

Lent 5

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 13, 2024

WELCOME!

We love that you are here tonight. The service is printed in this folder. Some hymns may need to be found in the blue hymnal beneath the seat in front of you.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

USHERING DUTIES – 7TH & 8TH GRADE

As we have for more than 20 years, once again we are employing our 7^{th} and 8^{th} graders for the ushering duties for the Wednesday service throughout the Lenten season. They have been trained for these roles. We are grateful to God for those young people and love to involve them in the most important thing we do as a congregation.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN OFFERINGS

The offerings from our Wednesday Lenten services will go toward our Peace Lutheran School tuition assistance. Our Tuition Assistance Fund is entirely funded by individual gifts and supports member students who desire to send their children to Peace. There is an offering plate by the doorway.

YOU CAN GIVE OFFERINGS ELECTRONICALLY

Log on to our website – <u>www.peacewels.org</u> – and click on "Give" from the top menu.

The Bible tells us to give a <u>regular percentage</u> of our income (1 Co 16:2). We are to give from the top and not the leftovers after the bills are paid (Pr 3:9). In this way we ascribe to God his worth to us as well as our confidence in him to provide.

THE SYMBOL ON THE COVER

The letters on the cross (It looks like "ihs") are the first three letters of the name "Jesus" in Greek. The Christian Church has used this symbol for many centuries to remind us of Jesus.

Later, these three letters came to signify the Latin words: Jesus, Savior of Men. In some circles the three letters came to mean: In this (the cross) is salvation.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THESE WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The main reason for our Wednesday evening services during Lent is to hear the Passion History of Christ leading up to his death and burial. This year we are hearing it – segment by segment – from the Gospel of Mark.

We don't get to hear the Passion History like this in its unbroken entirety any other time of the year. This tradition helps us to prepare for the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

THE MOMENT OF CHRIST'S DEATH

In each Wednesday service the pastor delivers a brief devotion. This year the devotions will focus on significant details that took place at the moment of Christ's death.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Keyboard	Ms. Michaela Bubolz, Mrs. Cathy Gresens
Livestream	Eric Uher
Vocalists	Kyra Gresens & Ambria McCrary
Guitar	Alyssa Gresens

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Mission Statement

As men, women and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, we are committed to making disciples, using the gospel to win the lost for Christ, and nurturing believers for Christian service, all to the glory of God.

Service Times

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am; Monday 6:30 pm The most recent service is on our website homepage:

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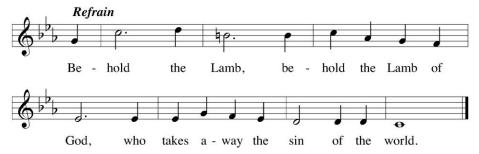
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Please note that L refers to the leader or G is group or congregation.



PSALM Psalm 22





My God, my God, why have you for<u>sa</u>ken me? Why are you so far from <u>sav</u>ing me?

I am a worm and <u>not</u> a man, scorned by men and despised by the <u>peo</u>ple.

All who see me <u>mock</u> me; they hurl insults, shak<u>ing</u> their heads:

"He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD <u>res</u>cue him. Let him deliver him, since he de<u>lights</u> in him."

Refrain

My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof <u>of</u> my mouth; you lay me in the <u>dust</u> of death.

A band of evil men has en<u>cir</u>cled me, they have pierced my hands <u>and</u> my feet.

They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

But you, O LORD, be <u>not</u> far off; O my Strength, come quickly to <u>help</u> me. Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

PASSION HISTORY READING

Mark 14:66-15:15

⁶⁶While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the servant girls of the high priest came there. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, "You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus!"

⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, "I don't know or understand what you are saying," and he went out to the entryway. Then a rooster crowed.

⁶⁹When the servant girl saw him, once more she began to tell those standing there, "This is one of them."

⁷⁰But again he denied it. After a little while those who were standing there said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, because you are a Galilean."

⁷¹But he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about!" ⁷²Just then, the rooster crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him: "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, along with the elders, the experts in the law, and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

He answered him, "It is as you say."

³The chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate questioned him again, "Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!"

⁵But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

⁶At each Festival, Pilate used to release to the people one prisoner whom they requested. ⁷There was one named Barabbas, who was imprisoned with the rebels and had committed murder in the rebellion. ⁸The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

⁹Pilate replied, "Do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?" ¹⁰In fact, he knew that it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed him over.

¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas to them instead.

¹²Again, Pilate replied to them, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

¹³"Crucify him!" they shouted back.

¹⁴But Pilate said to them, "Why? What has he done wrong?" But they shouted even louder, "Crucify him!"

¹⁵Since he wanted to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. After he had Jesus flogged, he handed him over to be crucified.

HYMN

In the Hour of Trial | **CW 406**

DEVOTION

The Moment of Christ's Death
Luke 23:48 – "They beat their breasts and went away."

MUSICAL OFFERING (Duet)

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love, Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above, Oh, how oft your eyes, offended, Gaze upon a sinner's fall! Yet, upon the cross extended, You endured the pain of all.

Dare we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow, As we see you wounded, bleeding, See your thorn-encircled brow? Since your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest, Only what your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt. Arrangement: Koiné; Tune: Tracy Fedke

PRAYER

O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER



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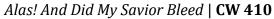
SONG OF SIMEON





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