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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

John 3:16, NRSV

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 10, 2024

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

<u>WELCOME TO PEACE!</u> 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

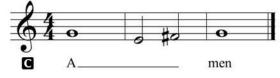
* = Stand

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

LSB 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer ***Opening Hymn** 1 Guide me. 0 Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this Thou great 2 crys - tal foun - tain Whence the 0 pen now the heal - ing 3 When Ι tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid anx - ious my bar - ren land. Ι am weak. but Thou art might - y; stream doth flow: Let the fi cloud - y pil - lar ery, sub - side: Death of hell's fears death and de struc - tion, Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, through. Lead me all jour - ney Strong de - liv - 'rer. my Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, bread of heav en, Feed me till want Ι no de - liv still strong 'rer, Be Thou my strength and Ι of prais will ev songs es _ er give to Feed till Ι more: me want no more. shield: Be Thou still my strength and shield. Thee: L will ev er give to Thee. _

 \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.



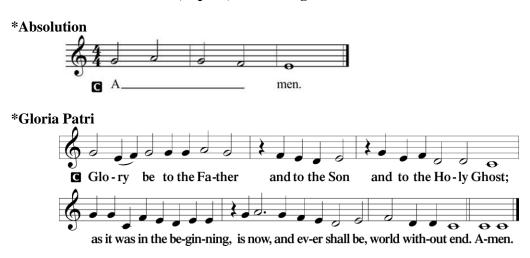
***Opening Sentences**

- \mathbf{P} God so loved the world,
- **C** That He gave His only Son,
- **P** That whoever believes in Him should not perish
- **C** But have eternal life.
- P Our Lenten journey leads us to the cross where Jesus gave His life,
- **C** And then to the resurrection and eternal life.

*Confession

Romans 6:1-2, 4

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.





Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.



*Verse

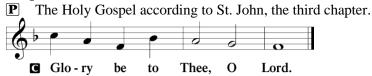
John 3:16

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C That whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

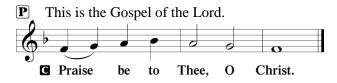
*Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21



¹⁴[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."



*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)

Seminarian Ryan Milbrath

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5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

Sermon "You Were Dead, But God Made Us Alive"

(Ephesians 2:1-10)

Sermon Notes:

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

Offertory Anthem (5:00)

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



*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.





*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, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: J. McCreary/T. Hutton/A. Hopfer

Elders: <u>5:00</u>: Steve Kienstra, Erik Lunsford; <u>8:00</u>: Mark Maloy, John Rastorfer;

<u>9:20</u>: Steve Shawcross, Bob Wolff; <u>10:30</u>: Alan Hopfer, John Roesch

Ushers: 5:00: Bill Petrovic, Jakob Beutelmann, Kevin Beutelmann, Don Hopkins, Jim Huck, Gary Stinnett; 8:00: Joe Sneed, Jon Caron, Dave Dippold, Joe Doskal, Tyler Rainey, Todd Tanner; 9:20: John Roesch, Owen Bullard, Joe Roesch, Bill Schlegel, Ed Stackle; 10:30: Mike Murphy, Caleb Mirly, Lynn Oster, Roger Rakers, Matt Thiel, Bob Uthoff, Rob Uthoff, Ken Werkmeister

Acolytes: 8:00: Genevieve Castro, Danielle Watson; 10:30: Ward Davis, Thad Glessner

Greeters: 8:00: Mary Eaton; 9:20 & 10:30: Greg & Lois Ebmeyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>KFUO AM 850 BROADCAST</u> is sponsored by Ken and Carol Doering in memory of Ken's father, Walter T. Doering.

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

<u>LENTEN SERVICES THIS WEEK</u> 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 Nancy Peterson from Zion, Mascoutah, Illinois. Prior to the evening service, a dinner will be held in the gym at 5:00 p.m., hosted by the Alaska Mission team, serving baked mostaccioli.

<u>THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT</u> will be Saturday, March 23, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Infants to 3^{rd} grade are invited for an egg hunt, games, crafts, and Holy Week devotions. Please bring your own basket. We hope to see you there!

<u>YOUTH – WE NEED YOUR HELP STUFFING EASTER EGGS</u> this afternoon, Sunday, March 10, 11:30 – 1:00. Lunch will be provided. We will be stuffing 1,500 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

<u>THE EASTER BREAKFAST IS BACK!</u> Sunday, March 31, 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium. Sponsored by the Men's Club. We would love for you to join us!

<u>THE LIVING LAST SUPPER</u>, Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. A Chancel drama depicting the Passover meal in the upper room with Jesus and His disciples. Learn how the disciples may have reacted to Jesus' words, "One of you is going to betray me." Invite your family and friends to join you as part of your Holy week observance. See the newsletter or website for more info.

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!

<u>GENTLY USED BOOKS ARE NEEDED</u> for a Book Sale this fall, hosted by Ladies Club as a fundraiser for our church. The collection box is in the Commons. Check your house for books you can donate!

<u>MARRIED COUPLES CLUB</u> Bunco Night is this 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 RSVP to Gina Werkmeister.

<u>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!</u> We will take a "Jungle Journey" this summer from June 24 to June 28. Three-year-olds through 3rd grade, join us for an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Children 4th grade through 6th grade, we have activities scheduled for you too! Register your children and grandchildren today on the Peace website by clicking on the Jungle Journey logo on the home screen.

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS STILL NEEDED</u> for our Sunday School program. Teachers especially needed for Parent & Me, preschool, and 6th grade. Instruction will be provided. If interested, contact Pastor Brown.

<u>JOB OPPORTUNITY: EARLY CHILDHOOD</u> is seeking a Preschool Teacher. A job description is on the bulletin board in the Commons. Interested, contact Sue Velten, (314)892-8844.

<u>CURTIS BOWERS PRESENTATION – FRIDAY, APRIL 12</u> Award-winning Christian filmmaker and podcaster, Curtis Bowers, will speak on "It's All About the AGENDA" which connects news stories and events to the people and groups who are grinding America down. The presentation will be in Sanctuary Hall at 7:00 p.m.

<u>THIS SUNDAY IS LWML MITE BOX SUNDAY</u> and the BIG Mite Box is available to accept your Mites for worldwide missions of the LCMS. Thank you for your very generous donations received last month.

<u>GREEN PARK IS LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME CHILD CARE WORKER</u> Hours would be Monday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Interested candidates should email April Baese, Child Care Director, at april.baese@greenparklutheranschool.org, or call (314)835-7207.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST is this Thursday, March 14, 9:00 a.m. at Denny's on Lindbergh.

<u>CONCERTS AT PEACE PRESENTS "THY WILL BE DONE"</u>, this Thursday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Symphonic Band and Golden Voice of Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw, Michigan, under the direction of Rebecca Sugden and Paul Eschmann, will present the Lenten worship concert. This concert is a part of the school's 5-day, 5-concert tour through Indiana, Missouri, Illinois, and Michigan.

<u>ST. TRINITY CEMETERY SPRING SPRUCE-UP</u> is Saturday, March 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch and water will be provided. Bring rakes, gloves, blowers, and plastic trash cans. To sign up, please contact Tracey Roesch at <u>itroesch96@gmail.com</u>.

<u>YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL CONCERT HERE AT PEACE</u> honoring Women in History Music and Vicky Smolick, President of St. Louis Musicians Union who passed away earlier this year. The Concert will feature a String Quartet from the St. Louis Symphony and The Theater Musicians Orchestra of St. Louis. Come and enjoy great music. The concert is Monday, March 11. The Strings will play at 6:00 p.m. and the Theater Orchestra at 6:30 p.m.

<u>THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS DEADLINE IS MARCH 31</u>, thus if you would like to direct your Thrivent dollars to Peace, please do so by then. Call Thrivent directly at 800-847-4836, or go online to thrivent.com/thriventchoice. After contacting Thrivent, please call the church office and inform them where to designate your dollars (Budget, Sunday School, Social Ministry, Boar's Head, St. Trinity Cemetery, etc.) so we can correctly apply the funds once received. Thank you!

<u>LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULTS (LYA)</u> March event is Young Adult Volleyball Night. Bring your "A-Game" and a snack to share. It will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran School, 304 South St., Collinsville, Illinois 62234 this Friday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN IS NO LONGER ACCEPTING EMPTY MEDICINE BOTTLES Thank you to all who contributed in the past. Please kindly recycle your medicine bottles at home. <u>NEW LADIES SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY TOPIC</u> begins on Sunday, April 14. They will be using the combined LifeLight study of Ephesians and 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Books for the class are \$13.50 each. Please contact Janice McCreary if you are interested.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2024

Sunday, March 10:	9:15am – Baptism Class
	11:30am – Life Ministry Book Club
	11:30am – Youth Egg Filling Party
	3:00pm – Youth Baseball Practice
	6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play
Monday, March 11:	6:00pm – Council
	6:00pm – Concert at Peace (see details above)
Tuesday, March 12:	
	9:00am – Refit Exercise Class
	1:30pm – Evangelism Meeting
	5:00pm – Ladies Club Board Meeting
	6:00pm – Crossfire Volleyball
	7:00pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 13:	-
	11:30am – Midweek Lenten Worship
	4:00pm – Junior Confirmation
	5:00pm – Lenten Dinner
	6:30pm – Midweek Lenten Worship
Thursday, March 14:	7:00am – Men's Morning Bible Study
	9:00am – Mary Martha Bible Study
	9:00am – Surviving Spouses Breakfast
	7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 584 Meeting
	7:00pm – Valley Lutheran Band & Choir Concert
<u>Saturday, March 16:</u>	6:00pm – Married Couples Club Bunco Night
Sunday, March 17:	3:00pm – Youth Baseball Practice
	6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play