

# WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – FEBRUARY 26, 2023

## MEET US

Our family is loved by Christ and we love each other. We hold firmly to God's Word of truth, which convicts us of our sin and comforts us with God's forgiveness in Christ. We embrace the rich heritage of hymns and liturgy that has guided the worship of the Church for generations. We are passionate about Christian education, wanting young and old to grow in their knowledge of God's Word. As a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), we enjoy fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

In our Gospel lesson today Jesus gives us an excellent example of how to fight temptation, as he resists every effort of Satan himself to lead him into sin. But in Jesus we have so much more than an example- we have a Savior. He isn't just showing us what it looks like to live righteously, he is actively doing it in our place. Through the obedience of the one man, Jesus, we have been made righteous.

## VISITOR INFORMATION

**Restrooms** are located to the right as you leave the sanctuary and are equipped with child changing tables.

**Parent Room** is located on the left as you exit the sanctuary doors. This room is equipped with a livestream of the service.

**For the hearing impaired**, an induction loop is provided. Just switch your hearing aid to "T".

**For other special needs or questions**, our ushers are here to assist you. Don't hesitate to ask.



# DIVINE SERVICE

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## WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

### PRESERVICE MUSIC

St. Paul's Handbell Choir

### HYMN

The Tree of Life | ELH 302

### INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**His mercy endures forever.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins;

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of the world: We confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins. We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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<sup>1</sup> This morning we are making use of the Lutheran Chorale Service (ELH Rite 4, p. 107). This service uses congregational singing to respond to the pastor's reading of the Word. It has been called "an occasion for actively and joyously proclaiming the Gospel anew." This form put the liturgy in the hands of the common folk instead of relying on the singing of a professional choir.

## **ABSOLUTION**

Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

The Lord, My God, Be Praised | ELH 404:2

2. The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My Trust, my Life from heaven,  
The Father's own dear Son,  
Whose life for me was given,  
Who for me sin atoned  
With His most precious blood,  
Who giveth me by faith  
The highest heav'nly good.

## **PRAYER**

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

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## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

The Temptation of Man | Genesis 3:1-15

Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?"<sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden,<sup>3</sup>but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, 'You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.'"<sup>4</sup>The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die.<sup>5</sup>In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."<sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.<sup>7</sup>The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists.<sup>8</sup>They heard the voice of the Lord God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of

the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>The Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” <sup>13</sup>The Lord God said to the woman, “What have you done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the livestock, and more than every wild animal. You shall crawl on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.

### **CREEDAL HYMN**

We All Believe in One True God | ELH 37

### **EPISTLE READING** By Christ’s Obedience Many Will Become Righteous | Romans 5:12–19

So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. <sup>13</sup>For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one’s account if there is no law, <sup>14</sup>and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the gracious gift is not like Adam’s trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God’s grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many! <sup>16</sup>And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ! <sup>18</sup>So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. <sup>19</sup>For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

### **HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God | ELH 250

### **SERMON**

The Perfect Substitute | Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. <sup>2</sup>After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.” <sup>4</sup>But Jesus answered, “It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the

mouth of God.”<sup>5</sup> Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,<sup>6</sup> and he said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you. And they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written: You shall not test the Lord your God.”<sup>8</sup> Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.<sup>9</sup> He said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me.”<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”<sup>11</sup> Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

## WE GIVE THANKS

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - LENT

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**We confess that without your love we are lost.**

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

### **WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT**

*Visitors, please speak with one of our pastors before receiving the Sacrament with us. We welcome members of the ELS and WELS to join us at the Lord's Table.*

#### **EXHORTATION**

Dear communicant members of Peace and those of our fellowship, in order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood, which is shed for you," you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ truly gives you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "this do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER HYMN**

Our Father, Throned in Heaven Above | ELH 384

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Jesus, Priceless Treasure | ELH 264  
Just as I Am | ELH 319

## **PRAYER**

We thank you, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

Fight the Good Fight | ELH 249

## **WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE**

St. Paul's Handbell Choir

Alyssa Benson | Director

Organist

Katie Hartwig

Communion Assistants

Craig Ferkenstad & Ben Lundsten | 8:15

Phil Novak & Josh Ringen | 10:30

Ushers

Joel Com, Jack, Carl & Oliver Harding | 8:15

Mark Zenk & Terry Field | 10:30

Refreshments

Group 2

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Divine Service w/HC	8:15am
Bible Story Time	9:15am
Sunday School	9:25am
Bible Class	9:30am
Divine Service w/HC	10:30am

### MONDAY

Maintenance	6:00pm
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### TUESDAY

Solid Grounds	9:00am
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### WEDNESDAY

Confirmation Class	4:00pm
Lenten Meal	5:00pm
Lenten Service	6:00pm

### THURSDAY

M.O.M.s Bible Study	8:30am
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### FRIDAY

Men's Bible Study	6:30am
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### SATURDAY

Ice Skating	2:00pm
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## NEWS & NOTES

For more detailed information concerning our news & notes, visit [peacemankato.com/news](http://peacemankato.com/news)

### BIBLE STORY TIME

**Sundays | 9:15am**

For our youngest children (and all!). In the 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom right after 1<sup>st</sup> service.

### PEACE ICE SKATING

**Mar 4 | 2pm**

We reserved the ice at All Seasons Arena for our church family. Sign up: [peacemankato.com/skating](http://peacemankato.com/skating)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGING RESCHEDULED **Mar 15 | 6pm**

Practice with the Adult Choir in the sanctuary at 5:40pm. Sing at midweek service at 6pm.

### ADULT GROUP - CURLING

**Mar 17 | 6pm**

Join Adult Group for brief curling refresher and 3 hours of ice and socializing at the Mankato Curling Club. Cost: \$10/person + dessert to share. Pay Joni Moldstad. Sign up at [peacemankato.com/curling](http://peacemankato.com/curling).

### PIZZA & PINEWOOD DERBY

**Mar 25 | 5PM**

Design a pinewood derby car to race and to be judged for style. Separate categories for children and adults. Kit: \$6 at office. Pizza served! Send [pastormoldstad@gmail.com](mailto:pastormoldstad@gmail.com) any questions.

## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES CONTINUE

Services are offered every Wednesday in March. This year's theme is *Psalms of the Passion*. All groups are scheduled to serve a midweek meal before the services at 5pm. Questions? Email Rachel at [rmoldstad@gmail.com](mailto:rmoldstad@gmail.com) — Group 2 (3/1), Group 3 (3/8), Group 4 (3/15), Group 5 (3/22), and Group 6 (3/29).

## UNLOAD A MOVING TRUCK

Our new administrative assistant, Lisa, is looking for help with unloading the moving truck around 4pm, March 4. Email: [pastormoldstad@gmail.com](mailto:pastormoldstad@gmail.com)

## KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP DATES

Mt. Olive Lutheran School – 2/28 @ 6:30pm  
Risen Savior Lutheran School – 3/2 @ 6pm  
Tuition subsidy provided for Peace members ([pastormoldstad@gmail.com](mailto:pastormoldstad@gmail.com)).

## JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRE-K

2-, 3- or 5-day sessions      Ages 3-5  
Director: Joslyn Moldstad      507-385-7752  
[peacemankato.com/preschool](http://peacemankato.com/preschool)

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