



LENT

The Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 750 (Maroon): If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee, verses 1, 2, 3, 7
10:30am SONG: You Are My All in All

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP, Psalm 85

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

Lord, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

²You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.

³**You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.**

⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!

⁵**Will you be angry with us forever?**

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

⁶Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷**Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

⁸Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace
to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

⁹**Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

¹²Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way. (ESV)**

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Divine Service Four, page 203*)

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

In Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SONG: Our Sins They Are Many, His Mercy Is More

**What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**



Readers: 6:30pm Lee Ulbjerg; 8:30am Lynn Brown; 10:30am Annabelle Luthens

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-20

⁷ "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. ¹⁰ "And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' ¹¹ Say to them, As I live,

declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹² “And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³ Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴ Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵ if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶ None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷ “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸ When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹ And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. ²⁰ Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.” (ESV)

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Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (ESV)

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▲ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: HYMN 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

**On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures, Never may Your work erase
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation, And my glory and salvation!**

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse

sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’” (ESV)

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

**8:30am Children and Youth Sing: My God is So Big
John 3:16**



Children's Message

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 611 (Maroon): Chief of Sinners Though I Be

10:30am SONG: There Is a Redeemer

MESSAGE "Get Smart" Pastor Miller

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**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.

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
SONG: Lamb 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.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 648 (Maroon): Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
10:30am SONG: Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone





LENTEN SERIES: Our Sins, They Are Many, His Mercy is More

Join us this Lent for a midweek sermon series titled, “His Mercy Is More.” We will focus on the overwhelming and boundless nature of God’s mercy, emphasizing that no matter how great our sins are, God’s mercy is always greater, offering forgiveness and redemption through Jesus Christ.

This is such good news for sinners like us. Thousands of years ago, Paul penned the powerful words, “But where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.”

More recently, musicians Chris Boswell and Matt Papa composed lyrics to a new hymn that we will be learning during Lent: “Praise the Lord! His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn. Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.”

March 26th	Rahab and Ruth	Pastor Weber
April 2nd	Peter’s Denial	Pastor Miller
April 9th	The Unmerciful Servant	Pastor Bode
Good Friday	Thief on the Cross	Pastor Miller

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 13th. Normal schedule. Sunday School sings at 8:30am.

Wednesday, April 16th. No lunch or classes, except Choir and Handbell rehearsals.

Maundy Thursday, April 17th: Worship at 11:30am & 6:30pm with communion (No lunch)

Good Friday, April 18th: Worship at 11:30am & 6:30pm (No lunch)

April 19th, NO Saturday night worship.

Easter, April 20th: 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am in the Sanctuary with communion at all.

Breakfast in the Peace Center. No Sunday School or Bible Classes.