Come, purify our hearts and lives, Cast out our sinful ways;  
As temples of the Spirit, cleansed, Restore us for your praise.**
- ▲ 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.**

**10:30am SONG: Jesus Loves Me**

**GOSPEL READING: John 2:13-22**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. (ESV)

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      "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"    (Psalm 19:1)

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 645 (Maroon):    Built on the Rock

10:30am SONG:    He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

SERMON              God's Perfect Word              (Psalm 19)              Pastor Meyer

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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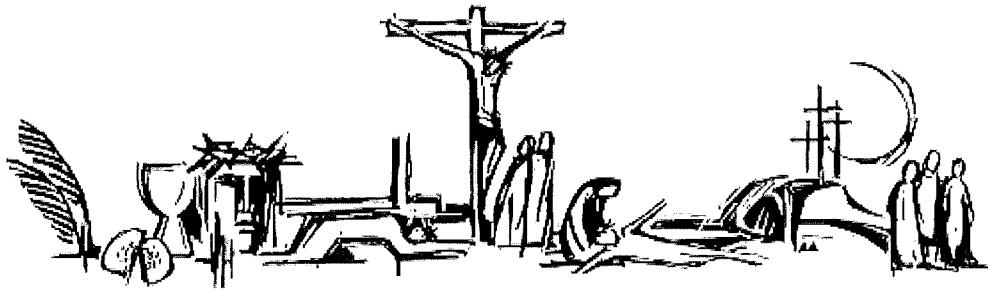
HYMN 570 (Maroon):    Just As I Am

**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.**

**6:30pm & 8:30am -- HYMN 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, verses 1 and 4**

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**10:30am SONG:    Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**



**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.**