



The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2026
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

6:30pm, 8:30am HYMN 849 (Maroon): Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
10:30am SONG: Be Thou My Vision

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP, Psalm 142

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

¹ I cry aloud to the LORD;

I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.

² **I pour out before him my complaint;**
before him I tell my trouble.

³ When my spirit grows faint within me,
it is you who watch over my way.
In the path where I walk
people have hidden a snare for me.

⁴ **Look and see, there is no one at my right hand;**
no one is concerned for me.

I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

⁵ I cry to you, LORD; I say, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living."

⁶ **Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need;**
rescue me from those who pursue me,
for they are too strong for me.

⁷ Set me free from my prison,
that I may praise your name.

Then the righteous will gather about me
because of your goodness to me.

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.**

SONG G679 (Green): Open Our Eyes, Lord (we will sing this twice)

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

Readers: 6:30pm Dick Higgins; 8:30am Lynn Brown; 10:30am Sadie Jenkins

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴ For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools.

¹⁶ And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷ They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,

“You are our gods.”¹⁸ Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see!

¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord?

²⁰ He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.

²¹ The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious. (ESV)

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EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 5:1-2, 8-14

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

⁸ . . . for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” (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: John 9:1-41

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹ But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²² (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him.")

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains. (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 made the blind to see?
Were you there when He made the blind to see?
Oh— Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He made the blind to see?**

**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 "O For a Faith that Will Not Shrink" Pastor Miller

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER 8:30am Choir: Be Thou My Vision

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 547 (Maroon): The Lamb

HYMN 392 (Maroon): God Loves Me Dearly

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 744 (Maroon): Amazing Grace

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



Upcoming dates

Midweek Lenten Services

March 18th and March 25th

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

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

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.

Sunday, April 26 at 9:40am Sunday School end of the year reception.

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 10:30am Confirmation Service (sanctuary)

Wednesday, May 6. Rootbeer & Bells. 5:30pm Dinner & 6:30pm Concert.

Sunday, May 17. Recognition of High School Seniors. 10am reception. 10:30 service.

June 8-12 Vacation Bible School. 9:00-11:30am. Fishers of Men.

Wednesday, June 24 - 40th Anniversary of Summer Concerts Series begins.