

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 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 5 HEED THE GOSPEL CALL: TO HAVE LIFE 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 life in Christ. We see in the Scripture readings today the power that Christ has over life and death. He is able to give us everlasting life.

## 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

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## Hymns

Opening Hymn	<b>916</b>	<i>Today Your Mercy Calls Us</i>
<b>Psalm of the Day</b>	<b>Psalm 90</b>	page 90 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	<b>588</b>	<i>Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit</i>
Distribution Hymns	<b>396</b>	<i>Christ, the Life of All the Living</i>
	<b>853</b>	<i>I'm But a Stranger Here</i>
Closing Hymn	<b>788 (Insert)</b>	<i>All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night</i>

## Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	2 Kings 4:17-37
Second Lesson	Romans 8:11-19
Gospel Lesson	John 11:17-27, 32-45

## Sermon

**John 11:17-27, 32-45**  
Yes!

# SERVING IN WORSHIP

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**Keyboard** ..... Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr  
**Projection Slides** ..... Kayla Frank

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## FIRST READING

## 2 Kings 4:17-37

<sup>17</sup>But the woman conceived, and she gave birth to a son at that same time of year, just as Elisha said to her.

<sup>18</sup>The boy grew up, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. <sup>19</sup>Then he said to his father, "My head! My head!"

His father said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother." <sup>20</sup>So he picked him up and carried him to his mother, and the boy sat on her lap until noon. Then he died.

<sup>21</sup>Then she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. She shut the door behind her and went out. <sup>22</sup>Then she called to her husband and said, "Send one of the servants to me with one of the donkeys, so that I can run to the man of God and come back."

<sup>23</sup>He said, "Why are you going to him today? It's not the new moon, and it's not the Sabbath."

But she said, "It's all right."

<sup>24</sup>Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead the way. Don't slow down for me unless I tell you."

<sup>25</sup>So she went to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her from a distance, he said to his servant Gehazi, "Look! That's the woman from Shunem! <sup>26</sup>Now run to meet her and say, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your son all right?'"

She answered, "We're all right."

<sup>27</sup>Then she came to the man of God at the mountain, and she grasped his feet. Gehazi stepped forward to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone, for her soul is in distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me. He has not told me."

<sup>28</sup>Then she said, "Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn't I say, 'Don't give me false hope'?"

<sup>29</sup>Then Elisha said to Gehazi, "Hike up your garments for travel, and take my staff in your hand and go! If you meet someone, do not greet him, and if someone greets you, do not answer. Put my staff on the boy's face."

<sup>30</sup>But the boy's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and your soul lives, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her. <sup>31</sup>Gehazi went ahead of them and put the staff on the boy's face. But there was no sound, and there was no response. So he went back to Elisha and told him, "The boy did not wake up."

<sup>32</sup>When Elisha came to the house, there the boy was—dead, lying on his bed. <sup>33</sup>So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. <sup>34</sup>He got up and lay down on top of the boy. He put his mouth to the boy's mouth, his eyes to the boy's eyes, his palms to the boy's palms. Then he bent down over him, and the boy's flesh became warm. <sup>35</sup>He went back into the house and paced back and forth. Then he went up and bent down over him, and the boy sneezed seven times. Then the boy opened his eyes.

<sup>36</sup>Then Elisha called Gehazi and said, “Call the woman of Shunem!” So he called her, and she came in. He said, “Pick up your son.” <sup>37</sup>So she came in and fell at Elisha's feet and bowed down to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## Psalm 90

## SECOND READING

## Romans 8:11–19

<sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you.

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “Abba, Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God's children.

<sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 11:25



### Refrain

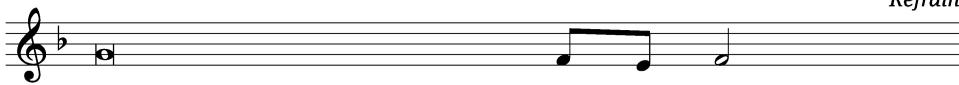


Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

### Tone



I am the resurrection and the life.



Those who believe in me will live, even though they die.

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## GOSPEL

John 11:17-27, 32-45

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

<sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. <sup>19</sup>Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother.

<sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house.

<sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup>Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day."

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. <sup>26</sup>And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup>"Yes, Lord," she told him. "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup>He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They told him, "Lord, come and see."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup>Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>"Take away the stone," he said.

Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days."

<sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

<sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, "Loose him and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit | CW 588*

**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 CHURCH

Lord Jesus, Author of Life, it was not the race of angels that you joined. You joined the human race when you were conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin. By this great mystery you elevated all of human life and attained our redemption. For this high honor,

**we thank you, Lord.**

Gracious Savior, give us your own mind and heart. Inspire us to embrace life. Help us not to be callous to the lives of children in the womb nor regard them as merely a choice. Help us rather to cherish them from conception as a gift from you. Use us as the salt of the earth and as lights on a hill - that by our actions and influence the gift of life will be championed in this nation and the horrors of abortion would dwindle. Give grace to all childless couples and grant that adoption would flourish. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

By your Gospel let hearts everywhere be turned to you and to the obedience of faith. Forgive all who have undergone an abortion and heal them from the trauma they have suffered. By your Spirit help them to discover that your mercy is higher and broader and stronger than all our being. Make us ready and willing to support and help single parents. Grant us a culture that values chastity and virtue rather than promiscuity. Help us encourage our young people to esteem marriage and family. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer**

*Intercessory Prayers*

All these things we ask, for you are the Lord of Life and in you is all our hope and salvation.

**Amen.**

**(Lord's Prayer, hymnal, page 168)**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night* | **CW 788:3**

3 Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as  
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that  
so I may rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a '3' indicating a triplet for the first three notes of the first line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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