

For whoever
would
SAVE
his life will
LOSE IT,
but whoever
loses his life
FOR
MY
SAKE
and the
GOSPEL'S
will save it.

MARK 8:35, ESV

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

P = Pastor

* = Stand

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

*Opening Hymn

LSB 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'n's a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

***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.



C A _____ men

***Opening Sentences**

P Our Lenten journey continues toward the cross.

C It is a journey marked with suffering,

P But suffering produces endurance.

C Endurance produces character.

P Character produces hope,

C And hope in Christ does not put us to shame.

***Confession**

C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Absolution**



C A _____ men.

***Gloria Patri**



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

***Kyrie**



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***Hymn of Praise**

LSB 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor
In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -
bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!
May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be

saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Verse**

Mark 8:34b

P If anyone would come after Me,

C Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

***Holy Gospel**

Mark 8:27–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***Apostles' Creed**

C 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.

Children's Message (8:00 and 10:30)

Christina Stackle, Director of Christian Education

Hymn of The Day

LSB 784 Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

Sermon

“The Promise and the Testing”

(Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16)

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

Offertory Anthem (10:30)

It Is Well With My Soul

VILLE DU HAURE

Arranged: Mark Hayes

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain: *It is well, with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain*

*And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul. Refrain*

***Offertory**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

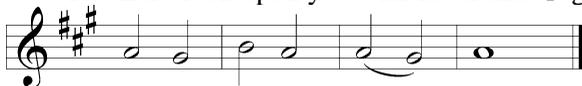
***Prayer of the Church**

*Lord's Prayer

C 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.

*Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
15 And when, dear Lord, be - fore Thy throne in heav - en



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
To me the crown of joy at last is giv - en,



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
Where sweet - est hymns Thy saints for - ev - er



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
raise Thee, I, too, shall praise Thee.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Jon Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: 5:00 & 8:00: Michelle Sliger; 9:20 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman

Choir: Chancel Choir

Piano: Cathy Boemler

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: B. Mullen/J. Mattingly/L. Palma

Elders: 5:00: Alan Hopfer, Steve Kienstra; 8:00: Mark Dowell, Art Hoeflerlin;

9:20: John Roesch, Ralph Wolters; 10:30: Jonathan Gathman, Kyle Hopfer

Ushers: 5:00: Steve Kienstra, Tim Behnke, Art Conrad, Charles Rolf, Roger Uhlig;

8:00: Barry Hammon, Aidan Furgeson, Ian Furgeson, Alex Jeffcott, Jack Jeffcott, Chuck Neff, Mike Suda; 9:20: John Wiesehan, Mark Dowell, Jim Huettenmeyer, Jim Johnson, Jacob Schweiss; 10:30: Darrell Ewald, Jeremiah Andrews, Dave Carlson, Joseph Kreitler, Mark Maloy, Brett Santiago, Joe Santiago, Mike Yaeger

Acolytes: 8:00: Bryce Chitwood, Brock Orf; 10:30: Aleah Jacobsmeyer, Erick Jacobsmeyer

Greeters: 8:00: Mary Suda; 9:20: Heather Carlson; 10:30: Kelly Pfund

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KFUO AM 850 BROADCAST is sponsored by Ray and Ellen Fassold to the Glory of God.

OUR 8:00AM SERVICE IS LIVE ON KFUO THIS WEEKEND and continuing through April. KFUO is found at 850AM on the radio. Broadcasts can also be heard 24/7 through KFUO.org.

CONCERTS AT PEACE This evening, at 7:00 p.m., Concerts at Peace will present a concert in conjunction with The Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis. The concert will feature about 50 handbell ringers in a concert of group selections and solo pieces. A free-will offering will taken. On Sunday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m., the Lutheran High School South Concert Band will present their home tour concert. This will complete the band's tour to Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025 will be ordered in early March. If you donate online and no longer need envelopes, please email Denise Grant by March 8 at finance@peacelutheranstl.org, so your name can be removed from the list.

LENTEN SERVICES THIS WEEK 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Prior to the midday service, an organ recital will be held at 11:00 a.m. featuring Kevin Huckshold from Holy Cross, St. Louis. Prior to the evening service, a dinner will be held in the gym at 5:00 p.m., hosted by the Chancel Choir, serving chili and hot dogs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS URGENTLY NEEDED for the continuation of our current Sunday School program. Teachers especially needed for preschool and 6th grade. Instruction will be provided. A one-year commitment. If interested, contact Jacque McElroy or Pastor Brown.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: EARLY CHILDHOOD is seeking a Preschool Teacher to begin in August for the 2024-2025 school year. Class time is Monday through Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. A job description is on the bulletin board in the Commons. Interested candidates should contact Sue Velten, (314)892-8844.

GREEN PARK IS LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME CHILD CARE WORKER Hours would be Monday through Friday (3:00-6:00 p.m.). Qualifications would include a loving and caring personality, patience, and flexibility. Interested candidates should email April Baese, Child Care Director, at april.baese@greenparklutherschool.org.

EASTER EGG CANDY NEEDED for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23. Please drop off wrapped candy to the church office by Sunday, March 3. Thank you!

YOUTH – WE NEED YOUR HELP STUFFING EASTER EGGS on Sunday, March 10, 11:30 – 1:00. Lunch will be provided. We will be stuffing 1,500 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please sign up on the Youth Facebook page. Thank you!

LADIES CLUB COSTUME JEWELRY AND ACCESSORIES SWAP will be Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. Bring three or four items to swap! Snacks and desserts will be served. Ladies Club is open to women aged 18 and over. It's never too late to join!

GENTLY USED BOOKS ARE NEEDED for a Book Sale this fall, hosted by the Ladies Club. This is a fundraiser for our church. Watch for a collection box in the Commons and more details in future bulletins but start looking around your house now for books you can donate!

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB – MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Bunco Night on Saturday, March 16, 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Cost is \$10 per couple. Please bring a snack or a dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. Please plan to attend, even if you don't know how to play....we will learn together! RSVP to Gina Werkmeister.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! We will take a "Jungle Journey" this summer from June 24 to June 28. Join us for an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. We will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call (the 7 C's of History): Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Registration begins this Friday, March 1 on the Peace website.

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR VBS We will have teams for games, music, crafts, registration, preschool, and photography. Some of these teams will need help prior to June, so even if you can't help during the week of June 24 to 28, you can still be part of a team! We would love to have you come along on our *Jungle Journey* this summer!

SAVE THE DATE – SHINE EVENT will be Saturday, April 13, 8:00-noon. Watch for more information in the bulletin and April newsletter.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2024

- Sunday, February 25:** 12:00pm – New Member Class
6:00pm – Elder Meeting at the Hooss' House
7:00pm – Concerts at Peace – Bell-a-Bration
- Monday, February 26:** 3:45pm – Green Park Basketball
6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball
6:30pm – VBS Team Leader Meeting
7:00pm – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
- Tuesday, February 27:** 9:00am – Quilters
9:00am – Refit Exercise Class
3:45pm – Green Park Basketball
6:00pm – Co-Ed Volleyball
6:00pm – Men's Club
7:00pm – Southside Dart Ball League
- Wednesday, February 28:** 11:00am – Organ Recital
11:30am – Midweek Lenten Worship
4:00pm – Junior Confirmation
5:00pm – Lenten Dinner
6:30pm – Midweek Lenten Worship
7:15pm – High School Youth
- Thursday, February 29:** 7:00am – Men's Morning Bible Study
9:00am – Mary Martha Bible Study
3:45pm – Green Park Basketball
6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball
7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 584 Meeting
7:00pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, March 1:** 3:45pm – Green Park Basketball
7:00pm – Couples Club Board Meeting
- Saturday, March 2:** 10:00am – Green Park Girl Scout Meeting
- Sunday, March 3:** 11:30am – Life Ministry Team
6:00pm – LHSS Home Band Concert