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Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning for worship. In our service, we gather to praise our God who in his great love for us has bought us back from sin, death, and the devil through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

About the Picture: The prodigal son contemplates eating the food given to the pigs.

Offering: The offering is collected as you enter into the sanctuary, in an offering plate located on a small table. Guests and visitors do not need to feel obligated to make an offering, though you are welcome to do so.

[Online Offering Portal](#)

Common Service with Communion
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Hymn: 114 – Christ the Life of All the Living

1 Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe --
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

2 Thou, ah, thou hast taken on thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon thee,
O thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

4 Heartless scoffers did surround thee,
Treating thee with cruel scorn,
And with piercing thorns they crowned thee.
All disgrace thou, Lord, hast borne
That as thine thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did thy foes accuse thee --
Thence I gain security.
Comfortless thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

6 Thou has suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For thy sorrows deep and sore,
For thine anguish in the garden,
I will thank thee evermore,

Thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,
For thy bleeding and thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry
And shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation:



CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie, p. 15, sung)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given us his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

Hymn: 599 – Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day

1 Our Lord and God, oh, bless this day
And hear us, we implore you;
None of your children turn away
Who now appear before you.
We come before your face
And pray: let your rich grace
Descend from heav'n above
In all your wondrous love,
And keep us by your Spirit.

2 Oh, bless your Word to all the young;
Let them, your truth possessing,
Bear witness true with heart and tongue,
Their faith and ours confessing.

From mother's arms your grace
With love did them embrace.
Baptized into your name,
As yours you did them claim;
O Lord, as yours now own them!

3 And when they leave their childhood home,
When Satan comes alluring,
May their baptismal grace become
A refuge reassuring.
God's covenant is sure;
His promises endure.
They ne'er shall be undone
Who trust in God alone --
God is their mighty Father!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:17–37

¹⁷But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

¹⁸The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹He said to his father, “My head! My head!”

His father told a servant, “Carry him to his mother.” ²⁰After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. ²¹She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out.

²²She called her husband and said, “Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return.”

²³“Why go to him today?” he asked. “It’s not the New Moon or the Sabbath.”

“That’s all right,” she said.

²⁴She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead on; don’t slow down for me unless I tell you.” ²⁵So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! There’s the Shunammite! ²⁶Run to meet her and ask her, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?’ ”

“Everything is all right,” she said.

²⁷When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the Lord has hidden it from me and has not told me why.”

²⁸“Did I ask you for a son, my lord?” she said.

“Didn’t I tell you, ‘Don’t raise my hopes’?”

²⁹Elisha said to Gehazi, “Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. Don’t greet anyone you meet, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy’s face.”

³⁰But the child’s mother said, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So he got up and followed her.

³¹Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy’s face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, “The boy has not awakened.”

³²When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. ³³He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the Lord. ³⁴Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy’s body grew warm. ³⁵Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

³⁶Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite.” And he did. When she came, he said, “Take your son.” ³⁷She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 (p. 114)

Refrain: Remember your mercy, O Lord; remember your mercy and love.

Out of the depths I cry to / you, O Lord;
O Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- / tentive
to my cry for / mercy.

If you, O Lord, kept a re- / cord of sins,
O Lord, / who could stand?

But with you there is for- / giveness;
therefore / you are feared.

Refrain: Remember your mercy, O Lord; remember your mercy and love.

I wait for the Lord and in his Word I / put my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for
the / morning.

O Israel, put your hope / in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full re- /
demption.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain: Remember your mercy, O Lord; remember your mercy and love.

Second Reading: Romans 8:11–19

¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

¹²Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

⁴⁰Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and

is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 431—I Walk in Danger All the Way
The offering is brought to the altar during the final verse.
Our online [giving portal can be found here.](#)

1 I walk in danger all the way;
The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey,
Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares
May seize me unawares
If e'er I fail to watch and pray;
I walk in danger all the way.

2 I pass through trials all the way,
With sin and ills contending;
In patience I must bear each day
The cross of God's own sending.
Oft in adversity
I know not where to flee
When storms of woe my soul dismay;
I pass through trials all the way.

3 Grim death pursues me all the way;
Nowhere I rest securely.
He comes by night, he comes by day,
And takes his prey most surely.
A failing breath, and I
In death's strong grasp may lie
To face eternity today.
Grim death pursues me all the way.

4 I walk with angels all the way;
They shield me and befriend me.
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay
When heav'nly hosts attend me.
They are my sure defense;
All fear and sorrow, hence!
Unharmed by foes, do what they may,
I walk with angels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way;
His guidance never fails me.
He takes my ev'ry fear away
When Satan's pow'r assails me,
And, by his footsteps led,
My path I safely tread.
In spite of ills that threaten may,
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
Await, my soul, the morrow,
When you farewell can gladly say
To all your sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone!

To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

Sermon: Romans 8—We Wait for Life

Stand

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit

into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on

earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of

heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus, p. 22, sung*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei, p. 23, sung*)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the

world; grant us your peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Distribution

Hymn: 311 – Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Has this wondrous supper founded.
Though he reigns above most holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,
And with loving rev'rence greet him,
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him,
Saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you,
That I nevermore will leave you.

3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:

Christ's true body, for you riven,
And his blood, for you once given.

4 Now I kneel before you lowly,
Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder
On your mighty work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded,
Depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden
Secrets that with you are hidden.

5 Human reason, though it ponders,
Cannot fathom these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless
Since the souls it feeds are countless,
And that he his blood is giving
With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded
Are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness
And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,
Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,

Jesus, Joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring -
At your feet I cry, my Maker:
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven
For our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you,
Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited;
Be your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me
As your guest in heav'n receive me.

Hymn: 449 – Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

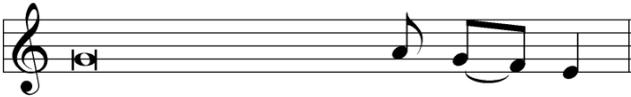
4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

Stand

Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis, p. 24, sung)

**Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace
according to your word. For my eyes have seen your
salvation, which you have prepared before the face of
all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of
your people Israel.**

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us
with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will
strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one
another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated

Hymn: 170 – Draw Us to Thee

1 Draw us to thee,
For then shall we
Walk in thy steps forever
And hasten on
Where thou art gone
To be with thee, dear Savior.

2 Draw us to thee,
Lord, lovingly;
Let us depart with gladness
That we may be
Forever free
From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

3 Draw us to thee;
Oh, grant that we

May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way
Lest we should stray
And from thy paths be driven.

4 Draw us to thee
That also we
Thy heav'nly bliss inherit
And ever dwell
Where sin and hell
No more can vex our spirit.

5 Draw us to thee
Unceasingly;
Into thy kingdom take us.
Let us fore'er
Thy glory share;
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE:

**Today, March 22: Bible Study & Sunday School,
Worship, Fellowship
*Acolyte: Evan Stoltz***

**Wednesday, March 25: Adult Bible Study, 10 am
Catechism, 5 pm
Supper, 5:30 pm (Ladies' Aid)
Worship: 6:30 pm
Adult choir and chime choir follow worship**

**Saturday, March 28: Spring Cleaning, attempt 2
4K/5K Open House, 9 am-noon**

**Sunday, March 29: *Palm Sunday*
Bible study and Sunday School, 8 am, Worship w/
Choir & Chimes: *children are invited to process
into church with Pastor, carrying palm fronds.
Meet Pastor in the narthex just before the service
starts. Children can lay their branches on the altar
and return to parents during the first hymn.*
Fellowship, Council Meeting
*Acolyte: Lane Lemke***

COMING UP:

April 1: Catechism Pizza & Egg-stuffing party, 5 pm

April 2: Maundy Thursday, worship 6:30 pm

April 3: Good Friday, worship 1 pm

April 4: Easter Breakfast prep, 9 am

April 5: *Easter*

SonRise: 7 am

Festival Worship: 9:30 am

April 18: LWMS Spring Rally

May 24: Confirmation

June 21: Homecoming Anniversary Service

August 12: Golf Outing

November 1: Festival Anniversary Service

March Birthdays! Happy birthday to our March members: Dan Bierman, Dan Lueck, Corrine Ziesemer, Shellie Hiemstra, Libby Jahnke, Sara Hintz, Erin Pulice, Jonah Haasch, Nancy Himebaugh, Nolan Decker, Justin Arndt, Paul Schoeneck, Melissa Tadman, Larisa Schwark, Michele Jacobs, Alicia Kelma, Jenna Kelma, Todd Stoltz, and Dawn Koopman!

Did we miss a birthday? Fill out a friendship register, leave a note in Pastor's box, or email

PeaceChurchGL@gmail.com.

Weren't here last Sunday?

Grab an insert from the fellowship hall with school and Program Committee updates.

Drop off coins for the Noisy Offering in the same place!

Know anyone with a 4- or 5-year old looking for quality, Christ-centered education? Tell them about Peace! Our 4K / 5K open house is Saturday, March 28 from 9 am to noon. Grab a flyer in the fellowship hall and let the paper do the talking!

Spring Cleaning, take 2

If you'd like to help spruce up our building and grounds before Easter, here is the list of tasks! You can join us on Saturday, March 28 starting at 9 am or come on your own time.

Inside:

- dust pews and chancel furniture
- clean back bathroom (between Pastor's office and council room)
- clean windows - fellowship hall and front entryway (inside and outside)

Outside:

- pick up sticks in church front yard and around school/playground
- rake up leaves and debris in gutters & parking lot
- repatriate rocks on school basketball court, moved by plow from landscaped hill on south end of parking lot
- patch sod from plow (this is sometimes done by plow company, but if you're bored...)
- check gutters on church, school, and parsonage

Peace Lutheran Golf Outing

Join us for a day of fellowship, friendly competition, and faithful stewardship as we support Peace Lutheran School. The Peace Lutheran Classic will be held on Wednesday, August 12 at Mascoutin Golf Club. All proceeds will go directly back to the school to support campus improvements (new bleachers, flooring, school sign, exterior paint, volleyball standards, scorers table, playground improvements, etc.) There are many ways that you can support and participate!

- Sponsor the event (as an individual or business)
- [Donate](#) a silent auction gift basket or item
- [Register](#) to golf
- Join us for dinner only

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can support this event! Questions can be directed to Chelsie

Stocker or Tricia Moon.

Easter is coming soon!

Signups are out to volunteer for food donations or setup/serving/cleanup crews for Easter breakfast! Many hands are needed. We also need donations of small candy to put in Easter eggs.

Youth Rally registration is open!

WELS youth that are confirmed (finished with 8th grade) through high school are invited to attend the youth rally in Bowling Green, Ohio July 14-17. [Information!](#)

Help bring Wednesday supper items! Sign up in the fellowship hall.

OFFERINGS were not counted last Sunday due to snow storm. 3.15.26 will be reported with 3.22.26 next week.