



The First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

6:30pm, 8:30am HYMN 424 (Maroon): O Christ, You Walked the Road
10:30am Song: His Mercy Is More

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 32:1-7

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

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

² Blessed is the one
whose sin the LORD does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

⁷ You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance. (NIV)

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

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin,
we confess before you that we have sinned;
we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect us.

Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.

Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways
and delight in doing your will. 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 Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Melissa Weckwerth; 10:30am Kevin Pfau

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 3:1-19

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,

cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field;

on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring;

he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;

in pain you shall bring forth children.

Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷ And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (ESV)

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

EPISTLE READING: Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. (ESV)

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▲ HYMN 422 (Maroon): 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: Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you,' and

"On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to 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 fasted and He prayed?
Were you there when He fasted and He prayed?
Oh— Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He fasted and He prayed?**

**—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 “And Lead Us Not into Temptation” 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

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: 10,000 Reasons

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 418 (Maroon): O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

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



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.