



March 23, 2025

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
3rd Sunday in Lent

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.

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

“Lamb of God”

ELW #336 (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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us Pray

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR

“God’s Peace”

Words by Marva J. Dawn
Chorale Setting by C. J. Adams

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-20

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for^[a] their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved. ¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of^[b] them. How then can we live?”’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’ ¹²“Therefore, son of man, say to your people, ‘If someone who is righteous disobeys, that person’s former righteousness will count for nothing. And if someone who is wicked repents, that person’s former wickedness will not bring condemnation. The righteous person who sins will not be allowed to live even though they were formerly righteous.’ ¹³If I tell a righteous person that they will surely live, but then they trust in their righteousness and do evil, none of the righteous things that person has done will be remembered; they will die for the evil they have done. ¹⁴And if I say to a wicked person, ‘You will surely die,’ but they then turn away from their sin and do what is just and right— ¹⁵if they give back what they took in pledge for a loan, return what they have stolen, follow the decrees that give life, and do no evil—that person will surely live; they will not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that person has committed will be remembered against them. They have done what is just and right; they will surely live. ¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ But it is their way that is not just. ¹⁸If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and does evil, they will die for it. ¹⁹And if a wicked person turns away from their wickedness and does what is just and right, they will live by doing so. ²⁰Yet you Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ But I will judge each of you according to your own ways.”

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85

¹ You, Lord, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

² **You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.**

³ You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

⁴ **Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.**

⁵ Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

⁶ **Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷ Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.

⁸ **I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly.**

⁹ Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ **Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

¹¹ Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

¹² **The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.**

¹³ Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” ⁸We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. ¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! ¹³No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

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.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 13

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” ⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ ⁸“Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.”

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

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ELW #803 (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

Lord, In Your Mercy

RESPONSE: “*Hear Our Prayer*”

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.

*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.

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

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

ELW #611 (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

Pastor: Andrew Young

Piano:	Jackie Currey
Greeters:	Kelsey Stevens/Zach Rogers-Sherman/Val Ross
Refreshments:	Jinx Sorensen/Karlene Swenson
Reader:	Val Ross
Acolyte:	Jackson Forsberg
Council:	Val Ross/Derrick Monson/Carl Grassel/Mike Hansen
March Altar Guild:	Amy Young/Karlene Swenson/Julie Hanson/Darlene Idland

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Ole Wentz, good friend of the Zankowski family from Billings.....very ill with a urinary tract infection.
Tom Grabinski, former member of Peace Lutheran, beginning treatment for Prostate Cancer. Prayers for courage and positive treatment results!
Nancy Schievelbein's brother Robert, recently diagnosed with cancer.
Jenn Kolling's second cousin, Luanne, fighting cancer.
Kathy Benson, friend of Nancy Norberg, diagnosed with lung cancer; surgery went well; further treatment decisions ahead.
Jim Caldwell is experiencing more complications from his knee surgery.
Jodi Robbins continues uterine cancer treatment with the addition of radiation therapy.
Janet Keppel, Darlene Idland's friend is on a new, more tolerable treatment, praise there's signs the tumor is being attacked, continue prayers, please.
Diane Oddy health issues.
Continued prayers for Jackie Currey's niece, Heidi Harbaugh, ill with Sarcoidosis.....a rare, very dangerous inflammatory disease. Recovery time is very long.
Prayers for Dustin Hampton's father, as he deals with serious health concerns.
Jenn Darr.....Prayers for a full recovery and supportive treatment options going forward.
Mike Mattson's nephew, Dr. Keith Stampher; advanced bladder cancer.
Erin Waynes mother, Judy Ficke, cancer treatment. Prayers for her medical team and her recovery.
Dwain and Olive Lavinder, dealing with cancer.
Prayers for Dee Feddes's friend Megan from Billings.....diagnosed with ALS.
Mike Mattson's sister, Donna, Stage 4 breast cancer.
Mary Gaub, Joni Sando's mother.....continues cancer treatment.
Carl Watts, friend of the Young family....wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson's.
Yoki Johnson, friend of Larry & Char Somers, metastatic breast cancer.

Prayers for Comfort and Peace

Kelly Apple, friend of Michelle Clark passed away from pancreatic cancer.

Prayers Of Thanks And Praise

Julie Hanson's family in the midst of a spring blizzard in Nebraska. Baker James Dam was born at 1:19 Friday morning, weighing 5lbs 15oz. Delivered at the Women's Hospital in Omaha. He is in the NICU on CPAP for supplemental oxygen. Will have a feeding tube for a few days. Great news. Thanks all of you for your prayers! 🙏 Karna and family have a generator that they are passing between family members until the power is restored! God is good!!

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Katie Sorensen deployed to the Middle East. Prayers for Nick, Claire and Diana here at home.
InterVarsity Chapters on college campuses.
Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya