

# WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – FEBRUARY 5, 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

The Sermon on the Mount has been called the greatest sermon of all time. One striking feature is that outside the Beatitudes it contains little gospel. Eloquent? Yes. Thought-provoking? Yes. Clearly explaining the way of salvation? Maybe not so much. However, I don't think that was Jesus' intention. He expounds upon the law, reminding his followers of their need for a Savior and encouraging them in their lives of sanctification. Today we consider this truth: *the Law of God is Good*.

## 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

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Mount Olive Band

### OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

### HYMN

Father, Who the Light This Day | ELH 14

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, have mercy)

O God the Fa - ther in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie Eleison hymn. It consists of two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

us. O God the Son, Re - deem-er of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O God the Ho - ly Ghost,  
true Com - fort - er, have mer - cy up - on us.

**ABSOLUTION**

Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST)**

Glory be to God in the highest!

And on earth peace, good will to - ward men. All

glo - ry be to God on high, who hath our race be -

friend - ed! To us no harm shall now come nigh, the

strife at last is end - ed. God show - eth His good will to men, and

peace shall dwell on earth a - gain; O thank Him for His good - ness!

**SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.

And with your spir - it.

## PRAYER

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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### OLD TESTAMENT READING

God's People Promise to Follow His Law | Exodus 19:1-8a

In the third month after the Israelites had left the land of Egypt, on that same day of the month, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. <sup>2</sup>After they set out from Rephidim and came to the Wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now if you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my special treasure out of all the nations, although the entire earth is mine. <sup>6</sup>You will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.' These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites." <sup>7</sup>Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. <sup>8</sup>All the people answered together, "Everything that the Lord has said, we will do."

## ENSEMBLE PSALM

The Just Man is a Light in Darkness | Psalm 112

*The congregation is invited to join when the refrain is indicated in bold.*

The just man is a light in darkness  
to the up - right, to the up - right.

Refrain

### **Refrain**

Light shines through the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious and merciful and just.  
Well for the man who is gracious and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice.

### **Refrain**

He shall never be moved;  
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.  
An evil report he shall not fear;  
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

### **Refrain**

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear.  
Lavishly he gives to the poor;  
His justice shall endure forever;  
his horn shall be exalted in glory.

### **Refrain**

From Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. © 2022 Francesca LaRosa.

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## EPISTLE READING

Live Honorably | 1 Peter 2:9–12

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

<sup>11</sup>Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us.

## 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall 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.



## HYMN

Thy Strong Word | ELH 72

Verse 1: All

Verse 2: Men

Verse 3: Women

Verse 4: Men

Verse 5: Women

Verse 6: All

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way let your light shine in people’s presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. <sup>17</sup>Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>Amen I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>So whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

## WE GIVE THANKS

### 8:15 - MOUNT OLIVE CHOIR

May Our God Be Gracious to Us | Mark Bitter

May our God be gracious to us and bless us.

May he make his face shine on us and give us peace.

May the people praise you, O God. May your ways be known.

May they know your saving love. Let them praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing, sing and shout for joy.

For you guide all the people on earth and you rule with truth.

Let the people thank you, O God. May your ways be known.

Let them know your saving love. Let them thank you.

Then the fields will spring forth and grow, and our God will bless.

All the earth will fear the Lord. God will bless us.

May the people praise you, O God. May your ways be known.

May they know your saving love. Let them praise you.

May our God be gracious to us and bless us.

May he make his face shine on us and give us peace.

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## 8:15 - CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

God of Hope | Silas Born

*The congregation is asked to sing verses 3 and 4.*

1. God of Hope for ev' - ry na - - tion: Gave His  
2. God of Hope and our Re - - - deem - - - er Paid the  
3. Ho - ly Spir - - - it, our Faith Giv - - - er, Give us  
4. Christ re - moves our dai - - ly sor - - - row, Brings us

4  
life for our sal - - va - - tion; kept the law in per - - - - - - - - - -  
debt our sins to cov - - - er; Ban - - - ished death and sor - - - row's  
faith in Christ for - - - ev - - - er; Help us ward off all temp - -  
joy for each to - - - mor - - - row; Gives us hope when all seems

7  
mea - - - sure; Clothed us with this per - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -  
stor - - - y; Gave us hope of heav'n - - - ly glor - - - - - y.  
ta - - - tion Find - - - ing pow'r in Christ's sal - - - - - va - - - - - tion.  
hope - - - less; Grants us peace with full for - - - - - give - - - - - ness.

Tune: *Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara*; 19<sup>th</sup> century Swedish Folk Tune. Text used by permission.

## OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name Thy king-dom  
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and  
for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tress-pass a-against us; And lead  
us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us from e-vil. For Thine is the  
king-dom and the pow'r and the glo-ry for-ev-er and e-ver.  
A - - - - - men.

### PRAYER

Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**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.

**HYMN**

Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word | ELH 201:1-4

**PRAYER**

O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

**WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE**

Mount Olive

Donna Fosburgh | Choir Director

Mariah Munsen | Band Director

Anita Kreinke | Accompanist

Vocalist

Tony Cordes | Vocalist

Katie Hartwig | Accompanist

Pianist

Lexi Fosburgh

Ushers

Nate Risto, Ian Risto, Owen Risto | 8:15

Todd Olsen, Rob Pipal | 10:30

Refreshments

Group 2

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Divine Service	8:15am
Bible Story Time	9:15am
Sunday School	9:25am
Bible Class	9:30am
Divine Service	10:30am
Broomball, Sr. Youth	2:00pm
Broomball, Jr. Youth	3:00pm

### TUESDAY

Solid Grounds	9:00am
Gospel Outreach	5:00pm
Stewardship	5:30pm
Christian Education	6:00pm
Spiritual Leadership	7:00pm

### WEDNESDAY

Confirmation Class	4:00pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal	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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## 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.

### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES BEGIN

**Feb 22 | 6:00pm**

Ash Wednesday service begins at 6pm. Services are offered every Wednesday in March. This year's theme is *Psalms of the Passion*.

### LENTEN MEALS

All groups are scheduled to serve a midweek meal. Questions? Email Rachel at [rmoldstad@gmail.com](mailto:rmoldstad@gmail.com)  
Group 1 (2/22), Group 2 (3/1), Group 3 (3/8), Group 4 (3/15), Group 5 (3/22), and Group 6 (3/29)

### ADULT GROUP

**Feb 25 | 10am**

Adult Group for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. Cost: \$5/rental. Pay at Ney Nature Center on Feb. 25. Lunch: Henderson Road Haus. Details in February's newsletter. Register online. Type in preferred activity.

### LOOK FOR NEW PERIODICALS IN WALL RACKS

## YOUTH EVENT: BROOMBALL - TODAY

Pastor Wiechmann is inviting the youth to the Spring Lake Park Hockey rinks for a broomball event today. All equipment is provided. The high school youth are invited to come from 2pm to 3:30pm, and the junior high youth are invited to come from 3pm to 4:30pm. Refreshments will be served in the warming house near the rinks. Email: [bwiechmann@peacemankato.com](mailto:bwiechmann@peacemankato.com) if you have any questions.

## BLC JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Bethany Lutheran College is looking to hire a Controller and an associate professor of music. Go to [blc.edu/jobs](http://blc.edu/jobs) for more details.

## MT. OLIVE SKI NIGHT – 2/16

Mt. Kato, 4-9pm, Feb. 16, \$10/lift or rental, \$4/ optional helmet. Signed waiver & payment to Mt. Olive by Feb. 12. See poster at kitchen for waiver & details.

## JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRE-K

2-, 3- or 5-day sessions      Ages 3-5  
Director: Joslyn Moldstad      507-385-7752  
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