

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church



**Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025**

Sharing God's love, growing in faith, and creating community...

Be at Peace.



In Person and Online Worship
Third Sunday in Lent
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PRELUDE

played by Liz Mun

WELCOME

Please stand for the confession.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.
Compassionate One,

C **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**we do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown us.**

**We do not welcome others with radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the Earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

P Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering one home.

In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Before the Water Nourished Earth" (ACS 1049)

all verses



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish melody

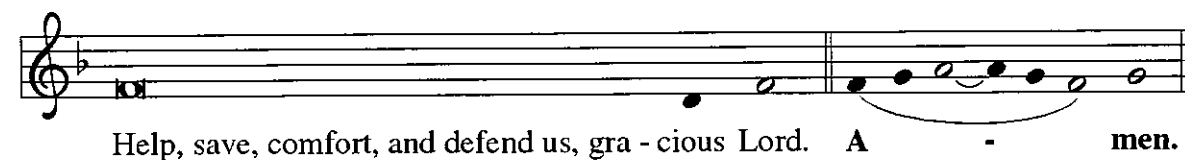
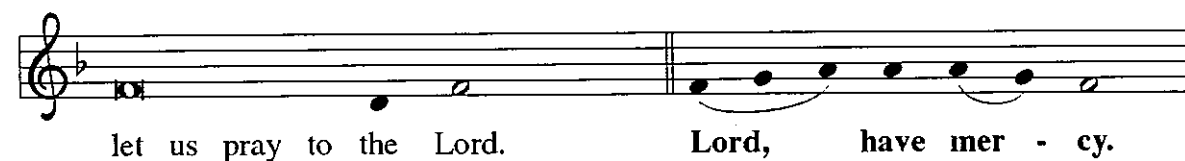
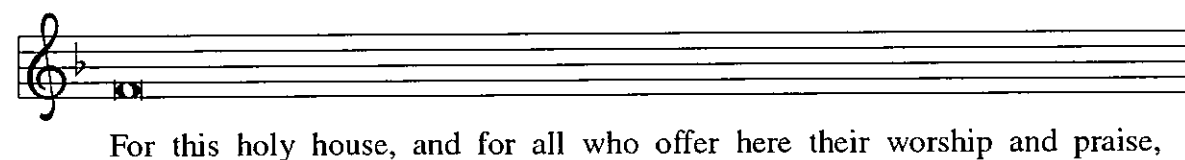
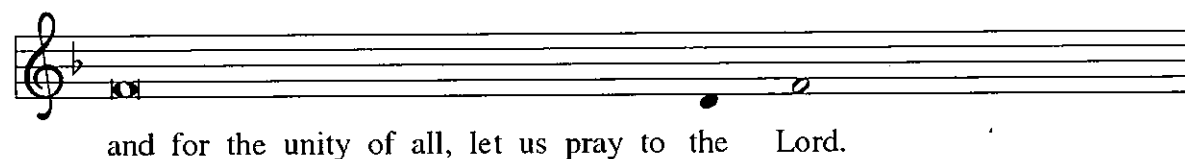
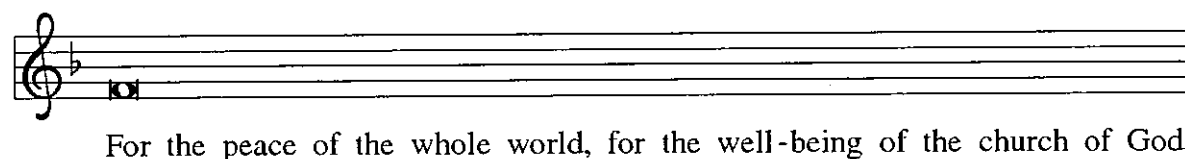
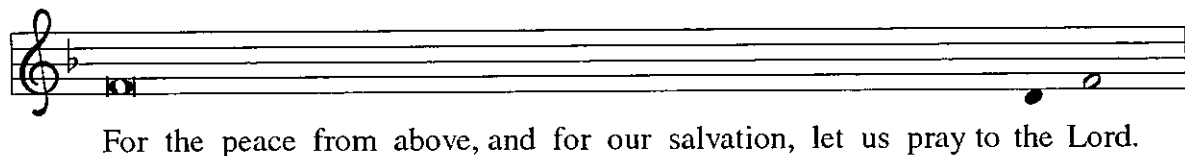
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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55 : 1—9

read by

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

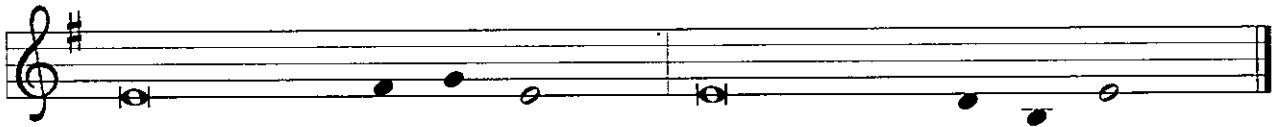
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



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PSALM : Psalm 63 : 1—8 (*Sung responsively by whole verse.*)

¹ O God, you are my God; eager-¹ ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there¹ is
no water.

² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your¹ holy place,
that I might behold your power¹ and your glory.**

³ For your steadfast love is better than¹ life itself;
my lips shall¹ give you praise.

⁴ **So will I bless you as long¹ as I live
and lift up my hands¹ in your name. R**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the rich-¹ est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with¹ joyful lips,

⁶ **when I remember you up-¹ on my bed,
and meditate on you in¹ the night watches.**

⁷ For you have¹ been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I¹ will rejoice.

⁸ **My whole being¹ clings to you;
your right hand¹ holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10 : 1—13

read by

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.
⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat

and drink, and they rose up to play.”⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L The Word of the Lord.

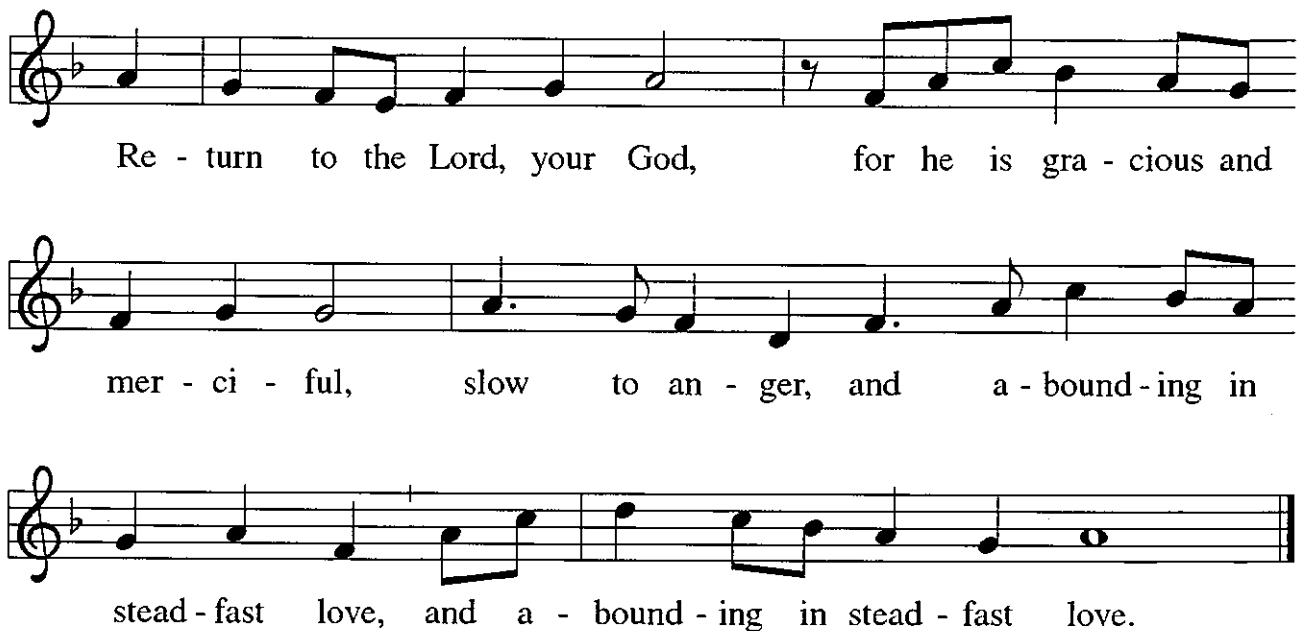
C **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Doug Ryniewicz

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 13 : 1—9

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?” ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Doug Ryniewicz

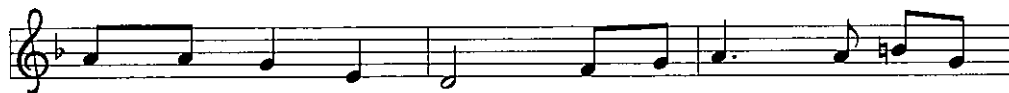
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HYMN OF THE DAY

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” (ELW 334) verses 1—3



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er. you the sea.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS

A Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life may flourish on the planet that is our shared home. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

- A We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion (*especially*). Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict (*especially*). Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild. God, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst. God, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended (*especially*). May their witness inspire our own. God, in your mercy,
- C receive our prayer.**
- P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
- C Amen.**

SHARING PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.**

OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who faithfully continues to support Peace's ministries. To give online, please use the [online giving portal](#). If you wish to give by cash or check, please put your offering in the plate.

Special Offering. *Each month, Peace designates a recipient of our special offering. Individuals may choose to give a special gift - over and above their usual offering to Peace - in support of a particular ministry.*

March's Special Offering is Ukraine Relief: In recent days Ukraine, the Ukrainian people, and democratic freedoms have been denounced, and are actively under attack on all fronts. Particularly Russia looms on the physical, cultural, ideological, and spiritual fronts against Ukraine. Peace is responding with prayer and giving. March's special offering is for Ukraine relief through **Lutheran World Relief**. This aid will go to families in need who's lives have been torn apart by the war in Ukraine. Please keep Ukraine and all effected by war in your prayers.

OFFERTORY

"Beautiful Things"

Verse 1 & 2
 Refrain, verse 3
 Refrain twice



1 All this pain; I won - der if I'll
 2 All this earth; . . . could all that is
 3 All a - round, . . . hope is spring - ing



ev - er find my way. I won - der if my
 lost ev - er be found? . . . Could a gar - den
 up from this old ground. . . . Out of cha - os,



life could real - ly change at all.
 come up from this ground at all?
 life is be - ing found in you.



Refrain
 You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti - ful things out of the dust.



You make beau - ti - ful things, you make beau-ti -



ful things out of us.

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BEAUTIFUL THINGS
 Irregular

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray together

C Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

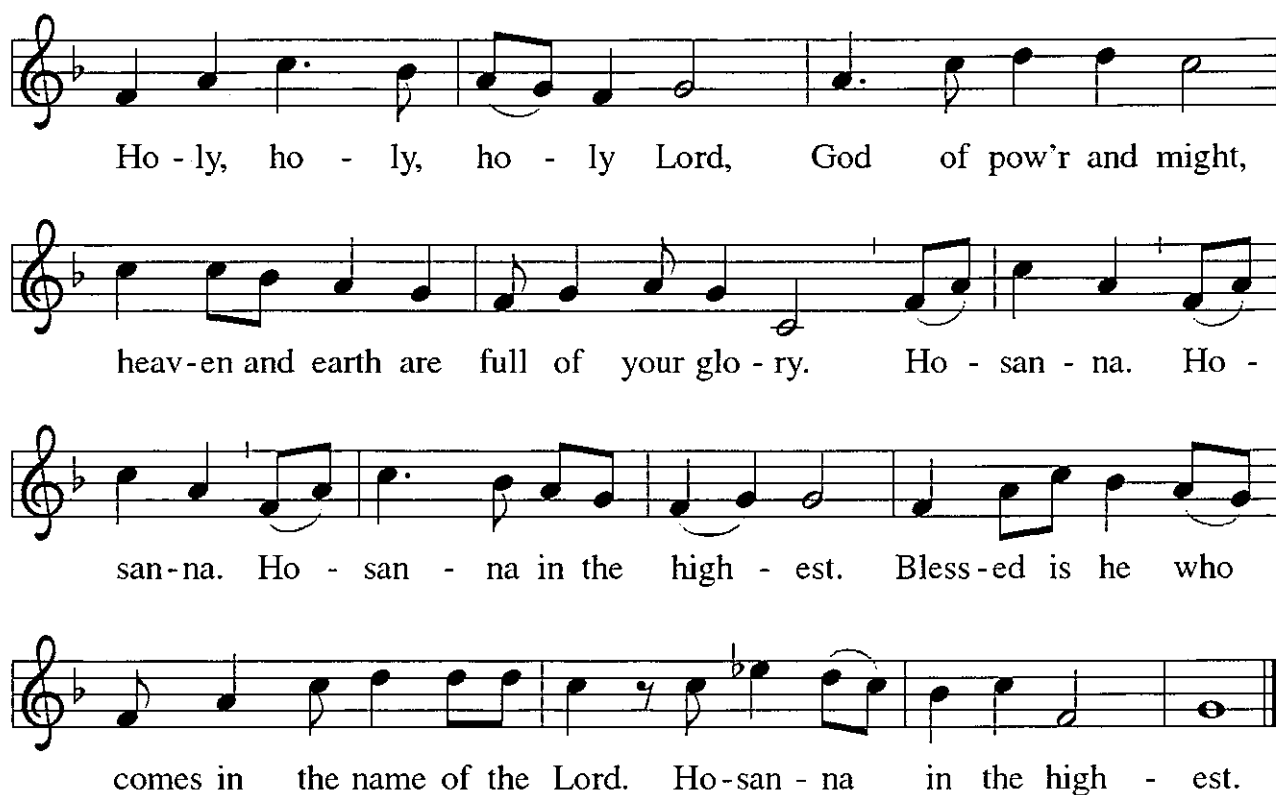
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare the joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on Earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Music on Next Page)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

For those worshipping in person: On the first Sunday of the month, we will commune around the altar railing. On the remaining Sundays of the month, we will commune using continuous distribution in one station. The ushers will indicate when it is your turn. Please be seated until then. You will come forward and receive bread. Then you will take a cup of red wine or white grape juice. All bread is gluten free. You will dispose your cup in the baskets on either corner of the altar railing.

For those worshipping online: The Pastor will invite you to partake of communion at the beginning of the meal before all are served in person. If you are with someone, please serve one another. If you are physically alone, you may serve yourself trusting these words: The Body of Christ given for you and The Blood of Christ shed for you.

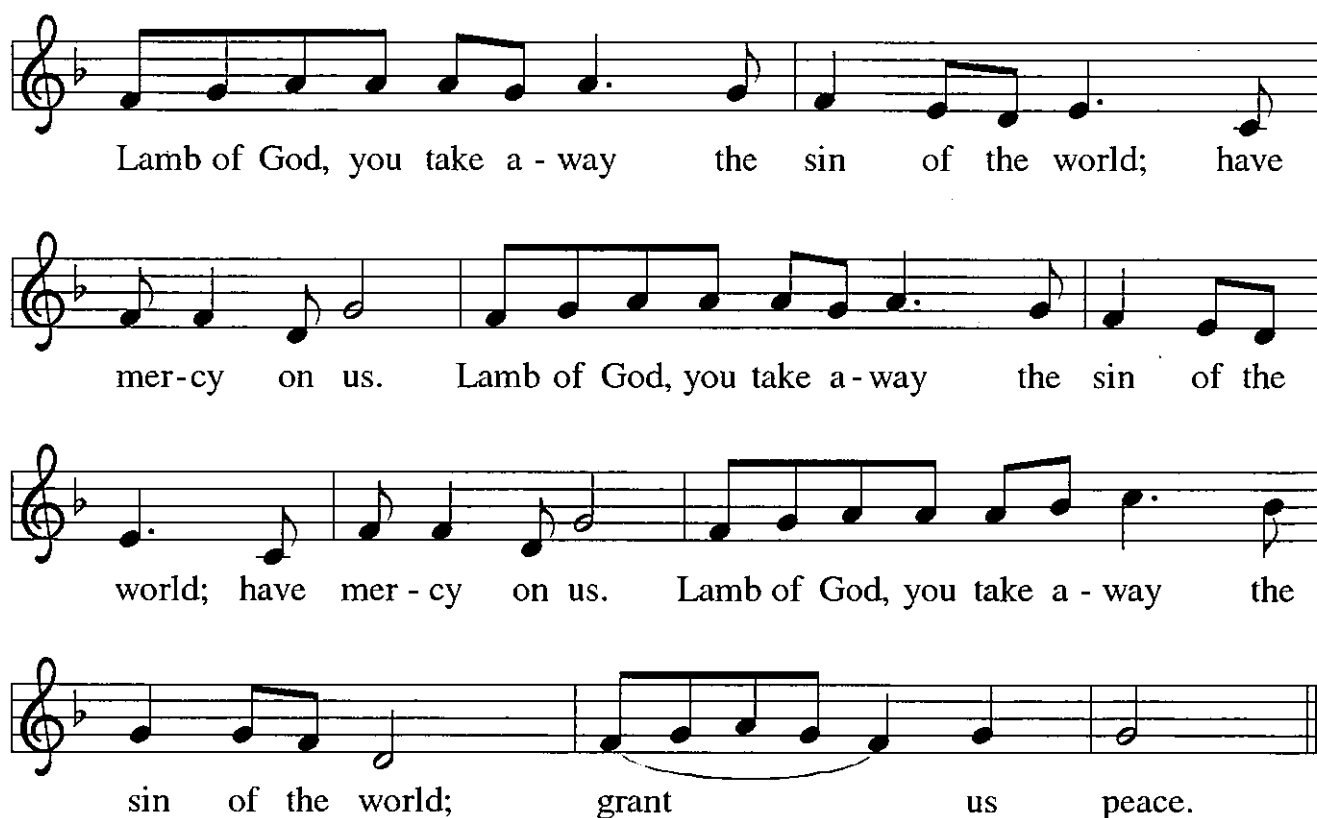
P God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ. All are welcome.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Ave Verum Corpus"
W.A. Mozart

sung by VOP

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray,

C Generous host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

MISSION MOMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

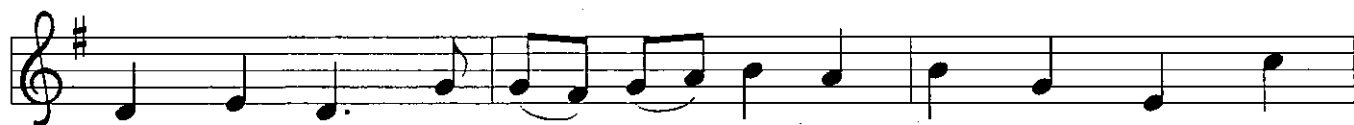
P: God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" (ELW 618)

all verses



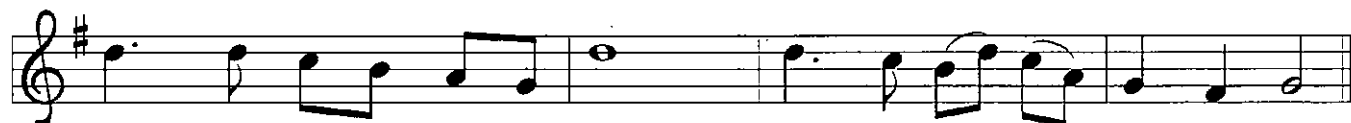
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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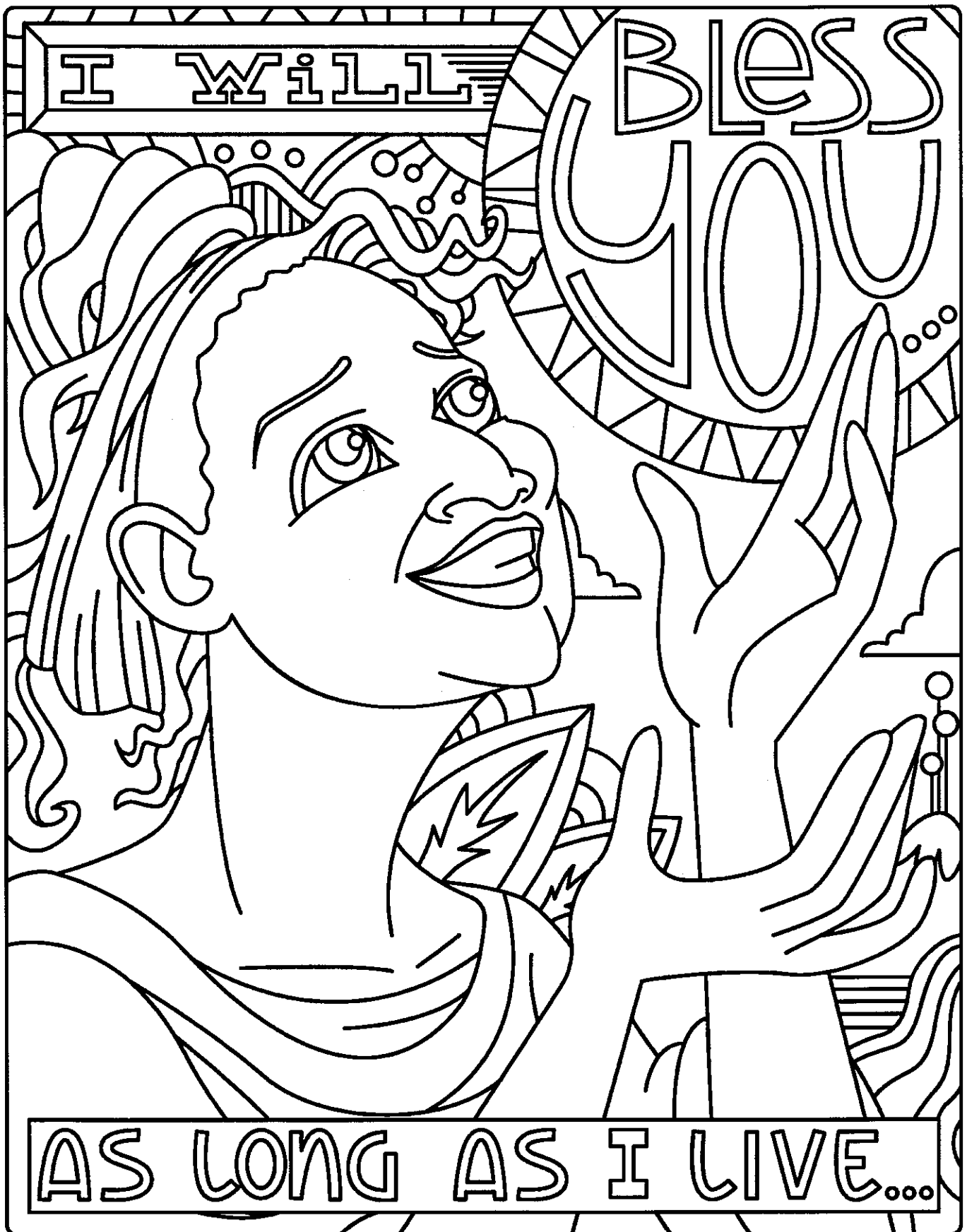
DISMISSAL

A Go in peace; remember the poor.
 C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Played by Liz Mun

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.
 Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.



Our Prayers:

- Prayers for the family of Cindy Lupo as they mourn her passing on 3/11/25...
- Prayers of health and protection for Chuck Tolsma, brother of Hilda Crabtree, as he prepares for heart surgery...
- Prayers of peace and healing for Sharon Kollar, Natalie Cain's aunt, as she undergoes treatment...
- Prayers of protection and healing for Stewart DeHaven as he heals from a torn rotator cuff and possible broken shoulder...
- Prayers of peace for the people of Gaza and Israel ahead of this latest ceasefire agreement...
- Prayers of peace and protection for those facing the wildfires in California...
- Prayers of Wisdom for the incoming administration...
- Prayers for Nadine Krutzky-Mitchell who is asking for healing...
- Prayers of peace for Daniel Crabtree...
- Prayers for Peace's search for a Minister of Children, Youth, and Families...
- Prayers of protection for all of the immigrants, refugees, and aliens in a foreign land...
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine that they may once again enjoy the freedom, democracy and economic independence that they have been focused on since their independence...
- Prayers for the many citizens of Russia that are struggling under the oppression, misinformation, and depletion of their human and material resources under the authoritarian regime they have...
- Prayers for Gaza and Israel, Palestinians and Jews and all across the world impacted by the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas...
- For all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer...
- For our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love...

Peace Notes

Lenten Soup Suppers: Lent has begun, which means Peace's Lenten Soup Suppers are back! Join Peace Wednesdays when we gather in food and fellowship. Peace needs volunteers to bring soup, bread, and to help set up every Wednesday beginning on March 12 through April 16th. Questions about volunteering or what to bring? Contact the church office at 703 354 5233 or email at info@sharingpeace.org.

Lenten Food Drive: Help ACCA this Lent by “taking on” a collection of shelf-stable food for ACCA's food pantry during the next 40 days. Inventory at ACCA's pantry is very low and demand is at a record high. Consider collecting one item for each day of Lent. Once collected, please deliver them to the ACCA Food Pantry in the white trailer next to the Child Development Center, Tues-Fri from 1:30 - 4 p.m.

ACCA Support for Federal Employees: ACCA understands the challenges many federal employees are facing due to unexpected terminations. ACCA is offering a very special program to provide high-quality childcare services to help ease your burden. Our goal is to offer you peace of mind, knowing your preschoolers are in a safe, nurturing environment while you focus on your next steps.

HR Aid with Judy Hughes: Peace knows many of God's beloved are being affected by layoffs and threatened layoffs of Federal employees and contractors. Judy Hughes has extensive corporate and consulting expertise in all things employment related and is helping people with resumes, LinkedIn profiles, networking, thinking through options, etc.

Volunteer to Lead Sunday School: Sunday School is going strong for our little ones at Peace! And we need your help to make it happen. Peace is looking for 2 parents to lead Sunday School each Sunday morning during 10:30am worship until 11:20am. Curriculum and materials are provided. Register using the QR code below!



PEACE WARMLY WELCOMES ALL PEOPLE, NO EXCEPTIONS!

WORSHIPPING WITH US FOR THE FIRST TIME? We receive you as a gift from God. Please email info@sharingpeace.org to be added to the weekly e-news. Also, look for a yellow welcome folder by the entrance.

THIS SERVICE IS LIVE-STREAMED. If you prefer never to appear on camera, let an usher know and they will seat you in an off-camera area.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. We have a staffed nursery available as well; please ask an usher to direct you. The nursery attendants will bring kids to the sanctuary for the Time for Children.

Thanks to all who help lead worship. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact info@sharingpeace.org

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP	TODAY	March 30, 2025
Tech and Sound	Peyton Danner, Andrew Tlusty	Bret Howard, Andrew Tlusty
Lector	Margo Tlusty	Karen Olmsted
Acolyte		
Assisting Minister	Margo Tlusty	Karen Olmsted
Altar Care	Tammy Heppner	Karen Olmsted
Ushers	Michael Stumpf, Tammy Heppner	Kevin Jalaili, Bill Penoyar
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