

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**1st Sunday in Lent**

**February 18, 2018**

**9:00 a.m.**

**WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Announcements, Prelude

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**Sojourners and Pilgrims**

**GATHERING**

**LENTEN CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Come and let us walk as sojourners and pilgrims in the light of the Lord.

And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.

Show your servants your works, O Lord;

**and their children your glory.**

Let your merciful kindness be upon us,

**as we put our trust in you.**

Not to us, O Lord, not to us,

**but to your name be the praise.**

Lord, hear our prayer,

**and let our cry come to you.**

**Father of mercies and God of all consolation; come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. Amen**

We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. But God raised him on the third day and made him to appear. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:39-40, 43)

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God...

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

## GATHERING SONG

*“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”*

Hymn 326 (attached)

## GREETING


The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

Hymn 157

*Response:*



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us Pray

**Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## CHOIR

*“Here I Am to Worship”*

Words & Music by Tim Hughes  
Choral Setting by Larry Shackley

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:1-18

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the

distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup>Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. <sup>9</sup>When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." <sup>15</sup>The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup>**Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup>**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

## SECOND LESSON

James 1:12-18

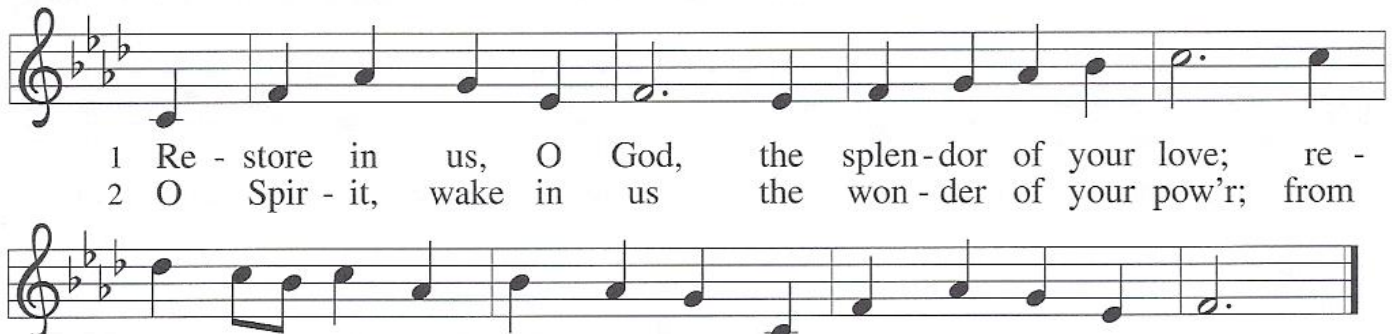
<sup>12</sup>Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>No one, when tempted, should say, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; <sup>15</sup>then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved. <sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Restore in Us, O God*



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from

new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.

## GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 1

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

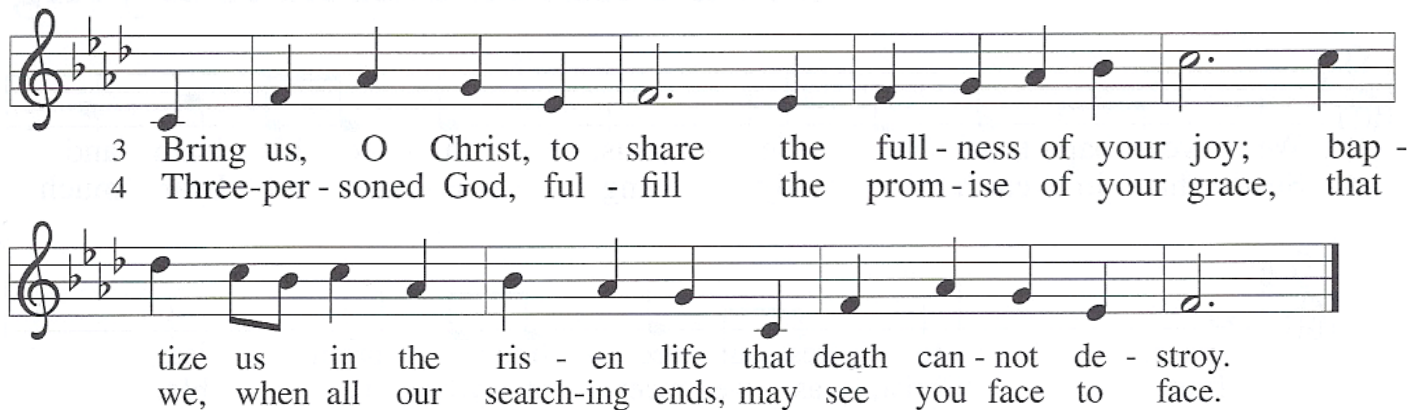
<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## GOSPEL RESPONSE

*Restore in Us, O God*



3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full-ness of your joy; bap-  
4 Three-per-soned God, ful-fill the prom-ise of your grace, that  
tize us in the ris-en life that death can-not de-stroy.  
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

Pr. Bob Coughlin

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Hymn 742 (attached)

## THE SMALL CATECHISM OF MARTIN LUTHER:

In ancient and modern times, Lent has been the time for instruction of candidates preparing for their baptism at the Easter Vigil. At the same time, the whole Church anticipates Easter through acts of repentance and spiritual renewal. It is therefore appropriate that we review the basics of our faith during these Sundays in Lent, so that we all might be renewed by our baptismal covenants and made ready for the celebration of Easter.

The First Article of the Apostles' Creed concerns Creation. What does it mean?

**I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.**

The Second Article of the Creed concerns Redemption. What does this mean?

**I believe that Jesus Christ -- true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary -- is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil -- not with silver or gold, but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this, he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

The Third Article of the Creed concerns Sanctification. What does this mean?

**I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his**

gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church day after day he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers. On the last day he will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*All who believe in the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come to the Lord's table. (Grape juice is on outside rim of serving tray. Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask your server)*

## SENDING

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
**whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.**  
They go from strength to strength,  
**till each appears before God in Zion.**

Let us pray.

**Compassionate God, sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

As you travel on your way, may Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May he look upon you with favor and give you his peace.

## SENDING SONG

*"Lamb of God"*

Hymn 336 (attached)

Fellow Pilgrims and Sojourners... go in peace to love and serve.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastors: Bob Coughlin & Jeff Redlin

Piano:

Jackie Currey

Acolyte:

Colter Handsaker

Ushers/Refreshments:

Fred & Kari Haas/Glyn & Val Ross

Lector:

Val Ross

Flowers:

Cindy Gee

February Council:

Ross Leake/Jim Cook/Carl Grassel

February Altar Guild:

Jinx Sorensen/Misty Redlin/Karlene Swenson

## **Prayers for Healing and Hope**

Prayers for Lorrie Hanson as she continues to battle vision issues.

Nancy Avery will be having breast cancer surgery in Billings on Feb. 26th. Please include her in your prayers and if you want to send a card: Nancy Avery, 4115 Mavericks Way, Apt #1, Billings, MT 59106

Sandi Joubert's cousin Shirley, slipped on ice (Ohio) and broke her hip. She is about 70.

Please pray for Don Rippy, who is the father of Shayna Wood, one of the Girl Scout leaders that meets here at Peace. He has terminal Multiple Myeloma and is in a lot of pain.

Bill Zankowski's brother Adi Zankowski, is seriously ill with pneumonia and liver problems. He lives in Munich Germany and prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Dustin Bley, son of a friend of Dee Feddes, suffered severe head injuries in a motorcycle accident in December.

Prayers for Carol White following a recent hospital stay.

Gib Carter, Harvey Carter's brother.

Trish Severson's sister Sandra Olson, underwent successful brain surgery November 14th to remove a cyst. She did have another surgery, but is now home and making progress.

Andy Bolich's mother, Melanie, recovering from October 31 surgery for a brain aneurism.

Brandon Thurston undergoing tests and wearing a heart monitor to determine what further treatment is needed.

Earl Peterson, brother-in-law of Harvey & Laura Carter, fighting cancer of the spine. Fluid is building up in his lungs.

Kyle Sando's mom in Bismarck, ND. Please pray for healing and comfort.

Please pray for God's healing for Audrey Vitarius's friends, Meredith & Bob. Pray that treatments will be effective..

Bea Koehler, experiencing more limitations because of her health. Continued prayers are appreciated.

Cindy Sherman's daughter in law Jennifer diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Please pray for successful treatment.

Jim Moss, continued prayers for improving health.....the prayers are working!

Prayers for Carole Mestas (Misty Redlin's mother) for ongoing health issues.

Ali Gauger, rodeo friend of the Bolich family, injured in a serious horse accident in Sept. She continues to make progress.

Joni Sando's mother, Mary Gaub, continues to battle cancer. Continued prayers are appreciated.

Harvey Carter, prayers for health.

## **Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement**

Abigail Ross as she serves with Koenes Ministries at Casa de Esperanza in San Carlos, Sonora, Mexico

Steve & Judi Cochran as they minister and teach in South Sudan.

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya.