

**First Sunday of Lent  
In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin  
March 9, 2025**

**All  
We  
Need**

*First Sunday in Lent*

*the need to  
embrace vulnerability*



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# Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

## Mission Statement

We are called to be an inclusive community, sharing God's grace through worship, service, and hospitality.

We of Peace Lutheran Church welcome all people to full participation in the life of the church regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or physical or mental disability.

*Children are welcome in any worship service at Peace Lutheran Church.*

It is a pleasure to have you worship with us this week and we invite you to worship with us again soon. If you are in need of assistance of any kind, please speak with an usher.

P= Presider, A= Assisting Minister, C= Congregation

PRELUDE

*Madison*  
Hyrim Mapp, cello

--Ola Gjeillo (b. 1978)

⊕ ----- GATHERING ----- ⊕

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*FIRST WEEK OF LENT - THE NEED TO EMBRACE VULNERABILITY : Our society overemphasizes individualism: our strength, our bootstraps, our independence. Starting from the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, we examine how Jesus' humanity is fully realized through his vulnerability—and since Jesus embraced his vulnerability, we are called to do the same.*

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P: Our forty-day journey through Lent recalls Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Three times, the devil coaxed Jesus to rely on himself instead of on God. Three times, Jesus resisted, trusting God to give him all he needed.

Friends, we are not Jesus. We don't recognize relying on ourselves instead of God as a temptation; we even extol self-reliance as a virtue. Join me in confessing this to God, and asking for compassion.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: God, I confess  
C: **that I struggle to confess.**  
I want to delight you by doing all the right things.  
I don't want to admit that I can't.  
To receive your forgiveness,  
I must confront my failure.

P: God, I confess  
C: **that I struggle to confess:**  
I'm afraid of being a burden to others.  
I don't want to need them too much,  
so I try not to need them at all.

P: God, I confess  
C: **that I struggle to confess:**  
just like I turn away from my own vulnerability  
I turn away from the vulnerable.  
I have rejected my weakness  
and avoided those who are weak.  
I have denied my frailty  
and looked down on those who are frail.  
I have resisted my dependence  
and thought less of those who depend on others.

P: God, forgive us,  
C: **because we struggle to forgive ourselves.**  
We build a wall of self-reliance  
that separates us from your love.

P: Jesus once said,  
"Those who are well have no need of a physician."  
Jesus didn't come for those who didn't need him:  
he came for me and for you and for everyone who has fallen short.  
Jesus' power is made perfect in our weakness.  
In Christ's name, you are completely and entirely forgiven.  
You are imperfect,  
and you are forgiven,  
and you are entirely loved.  
C: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

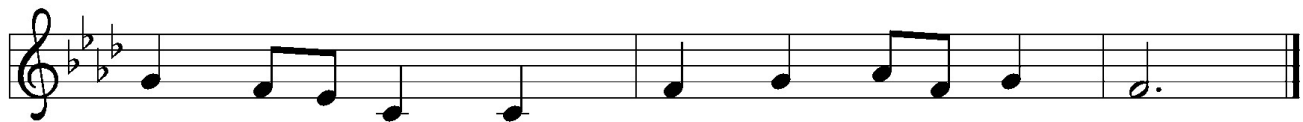
**ELW 319**



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

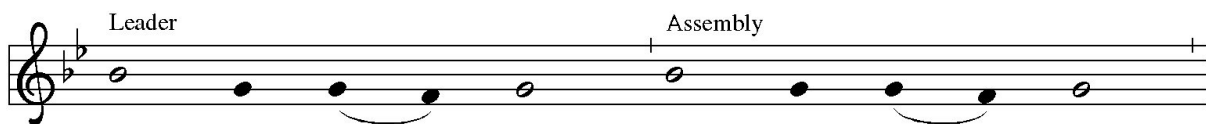
**\*GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

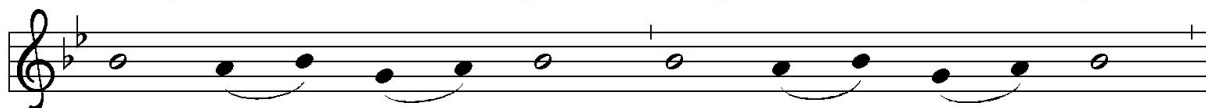
**C:** **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

**ELW 156**



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A: Tender God, you emptied yourself of power in order to take on flesh in Jesus Christ. Open us to embrace our own vulnerability, so that we may discover how your strength is made perfect in weakness.
- C: **Amen.**



## FIRST READING

### Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

- L: The Word of the Lord  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

### Romans 10: 8b-13

<sup>8b</sup> "The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

- L: The Word of the Lord  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

P: The Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter  
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### \*GOSPEL

#### Luke 4: 1-13

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup> and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### SERMON

Pastor Hannah DiPasquale

*Silence for Reflection*



1 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;  
 2 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, stay thou near by;  
 3 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or pain;  
 4 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, teach me thy will;  
 5 I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most Ho - ly One,



no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.  
 temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.  
 come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is vain.  
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.  
 oh, make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

*Refrain*

I need thee, oh, I need thee, ev - 'ry hour I need thee;



oh, bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

Text: Annie Sherwood Hawks, 1835–1918, stanzas.; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain  
 Music: LOWRY, Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A: God in your mercy,  
C: **receive our prayer.**

Saints of Peace:

**Lois King, Janice Rehder, Beth Garman**

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.  
C: **Amen.**

**\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C: **And also with you.**

*In-Building: Please share signs of peace in whatever way you are comfortable and is respectful of your neighbor's comfort level.*

*Online: You may share signs of peace in the chat .*

⊕ -----MEAL----- ⊕

**OFFERING**

*Gifts for the work and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church can be placed in the offering plates or mailed to the Church Office or sent through on-line giving on our website.*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**      *Unaccompanied Cello Suite No. 6 in D Major, Gavotte*      --J.S. Bach  
Hyerim Mapp, cello

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: O God,  
C: **you gave us what we needed to love you today.**  
**Now we offer you a portion of these gifts,**  
**a harvest of the love you planted.**  
**We have supplied the gifts, and you have supplied the purpose.**  
**Now bless our gifts and use them in your service. Amen.**

**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: The Lord be with you!  
C: **And also with you!**  
P: Lift up your hearts!  
C: **We lift them to the Lord!**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!  
C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

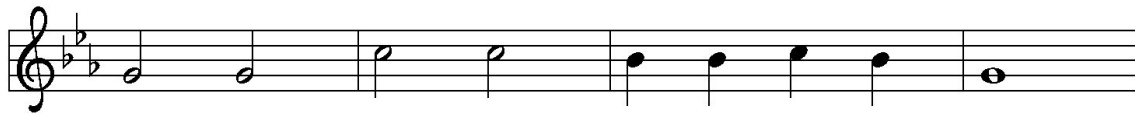


**\*PREFACE**

P: It is not only right...And so we join the echoing song:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**ELW Setting 7, p. 181**



San - to, san - to, san - to\_es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to\_es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to\_es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to\_es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne\_en el  
earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -  
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .



di - to el que vie - ne\_en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.  
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: On the night of his arrest,  
he gathered his friends for a simple meal  
and set a feast of love.  
He took bread, gave thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Extravagant God, pour out your Spirit on us  
and on this bread and cup.  
Let the fragrance of your love fill this house.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Let it fill our noses with the sweetness of grapes  
and the earthiness of wheat.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Let it fill our hearts as lavish compassion  
for the little, the lost, and the least.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Let this bread and cup magnify your prodigal love,  
mirroring the heavenly feast that has no end.  
Bring us at last to the infinite table  
where you have gathered all your holy ones  
in the new creation where every tear is wiped away,  
and every need has been met in you.

All honor and glory is yours, O God,  
who is both Giver and Gift,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy church,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father in Heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive  
those who sin against us  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el Cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
venga a nosotros tu Reino,  
hágase tu voluntad  
en la Tierra como en el Cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también  
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación,  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el Reino, tuyo el Poder,  
y tuya la Gloria,  
ahora y siempre. Amén.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are invited to the Lord's table for communion, regardless of age or church membership. Come forward up the center aisle, taking an empty cup from the tray at the front. Follow the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the rail. The Bread Minister will hand you a piece of bread (gluten-free wafers are available, just ask the bread minister). There are two Wine Ministers. The first pouring chalice offers wine and the second chalice is grape juice.*

*If you choose not to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing from the Bread Minister. Crossing your arms over your chest will indicate that you would prefer a blessing.*

*If you have difficulty coming to the front, please notify an usher and communion will gladly be brought to you.*

## \*LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 182

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Vocalise*  
Hyerim Mapp, cello

--Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943)

**\*BLESSING FROM THE TABLE**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

A: O Jesus,

C: **you have fed us**

**with the bread that has no price,  
the precious gift of your own self.**

**Now send us out like Mary with her perfume,  
prepared to give the best we have  
to dignify the world you so loved.  
Amen.**

⊕ -----SENDING----- ⊕

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

P: Now may God,  
who risks loving an imperfect people,  
who forges weakness into divine strength,  
who never leaves us or forsakes us,  
bless you and sustain you.  
Today God has answered your need,  
and now the Spirit sends you out  
to answer the world's need.

In the name of God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,

C: **Amen**



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and wīnds the moun - tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

**\*DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude is Omitted during Lent*

**All are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS - March 9

If you have **Prayer Requests to be included in the Prayers of the Day**, please write them before the service on the Prayer Request sheet found on the stand in the narthex.

**There are 3 coats hanging on the rack just outside the sanctuary: 2 red jackets and 1 long black wool coat. Please claim them if they're yours!**

**Weekly Lenten Study from ELCA *Sumud*: "For Justice in Palestine & Israel."** Join Pastor Hannah on Tuesdays in Lent for a special time of study and prayer. *Sumud* is the ELCA's ministry in response to occupation and injustice in Palestine and Israel. The *Sumud* leadership has released a Lenten resource for group study, featuring videos from the Holy Land and devotions from Palestinian theologians. Each week we will watch a video together, read a devotion, have discussion and pray together. No prep is needed; come as you are. Beginning this Tuesday, March 11, we will meet from 10:30-11:30 AM in Room 107.



**Midweek Lent Soup Suppers & Evening Prayer** begin Wednesday, March 12. Sign-up sheets for soup, bread, & set-up/clean-up are in the Narthex. **ANYONE, whether they're in a group or not, can sign up to bring Soup** or help in other ways. The Groups are designated so set up and clean up are organized.

**LENTEN EVENING PRAYER ON WEDNESDAYS** - After soup each Wednesday, we will gather at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary for a simple service called *A Refuge for the Heart: Midweek Worship with Healing Prayer*. During this worship, prayer stations will be offered, inviting participants to pray in a certain way: with a prayer minister, writing down prayers, lighting a candle, using other objects/ icons/images/water, etc. Each week will follow the same rhythm but be a little different. Come for some stillness, song, and healing during this season.

**Attention Thrivent members who may have available "thrivent choice" from 2024!**

March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to designate 2024 thrivent choice dollars to a church or charity of your choosing. You can designate by contacting Susan Hernandez locally at 915-565-1010, online at [thrivent.com](https://thrivent.com) (generosity tab, thrivent choice), or by phone during business hours at 1-800-847-4836 (say "thrivent choice" to get to a person to help you).

**Have you noticed our new AED?** An AED, or Automated External Defibrillator, is a portable device that delivers an electric shock to the heart to treat sudden cardiac arrest. In the case of cardiac emergency the AED can be used -- by anyone -- until EMTs arrive. It can be found in the white box on the wall in the arthex just outside the side doors to the sanctuary. Orient yourself with this life-saving device that we hope we never have to use.

 **Green Team Tip**  Rather than presenting a gift of cut flowers, give a potted plant instead. Loved one will enjoy it much longer--may even transfer it to the garden.

**This is the Meal Train for Melissa Motz as she recovers from hip replacement surgery:**

<https://mealtrain.com/4392v2> What is Meal Train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps everyone organized.

MealTrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful.

**Thank you to the congregation for approving the Solar Initiative. We are 90.9% toward our goal with \$20,700 pledged for solar panels. If you haven't yet made a pledge to support environmental stewardship, you can fill out a pledge card and put it in the box in the narthex.**

**A FRANCISCAN JOURNEY THROUGH ITALY:** Holy Cross Retreat Center is planning an 11-day pilgrimage led by Fr. Tom Smith on November 3 through 13, 2025. Explore the breathtaking cities of Florence (3 nights), Assisi (2 nights), and Rome (4 nights) while deepening your faith and immersing yourself in Italy's rich history and culture. See Lyn Bussian (575-494-4170) or call Fr. Tom directly (575-524-3688) for more information.