



Lent 2

PEACE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

February 25, 2026

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Please note these things:

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. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THESE WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The main reason for our Wednesday evening services during Lent is to hear the Passion History of Christ leading up to his death and burial. This year we are hearing it – segment by segment – from the Gospel of Luke.

We don't get to hear the Passion History like this in its unbroken entirety any other time of the year. This tradition helps us to prepare for the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

THOSE WHO TURNED THEIR BACKS ON HIM

Throughout the Passion History how many times did people close to Jesus turn their backs on Him? If He was to be the Redeemer of the world, He had to go it alone. He would not be cheered, celebrated or assisted along the way. Rather, abandonment, isolation and being singled out were His lot. But He resolved to take this bitter pill for our sakes in order to save us. How precious is His love for us! There is no end to the thanks and obedience we owe Him.

Before the service... here's an idea: look up one of the hymns that we will be singing tonight in the hymnal. Read through the words of the hymn. Drink in what it's saying.

Before the service... you may wish to use prayers from pages 155-158 of the blue hymnal.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN OFFERINGS

The offerings from our Wednesday Lenten services will go toward our Peace Lutheran School tuition assistance. The Tuition Assistance Fund is entirely funded by individual gifts and supports member students who desire to send their children to Peace but cannot afford tuition. The School Board receives these applications and approves financial support based on need and the funds available in the Tuition Assistance Fund.

YOU CAN GIVE GENERAL OFFERINGS ELECTRONICALLY

Log on to our website – www.peacewels.org – and click on “Current Member Information” under the “Church” top menu.

The Bible tells us to give a regular percentage of our income (1 Co 16:2). We are to give from the top and not the leftovers after the bills are paid (Pr 3:9). In this way we ascribe to God his worth to us as well as our confidence in him to provide.

THE SYMBOL ON THE COVER

The letters on the cross (It looks like “ihs”) are the first three letters of the name “Jesus” in Greek. The Christian Church has used this symbol for many centuries to remind us of Jesus.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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INVOCATION¹

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

Amen.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, save us from the treachery of our own hearts. Work in us true repentance. Help us cling for mercy to Christ's atoning death. Give us your Holy Spirit, that we may lead a Christian life, prepare for a blessed departure, and finally fall asleep in peace and so be received joyfully into your heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LES GRADES 4-5

Father, Forgive Us
by Matthew Manthe

*Father, forgive us for all we have done.
Daily we stumble; from you we do run.
Often to try our own heaven to earn,
Forgive us, Lord; to your Son help us turn.*

*There on the cross we see God's only Son.
Payment for sin; once for all and for one.
"Father, forgive them," he prays on the tree.
Showing his love and his mercy so free.*

*Look to the cross; find forgiveness and love,
Pardon from God in his heaven above.
Father, forgive us for all we have done.
Father, forgive for the sake of your Son.*

¹ Martin Luther recommended crossing yourself and saying, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," both at the beginning of the day and at the end. In this way it serves as a constant reminder that you are a baptized child of God and whether waking or sleeping you are under His grace.

READING

Matthew 26:1-35

¹When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, ²“You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas. ⁴They plotted together how to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, “Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people.”

⁶When Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman approached him holding an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She poured it on his head as he was reclining at the table. ⁸But when his disciples saw this, they were upset and said, “Why this waste? ⁹This perfume could have been sold for a lot of money and given to the poor.”

¹⁰Jesus was aware of this and said to them, “Why are you causing trouble for this woman? She has done a beautiful thing for me. ¹¹You are always going to have the poor with you, but you are not always going to have me. ¹²When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Amen I tell you: Wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her.”

¹⁴Then one of the Twelve, the one named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶From that time on Judas was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

¹⁷On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him the Teacher says, ‘My time is near. I will observe the Passover with my disciples at your house.’”

¹⁹The disciples did as Jesus commanded them and prepared the Passover. ²⁰When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

²¹As they were eating, he said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me.”

²²They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I, Lord?”

²³He replied, “The one who dipped his hand in the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man is going just as it is written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.”

²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, replied, “Surely, not I, Rabbi?”

He said to him, “Yes, you are the one.”

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, “Take, eat, this is my body.” ²⁷Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you that I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.” ³⁰After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, “This night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

³³Peter answered him, “Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”

³⁴Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Tonight before the rooster crows you will deny me three times.”

³⁵Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And all the disciples said the same.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now | **CW 420**

DEVOTION

Matthew 26:14-16

Judas

CREED²

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

² This is taken from Luther’s Small Catechism – a booklet printed by Martin Luther in the 1500s to put the most basic Christian truths into the hands of average people. You can find the Small Catechism on page 286 of the blue hymnal. The Lutheran Church considers the Small Catechism to be one of its chief statements of belief to this day.

HYMN

The Infant Priest Was Holy Born | **CW 674**³

PRAYER

O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN

Now the Light Has Gone Away | **CW 784:1**⁴



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,



ask - ing you to watch and keep and to send me qui - et sleep.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Tune: Liederbuch für Kleinkinder-Schulen, Kaiserswerth, 1842

Text and tune: Public domain

³ We are singing this communion hymn because the Passion History reading included the account of Jesus instituting the Lord's Supper with His disciples in the Upper Room.

⁴ The words to this hymn would serve as a beautiful bedtime prayer when you go to bed at night.