

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 1, 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 2 HEED THE GOSPEL CALL: TO HAVE FAITH 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 have faith in Jesus - faith as opposed to something you have to do. The Holy Spirit gives birth to our faith in Holy Baptism.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE 10:30 SERVICE

In the 10:30 service the Peace Sunday School, age 4 – 2nd grade, will open our worship with two songs:

“Jesus Loves Me This I Know”

“Glory Be to Jesus” – The children will sing verse one and the congregation will sing the remaining verses.

Peace Lutheran Church conducts a Sunday School for all children age 4 thru 8th grade between services in the school wing. Parents can attend Bible class in the worship space at the same time.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Hymns

Opening Hymn	402	<i>Glory Be to Jesus</i> (children vs.1; cong. remaining vss)
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 121	page 121 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	570	<i>God Love the World So That He Gave</i>
Sermon Hymn	797	<i>I Know My Faith Is Founded</i>
Closing Hymn	Insert	<i>If You But Trust in God to Guide You</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Genesis 12:1-8
Second Lesson	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Gospel Lesson	John 3:1-17

Sermon

Out of Nothing

Genesis 12:1-8

AS THE GOSPEL LESSON SPEAKS OF BAPTISM

You may wish to review what baptism is & does on page 291 of the blue hymnal.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Sermon	Rev. Shaun Arndt
Keyboard	Mrs. Monica Wintrone
Projection Slides	Amy Johnson

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-8

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Get out of your country and away from your relatives and from your father’s house and go to the land that I will show you. ²I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse anyone who dishonors you. All of the families of the earth will be blessed in you.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother’s son, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to travel to the land of Canaan. Eventually they arrived in the land of Canaan. ⁶Abram passed through the land until he came to the Oak of Moreh at the place called Shechem. The Canaanites were in the land at that time.

⁷The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” Abram built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent there, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 121

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

¹What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered according to the flesh? ²If indeed Abraham had been justified by works, he would have had a reason to boast—but not before God. ³For what does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

⁴Now to a person who works, his pay is not counted as a gift but as something owed. ⁵But to the person who does not work but believes in the God who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited to him as righteousness.

¹³Indeed, the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not given to Abraham or his descendants through the law, but through the righteousness that is by faith. ¹⁴To be sure, if people are heirs by the law, faith is empty and the promise is nullified. ¹⁵For law brings wrath. (Where there is no law, there is no transgression.) ¹⁶For this reason, the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace and may be guaranteed to all of Abraham’s descendants—not only to the one who is a descendant by law, but also to the one who has the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.”

In the presence of God, Abraham believed him who makes the dead alive and calls non-existing things so that they exist.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 3:16

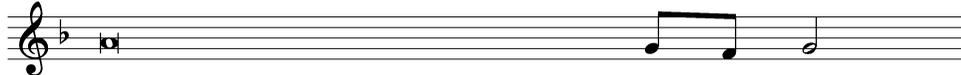


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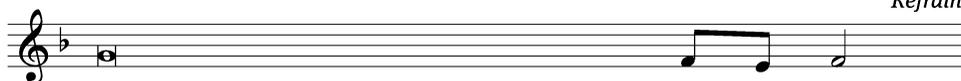


Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Tone



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and on - ly Son,



that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have e - ter - nal life.

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GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

¹There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him."

³Jesus replied, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

⁵Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! ⁶Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. ⁸The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹“How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus.

¹⁰“You are the teacher of Israel,” Jesus answered, “and you do not know these things? ¹¹Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

God Loved the World So That He Gave | CW 570

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.

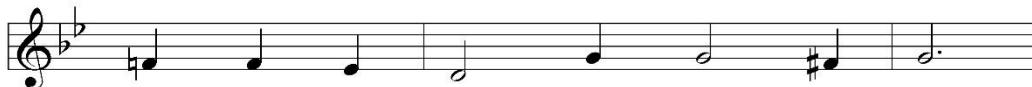
This is most certainly true.

CLOSING HYMN

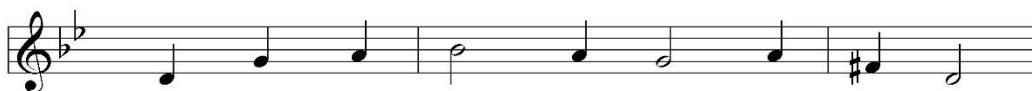
If You But Trust in God to Guide You | CW93 444



1 If you but trust in God to guide you
 2 How can these anxious worries aid you,
 3 Be pa - tient and a - wait his lei - sure
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing,



And place your con - fi - dence in him,
 These nev - er - ceas - ing moans and sighs?
 In cheer - ful hope, with heart con - tent;
 Per - form your du - ties faith - ful - ly,



He'll give you strength and stand be - side you
 Will not his wings of mer - cy shade you
 Then take what - e'er your Fa - ther's plea - sure
 And trust his Word; though un - de - serv - ing,



When days are drear - y, dark, and dim.
 When - ev - er trou - bled times a - rise?
 And his dis - cern - ing love have sent.
 You'll find his prom - ise true to be.



For those who trust his change - less love
 Our cross and tri - als do but press
 Doubt not; your in - most wants are known
 God nev - er yet for - sook in need



Build on the rock that does not move.
 The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
 To him who chose you for his own.
 The soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH¹

God the Father, you promised Abraham that he would be the father of many nations. Abraham believed you and you credited his faith as righteousness. Please help us always to believe your words even when things appear to be the opposite. Please do not look on our sinful lives. Look only at your sinless Son Jesus on whom we rely for salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God the Holy Spirit, you gave birth to our faith in Jesus in Baptism. Who could thank you enough for this treasure? Please preserve and keep us in this faith until we must leave this world. Guard us from sinful habits by which we are prone to unrepentance and losing our salvation. Strengthen the faith of all who have suffered trauma or who are at the brink of giving up. Heal them with your grace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God the Son, Lord Jesus Christ, your Father so loved the world that He sent you, His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in you shall not perish but have everlasting life. Help us always cherish your Word and Sacraments through which you come to us. Make us confident that by your atoning death we are reconciled to the Father. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Intercessory prayers

At all times and in every situation, fill us with faith, hope and love, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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

WORSHIP NOTES

- 1) 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.
- 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) You may note that hymn #570 "God Loved the World" is connected to the Gospel Lesson today. The hymns "I Know My Faith Is Founded" and "If You but Trust in God to Guide You" are in keeping with the theme to "Heed the Gospel Call: to Have Faith In Christ." (*The closing hymn is a favorite of Pastor Werre's.*)
- 4) Concerning Psalm 121, Martin Luther wrote, "Psalm 121 is a comfort psalm. We see how the Lord treats both the psalmist and us as we remain strong in faith, waiting for his help and protection. Even when it appears that God is sleeping, it is not so. He watches and keeps us secure even to the end."

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