



The Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026
Peace Lutheran Church,
Hutchinson, MN

HYMN G618 (Green): My Life Flows On, verses 1-2

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP, Psalm 130

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

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

² **Lord, hear my voice.**

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

³ If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
LORD, who could stand?

⁴ **But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

⁶ **I wait for the Lord, more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

⁷ Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

⁸ **He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

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.**



10:30am Baptism of Jayce Owen Sorensen

6:30pm & 8:30am 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**

**Gaze upon a rose e're blooming, breaking through the hardened ground
Sweetest fragrance fills the air, its thorn is a Savior's crown
Holy hands with fragile fingers, Our redemption in His veins
To a world of thorn and thistle, Jesus came**

10:30am SONG: Thy Word

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Readers: 6:30pm John Mons; 8:30am Annabelle Luthens; 10:30am Sharon Christenson

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord." (ESV) This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (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 11:1-27, 38-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles,

because the light is not in him.”¹¹ After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.”¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died,¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”¹⁶ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off,¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in 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?**

**Did you see Lazarus come out of his tomb?
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Oh— Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Did you see Lazarus come out of his tomb?**

**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?**

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.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

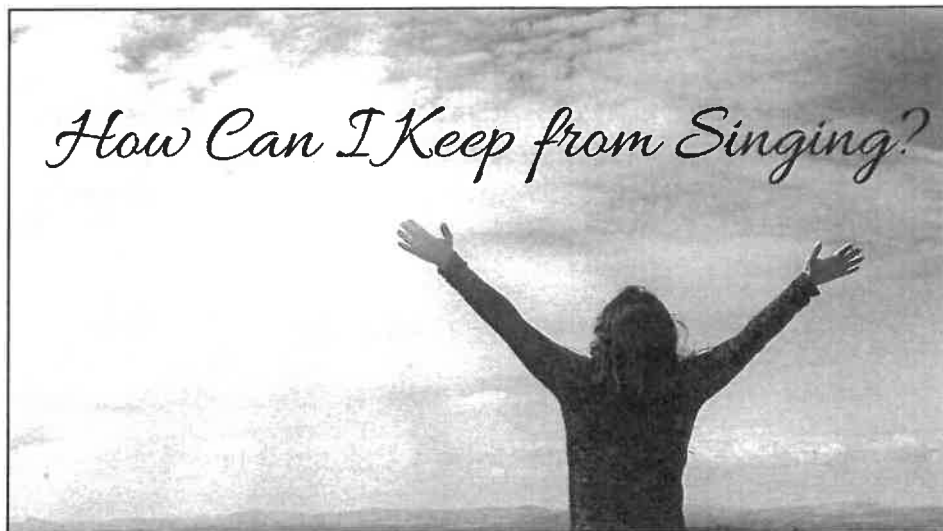
Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER**10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**SONGS: You Are My All in All
Jesus Strong and Kind**

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.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Midweek Lenten Services - March 25th

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