

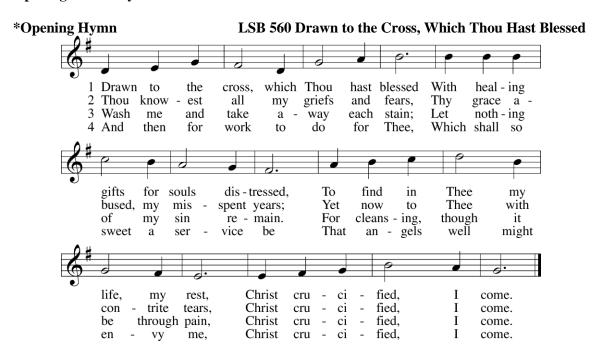
LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP V

APRIL 2, 2025 ~ 11:30 AM AND 6:30 PM

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

THE GOOD NEWS OF A SAVIOR WHO UNITES HEAVEN AND EARTH

Opening Voluntary

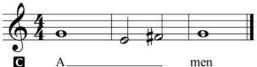


*Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

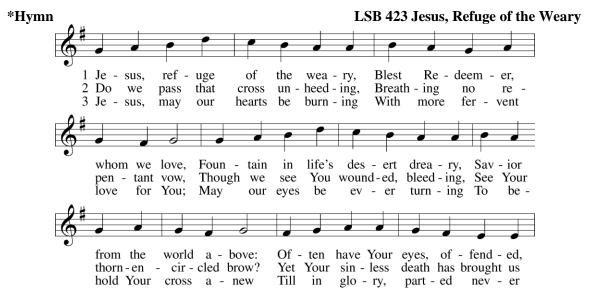


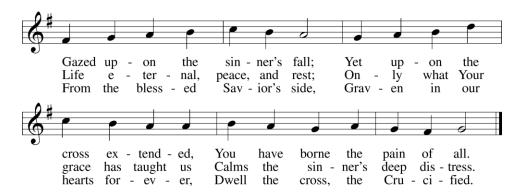
*Psalm

Psalm 121

- **P** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
- My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- P He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.
- **©** Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- P The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- P The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.
- The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.





READINGS

First Reading Genesis 28:10–22

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹²And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, ²²and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Ephesians 2:11–22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

*Verse [The Alleluia is omitted for Lent]

Philippians 2:8

C He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

*Holy Gospel John 1:43–51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Confirmation Testimonies (6:30)

Cole Becker, Bella Blanc, Hailey Brawley, Hannah Brawley, Ward Davis, Thad Glessner, Lucas Hangge



Sermon "The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth" (Genesis 28:10–22) **Sermon Notes:**

Gathering of the Offering Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate

*Passion Reading John 18:33–40

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" ³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." ³⁷Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

*Responsive Litany

- P Hear our prayer, O Lord.
- **C** Let our cry come to You.
- P Lord God, in our journey through this life, help us to build our hopes not on what we have done for You
- **C** But on what You have done for us,
- P And help us to find peace not by searching within ourselves
- **C** But by looking to Christ and His cross;
- **P** For our hearts are restless
- **C** Until they find their rest in You.
- P Gracious God, be with all who are lost and searching,
- C And draw their hearts to Christ,
- P That they may know Him as the way, and the truth, and the life,
- **C** And find in Him a peace that surpasses all understanding;

- **P** For He is the stairway to heaven,
- **C** And through Him the door to paradise is open.
- P Hear us, O Lord, as we silently bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P Trusting in Your mercy, we pray as Your Son taught us:

*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.

*Luther's Morning Prayer (11:30)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Luther's Evening Prayer (6:30)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Benediction

- P The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to everlasting life.
- C Amen.

*Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Robert Brown Liturgist: Pastor Jon Furgeson Organist: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: B. Mullen/D. Gerfen/B. Uthoff

Elders: 11:30: Jeff Akers; 6:30: Rick Goodman

Ushers: <u>11:30</u>: Lenten Morning Team; <u>6:30</u>: Team #15 – Steve Kienstra, Captain

