

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION**

Drawn to the Cross

LSB 560

1. **Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast blessed With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.**
2. **Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.**
3. **Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.**
4. **And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.**

10:30 GPLS 5/6 GRADE CHOIR

*Come, Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus
Behold the Lamb of God*

Kenneth Kosche
Paul Bouman

***INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: As a father has compassion on his children so the Lord has compassion on those who love Him.

C: **The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

C: **We have often strayed from Your ways and followed the desires of our own hearts. We have sinned against You and against one another. We have done the evil Your Word forbids. We often have not done the good Your Word requires. According to Your mercy, given us through Christ, forgive our sins. Grant us Your Spirit, that we may live in godliness, love, and faithfulness, all the days of our lives. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION** C: **✠ Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***THE KYRIE**

✠ Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you. C: **✠ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray. C: **✠ Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the second Sunday in Lent is from Genesis 12:1-7, pages 8-9:

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go

to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

5:00 CHANCEL CHOIR

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Arr: Jay Rouse

THE EPISTLE READING is from Romans 4:1-5, 13-16, page 941:

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness. ¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - according to St. John, the third chapter, verses 1-17, pages 887-888:

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And 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. ¹⁶For 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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 SONG (Sung as the children come forward)

(8:00 & 10:30)

1. I am trusting You, Lord Jesus, You have died for me.

All my sins have been forgiven. I am free!

2. I am trusting You, Lord Jesus, As You guide my way.
In Your loving arms You hold me Night and day.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:00 & 10:30)

Marilyn Wiesehan

HYMN OF THE DAY

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

LSB 451

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.
2. Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.
3. Here we have a firm foundation; Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.

THE SERMON

"Jesus And...?"

(John 3:1-17)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

VOLUNTARY

***THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

✪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' LITANY

L: O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, our Lord and Savior,

C: To You we re-dedicate our hearts and lives.

L: O Holy Spirit, Source of life and light, our Sanctifier and Comforter,

C: To You we consecrate both body and soul.

L: For the nurture of children, the enlightenment of youth, the strengthening of the tempted, and the conversion of sinners,

C: We re-dedicate our educational endeavors.

L: For holding up the cross of Christ as the only hope for wayward and sinful mankind.

C: We remember Green Park Lutheran School, Lutheran High South, and Peace Early Childhood Programs.

L: To maintain schools of intelligent faith wherein we may learn to give a reason for the hope that is within us,

C: We re-dedicate all academic pursuits.

L: May here be exemplified the Christian faith of teachers, the love of pious and obedient children, and the unity of all in Christ Jesus.

C: May our classrooms ever resound with the proclamation of the Gospel, the worship in prayer, and praise of pupils and instructors alike, to the glory of God our Father, source of all light and life and love.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal.)

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: 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: **✠ Amen, amen, amen.**

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

1. **Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.**
2. **God His own doth tend and nourish, In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.**
3. **Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh,
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy. Amen.**

***SILENT PRAYER**

POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Organist: 5 & 9:20: Kendra Ruesler; 8 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Bob Uthoff/Terry Hutton

NEWS AND NOTES:

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2020

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Sanctuary Hall): Gospel of Luke

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Gr: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner **7th Gr:** Greg Wirtel & Cindy Neff

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Ray Bodicky in loving memory of Carol Bodicky; and from Mel & Betty Ohlau in loving celebration of their 69th wedding anniversary.

THE LIVE BROADCAST over KFUE radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is sponsored by Mel & Betty Ohlau in celebration of their 69th wedding anniversary.

GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL (191 pupils) with faculty, staff, and headmaster, Stephen Eggold, we acknowledge today (10:30). Welcome!

GREEN PARK LUTHERAN STAFF: Stephen Eggold, Principal; Kelly Pfund, Sara Hopfer, Katie Gaeta, Laura Reis, Amanda Daniels, Michelle Barnes, Stephanie Torbeck, Beth Meyer, Angela Marty, Grace Harnagel, Ruthann Gieseke, Brenda Huster, Jan Cibulka, Ann Ryherd, David Rusert, Joshua Dixon, Donna Auer, Casie Lanzendorf, Abby Wilde, Hillary Stout, Sandi Loduca, Rodger Robbins, Collen Matlock, Evan Sanft, Janell Sanft, Pete Pancella, Victoria LeMunyon, April Baese, Shannon Arling, Sarah Baese, Brenda Chitwood, Callum Cunningham, Annette Heckenberg, Cynthia Truemper, Ado Caus

JOIN US AT GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOR CHAPEL every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. We'd love to have you!

EMAIL CHANGE FOR PASTOR KASTENS Please note that Pastor Kastens' email has changed. Please use either pastor.kastens@peacelutheranstl.org, or his personal email, dennisakastens@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION BANNERS are posted on the Chancel wall displaying names and verses of the 2020 Palm Sunday class.

WANTED: Vacation Bible School is in need of some items for craft projects. Needed are clear, smooth-sided, 16 oz. glass jars (we will need at least 100 jars), and 1/4-1/2" cloth ribbon, any color, any length. Please bring donations to the church office. Thanks!

EASTER PLANTS: Easter lilies and dark pink azaleas will decorate the chancel April 11 and 12 for Easter. Complete the form below and place in offering. **Please place your order by TODAY, Sunday, March 8. Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church and earmark "Easter Plants".** Contact Marlene Wussler if you have any questions.

YOUTH NEWS: Sr. Youth Retreat Day is Sat., March 14. Join us for Bible Study, food, and Top Golf. Cost \$30. Sign up **today**. Easter Egg Hunt needs Youth to help fill eggs today from 11:30 - 1:15 p.m. and to help hide eggs and lead games at the Egg Hunt on Sat., March 21. Please sign up to help! Jr. Youth will help lead worship service at Bethesda on March 15. Jr. Youth Retreat to Camp Windermere is March 27-29. We will need a male chaperone/driver for this retreat. **Registration and \$75 is due today.**

LADIES GUILD All ladies are invited to join us on Thursday, March 19, 11:00 a.m. for salad, dessert, and fellowship with our meeting following at 11:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room. We will be planning for the Spring Salad Luncheon.

EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Saturday, March 21, 10:00a.m. for families with children infants through Grade 3. Parents, grand and great-grandparents welcome. Bring your basket!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS need to be called in by March 31. Call 800-847-4836 or go online to thrivent.com/thriventchoice and direct your dollars to Peace. Then, inform Peace to which fund(s) you want your dollars applied. Questions? Contact Mike or Nancy Holdenried.

WILL YOU HOST STUDENTS? We need host families on Sat., March 28 for a group of high school students from Minnesota. You will pick up students after their Saturday evening concert, feed them breakfast, and then return them to church for the 8:00 a.m. service. Students need to travel to homes in at least groups of two. Please visit www.peacestlmusic.org or call the church office.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST at 9:00 a.m. this Thursday at Denny's. Contact Joyce Schutte for more information.

SUMMER CAMP WORKERS NEEDED for June-July. Contact Sue Velten, Early Childhood Administrator, for application.

ALASKA MISSIONS is preparing to pack their supply boxes and need packing tape. They also need large bottles of shampoo. Any donations would be appreciated. They will ship all of their boxes May 1. Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2020:

Today: 10:30 Green Park Sunday
2:00 Crossfire
Mon: 11:15 Preschool Chapel
3:30 GP Practice
5:00 Chimes of Peace Rehearsal
6:30 Co-Ed Volleyball
6:30 Cub Scouts
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:00 Crossfire
7:00 Eagle Board of Review
Wed: 11:00 Worship Service
4:00 5/6/7/8 grade Confirmation Class

Wed:	5:00	Lenten Supper
	6:15	Worship Service
	7:00	Bells of Peace Rehearsal
	7:00	Crossfire
Thu:	9:00	Mary/Martha Bible Study
	3:30	GP Practice
	6:00	St. Trinity Cemetery Board
	6:00	Crossfire
Thu:	6:30	College Girls Bible Study
	7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri:	6:00	Crossfire
Sat:	5:00	Worship Service w/Communion
Sun:	3:00	5th Anniversary Organ Recital