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The Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2026
Peace Lutheran Church,
Hutchinson, MN

6:30pm & 8:30am 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**

10:30am SONG: John 3:16

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121)

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

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;

⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

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

CONFESSION

Creator God, we confess that You so loved this world—in all its brokenness and beauty—that You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior.

We believe in Him, trusting that through His life, death, and resurrection, we are rescued from perishing and have been given the gift of eternal life.

We praise You, Lord, that You did not send Your Son to condemn us, but to save us, inviting us into a new life of grace.

We commit ourselves to living as people of this love, reflecting Your light to a world in need, and worshipping You with our lives. Amen.

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.**

HYMN: Thorn and Thistle

**To a world of thorn and thistle, Shadowed still by Eden's fall
On a night so unexpected. Enters the Lord of all**

**Child of Heaven, Man of Sorrows, Bitter is the earth's betrayal
Soon our pride will be the hammer, My sin will be the nail.
Holy hands with fragile fingers, Our redemption in His veins
To a world of thorn and thistle, Jesus came**

Readers: 6:30pm Dick Higgins; 8:30am Sandra Hall; 10:30am Arlene Benshoof

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb. (ESV)

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EPISTLE READING: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;
⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

▲ 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: John 3:1-17

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

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (ESV) This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**



HYMN: Were You There?

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh— Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when He taught John 3:16?
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Oh— Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He taught John 3:16?**

**Were you there when He died and rose again?
Were you there when He died and rose again?
Oh— Sometimes I feel like shouting, “Glory, Glory, Glory!”
Were you there when He died and rose again?**

MESSAGE “God So Loved the World” Pastor Weber

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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.**

OFFERING PRAYER

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 G684 (Green): I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

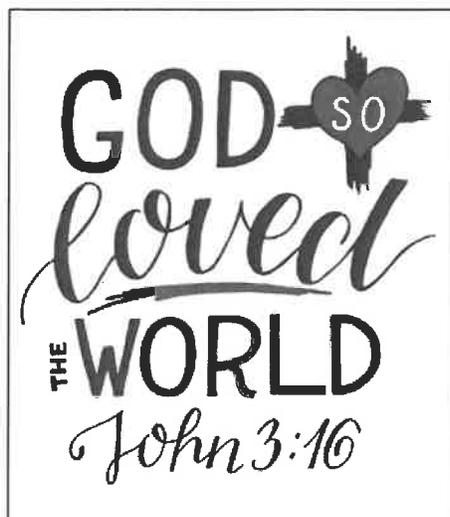
BENEDICTION - The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 425 (Maroon): When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, verses 1 & 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 tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

10:30am SONG: Jesus, Strong and Kind



Lent and Holy Week Schedule 2026

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays through March 25th

11:30am (followed by lunch); 4:30pm in the Peace Center; and 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

No 4:30pm service on March 11th – Spring Break



Friday, March 13th – Fish Fry

ALL HOLY WEEK SERVICES will be in the SANCTUARY

Palm Sunday, March 29th

Worship: Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am in the Sanctuary

Communion at all – 5th Sunday

Sunday School Sings / Procession of Palms at 8:30am

April 1st, Wednesday

No Wednesday worship services. No lunch.

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:30am (No lunch) and 6:30pm.

First communion for 8th graders.

All Maundy Thursday services will have communion.

Good Friday, April 3rd

Tenebrae at 11:30am (No lunch) and 6:30pm

No communion

Saturday, April 4th – No evening worship

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Worship at 6:30am (Sunrise), 8:30am and 10:30am (all with communion).

All worship services in the sanctuary.

Easter Breakfast 7:30-10:00am in the Peace Center

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study.