

# WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – MARCH 19, 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

All three lessons for today use the contrast between darkness and light. Man is spiritually blind and can only perform deeds of darkness. Our faithful God sent his Son to shine upon man with the light of the gospel. However, there are many who reject the Savior's light and choose to remain in darkness. May God help us to always clearly see our sin and the Savior that we have in Jesus.

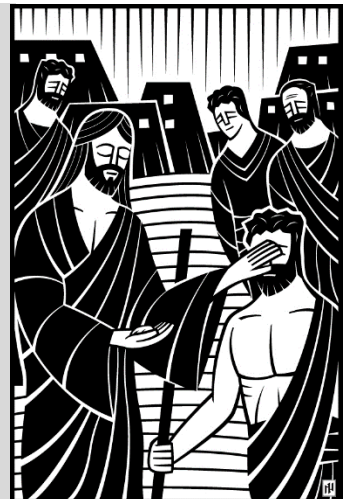
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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 RITE 2

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## WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

### HYMN

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain | ELH 412

### INVOCATION

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

A - - men.

Musical notation for the invocation 'A - - men.' consisting of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a G4 note, a dotted quarter note, a quarter note with a sharp sign, and a half note. The bass staff has a G3 note, a dotted quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. Both staves end with a double bar line.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heav'n and earth.

Musical notation for the confession 'Who made heav'n and earth.' consisting of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a G4 note, a dotted quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. The bass staff has a G3 note, a dotted quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. Both staves end with a double bar line.

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Musical notation for the confession 'And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.' consisting of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a G4 note, a dotted quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. The bass staff has a G3 note, a dotted quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note. Both staves end with a double bar line.

Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to 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.**

I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

**I do.**

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

**I do.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you!

**Amen.**

### **KYRIE ELEISON (LORD, HAVE MERCY)**

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The score ends with a double bar line.

## SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spir - it.

## PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, by your almighty power you opened the eyes of the blind and showed yourself to them. Turn our eyes away from worthless things, and lead us to love you sincerely; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - - - men.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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### OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Blind Will See | Isaiah 42:14-21

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant.<sup>15</sup> I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools.<sup>16</sup> And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level round. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.<sup>17</sup> They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." <sup>18</sup> Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see!<sup>19</sup> Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? <sup>20</sup> He sees many things, but does not observe them; <sup>21</sup> The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

## PSALM 27

### *Refrain*



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I



be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

### *Psalm tone*



Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;\*  
be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,\*  
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,\*  
O God my Savior.

### *Refrain*

Though my father and mother forsake me,\*  
the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:\*  
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;\*  
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### *Refrain*

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## EPISTLE READING

Walk as Children of Light | Ephesians 5:8-14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

## 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. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### HYMN

Amazing Grace | Newton

1 A - maz - ing grace — how sweet the sound — That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to  
  
 now am found, Was blind but now I see.  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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## SERMON

### Jesus Gives Sight to the Blind | John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. <sup>7</sup>“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup>Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath. ” But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided. <sup>17</sup>Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened. ” The man replied, “He is a prophet.” <sup>34</sup>To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out. <sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and

when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”<sup>36</sup>“Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”<sup>37</sup>Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”<sup>38</sup>Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

## WE GIVE THANKS

### OFFERTORY VERSE

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your  
pres - ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Your free Spir-it. A - men.

## OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

### 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.**

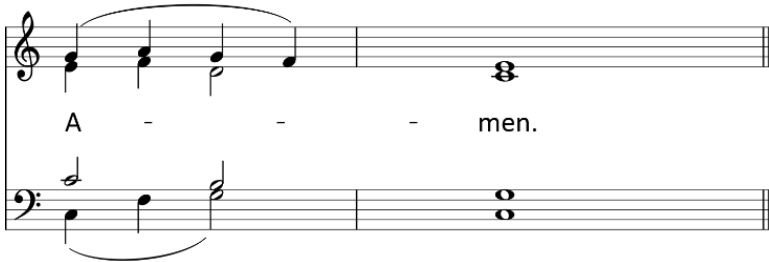
## LORD'S PRAYER

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 tres - pass a - gainst 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 ev - er.  
A - - - - men.

The musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The piano accompaniment is written in a grand staff with a treble and bass clef, also in Bb and C. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a fermata over the final chord.

## PRAYER

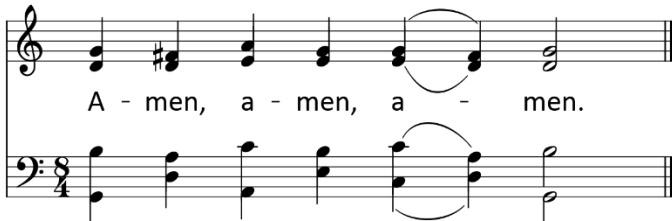
Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



A - - - men.

## 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.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

## HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father | ELH 174

## WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE

Organist

Crystal Foslien

Ushers

Greg Miller & Chad Schwartz | 8:15

Devin Krienke & Josh Ringen | 10:30

Refreshments

Group 3

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

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

### TUESDAY

Solid Grounds	9:00am
Maintenance Board	6:00pm

### WEDNESDAY

Catechism Class	4:00pm
Lenten Meal	5:00pm
Midweek Service	6:00pm

### THURSDAY

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

Men's Bible Study	6:30am
Preschool Play	10am & 2pm

### SATURDAY

Serve @ New 2 You	9:00am
Pizza and Pinewood	5:00pm

## NEWS & NOTES

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

### PIZZA & PINWOOD DERBY

Mar 25 | 5pm

Design a pinewood derby car to race and to be judged for style. Separate categories for children and adults. Kit: \$5 at office. Pizza served! Send [pastormoldstad@gmail.com](mailto:pastormoldstad@gmail.com) any questions.

### EASTER FLOWER DEADLINE

Mar 26

### WORLD MISSIONS PRESENTATION

Mar 26

To participate please fill out a form, located in the narthex, by Friday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. Any questions please contact Rachel: [rmoldstad@gmail.com](mailto:rmoldstad@gmail.com).

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday – 8:15 & 10:30

April 2

Maundy Thursday w/HC - 6pm

April 6

Good Friday - 6pm

April 7

### EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

April 9

Worship – 7:00am with HC, 8:15 & 10:30am

Breakfast – 9:15am

Egg Hunt – 10:00am

### PRESCHOOL SPRING PLAY

Mar 24 | 10am & 2pm

## PRO-LIFE BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE GROUP

Our Bethany Lutheran College's Pro-Life Group is hosting a fundraising event at the narthex. They will be here on the following two Sundays: March 19 and March 26. They are selling and distributing Bracelet For Life. All the freewill donations go to Options for Women Mankato. All the bracelets are handmade by volunteers from ELS college and high school students. Please check it out in the narthex after the service.

## PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SIGN UP

There is a sign-up sheet on bulletin board requesting volunteers for the preschool open house on March 28, 6-8pm. See Joslyn Moldstad.

## CLEANING DAY

Apr 1 | 8am

We will be getting ready for Holy Week. All are encouraged to help. If you are able, please sign up at [peacemankato.com/cleaning](http://peacemankato.com/cleaning).

## JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRE-K

2-, 3- or 5-day sessions Ages 3-5  
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