



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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As We Gather

From earliest days the Christian Church employed the weeks before Easter—what came to be called the season of Lent—as the time of the year to prepare candidates for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the catechumenate. Paul wrote, “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). Our midweek Lenten services prepare us to consider our identity and connection with the Passion of Christ as the baptized children of God. It is in that understanding that we are enabled to take up our cross and follow Him through the struggles of this life to the glorious deliverance of eternal life.

ORGAN RECITAL – 11:00AM

Elin Hogan-Gomez, organ

Unless indicated, all selections by Benjamin Culli (b.1975)

From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee (AUS TIEFER NOT)

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken (HERZLIEBSTER JESU)

What God Ordains Is Always Good (WAS GOTT TUT)

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN)

What Wondrous Love Is This (WONDROUS LOVE)

My Song is Love Unknown, setting for Stanza 6 (LOVE UNKNOWN) John Eggert (1946-2022)

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways (EVAN)

Christ, the Life of All the Living (JESU, MEINE LEBENS LEBEN) James L. Brauer (b. 1938)

Elin Hogan-Gomez serves at Salem Lutheran Church, Black Jack, both as Director of Music as well as Church Office and Financial Secretary. Previous posts include Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Chesterfield, MO; St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and School in McAllen, TX; and Eternal Hope Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Park, MN. Ms. Hogan-Gomez first studied at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, MN, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish. She went on to Concordia University—Saint Paul, where she earned a second degree (post-baccalaureate) in Parish Music. During her three years at Concordia, she studied organ with Dr. John Eggert. Ms. Hogan-Gomez and her husband, Adam, were married in September of 2020. They live in Webster Groves with their dog, Rocky, cat, Cash, and a tank full of tropical fish (which do not have names). When time allows, she and Adam enjoy hiking, going for drives, and cooking.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

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

Anthems (11:30 a.m.)

Peace Early Childhood Preschool Plus Students

Jesus Called Them One by One

Do You Know Who Died for Me?

*Opening Hymn

LSB 433 Glory Be to Jesus



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

*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

Psalm 118:24; 113:3; Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- P** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
C **Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**
- P** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,
C **Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**
- P** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
C **He was bruised for our iniquities.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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.

First Reading

1 John 1-10

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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

Hymn

LSB 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives,
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

Second Reading

John 19:1-16a

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”
¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” ¹⁵They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

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

Responsory

1 John 2:1; Psalm 32:1

- P** We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

- P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

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Confirmation Testimonies (6:30 p.m.)

Erick Jacobsmeyer, Ashley Kaul, Paige Keiser, Lucie Wildman, Rachel McElroy

Hymn of the Day

LSB 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.
 The night and the day are both a - like.
 The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Sermon

“Whom Do We Follow?”

(John 19:14-16)

Sermon Notes:

1. Did Pilate succeed in changing the Jews’ mind?
2. Did the Jews succeed in changing Pilate’s mind?

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

Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

***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.**

***Luther's Morning Prayer (11:30 a.m.)**

- C** **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 p.m.)**

C 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.

***Blessing**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Benediction**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

LSB 878 Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

***Silent Prayer**

Closing Voluntary

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Elders: 11:30: Rich Behnke; 6:30: Ralph Wolters

Ushers: 11:30: Steve Kienstra, Rick Cusumano, Darrell Ewald, Dan Dukesherer, Mike Wilke; 6:30: Kyle Sandersfeld, Phil Cottrell, Bruce Herzog, Luis Palma

Lenten Meal



Next Wednesday, March 13
5:00 – 6:15 p.m.

Baked Mostaccioli
Sponsored by the Alaska Mission Team