

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 22, 2026

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: LENT 1 HEED THE GOSPEL CALL: TO FIND OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IN CHRIST

Jesus said, “When I am lifted up [on the cross] I will draw all men to myself” (Jn 12:32). How does He draw us to himself? Through the Gospel Call. The Gospel is the good news of salvation that comes to us from Jesus. This good news calls out to us. It makes its appeal. It wants to be heard and believed. The Holy Spirit uses the Gospel to bring us to faith in Jesus. Since Lent is a time of renewal in our faith, we are encouraged once again to heed the Gospel Call. In particular today, the Gospel calls us to find our righteousness in Christ. Rather than futilely seeking our own success against sin, Christ’s righteousness is ours through faith in Him. Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness demonstrates His is a hard-earned, unassailable and fully-approved righteousness before God.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF “CLOSE COMMUNION”

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you’ve had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting One pg. 154 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	863:1-3	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 46	page 46 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	556	<i>All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall</i>
Communion Hymns	823	<i>Jesus, Priceless Treasure</i>
	400	<i>Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing</i>
Closing Hymn	863:4	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Genesis 3:1-15
Second Lesson	Romans 5:12-19
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

Romans 5:12-19

*Death through Adam.
Life through the Second Adam.*

IF YOU’D LIKE TO HEAR A PODCAST ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Search for “Peace Catechism Review” on Spotify or on your iHeart app on your phone. Pastor Werre began with the First Commandment last Thursday (episode 51). Some helpful introduction pertaining to the commandments is offered in episodes 47-50.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider.....	Rev. Jordan Ertl
Sermon.....	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Keyboard	Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
Vocalist	Mrs. Karen Riley
Projection Slides	Amy Johnson

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:1–15

¹Now 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?’”

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³but 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.’”

⁴The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. ⁵In 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.”

⁶When 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.

⁷The 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. ⁸They 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.

⁹The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

¹⁰The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

¹¹God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The 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.

¹⁵I 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

¹²So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. ¹³For 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, ¹⁴and 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.

¹⁵But 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!

¹⁶And 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.

¹⁷Indeed, 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!

¹⁸So 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. ¹⁹For 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 John 3:8

The congregation will repeat the Gospel Acclamation after it is introduced by the vocalist.



Refrain



Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Tone



The reason the Son of God ap - peared was to destroy the dev - il's work.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ²After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The Tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread."

⁴But Jesus answered, "It is written:

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God."

⁵Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and 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."

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written:

You shall not test the Lord your God."

⁸Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

¹¹Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall | CW 556

THE MEANING TO THE THIRD ARTICLE

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH¹

Lord Jesus, in the wilderness you stood like a stone wall against every assault of the evil one. Help us, Lord, to seek refuge in you from all his lies, his temptations, his accusations of guilt and his attacks on our well-being. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Mighty Fortress and Son of God, satan conspires to dismantle the state, the school, the family and every institution you have established to be a blessing to us. Confound his efforts and stymie his plots. Strengthen the resolve of all to whom you have given authority to preserve the peace and to foster order and lawfulness in society. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Savior Jesus, our trusty Shield and Weapon, help us to know the peace of your righteousness. Give us the grace to apprehend that your righteousness belongs to us through faith. Thus calm our wavering conscience with the comfort that the Father assesses us not according to our sham righteousness but according to your flawless and unassailable righteousness. Give us the peace that only you can give, which this world can never give. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Prayers of Intercession

All these things we ask confident of your mercy.

Amen.

(Lord's Prayer, hymnal, page 168)

¹ Here's an idea... take this prayer home and pray it during the week.

WORSHIP NOTES

- 1) The Gospel Lesson for the First Sunday of Lent is ALWAYS the temptation of Christ in the wilderness. The primary hymn is ALWAYS “A Mighty Fortress.” As Christ spent 40 days in the wilderness, we undertake our 40-day journey to Easter.
- 2) We will use the Meaning to the 3rd Article of the Creed (from Luther’s Small Catechism) throughout the season of Lent. As we “heed the Call of the Gospel” we’ll note that the Creed states that the Holy Spirit has “called me by the Gospel.”
- 3) “A Mighty Fortress” was written by Martin Luther. He based the hymn on Psalm 46. You’ll notice we’re singing both today.
- 4) The hymn “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” includes the phrase, “Satan, I defy thee!” What an appropriate sentiment on this day when we hear of Christ who defeated satan in the wilderness on our behalf.
- 5) We are abbreviating the Common Service today and throughout the Season of Lent. By contrast, after Easter we hope to offer the full service to reflect the glory and joy of the Easter Season.

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