

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 570 744 Blue 65 Gray 34

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Feb. 28	8:30 a.m. Worship at English
Feb. 28	9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies
Feb. 28	10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace
Mar. 2	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Mar. 3	2:30 p.m. Confirmation
Mar. 3	7:00 p.m. Lent service at Peace
Mar. 4	Noon Bible Study

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*. With this hymn, we close our service today with a prayer that God would keep each of us close to the cross. It is here that we find a free and healing stream that washes away our sin. It is here that we see the love of God shining from the pierced heart of his Son. It is beneath the shadow of the cross that we are protected on our journey through this life. The goal of our journey is to cross the river and find rest. The river in the refrain is an allusion to the Jordan river that Israel had to cross in order to enter the promised land. Christian writers have often seen death as a river for us. Like Israel at the Jordan, we have to pass through death in order to reach the promised land on the other side. But because we are near the cross, we know that God will ferry us safely across this river to his heaven on the other side.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Peter proclaimed rightly to Jesus, "You are the Christ!" (Mark 8:29). But when Jesus told the disciples that His work must take the shape of suffering, Peter's rebuke revealed that he did not yet understand the contours of Christ's redemptive work. Jesus stands in contrast to our expectations of Him and therein shows the glory of God in His mercy to save sinners.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Exodus 20:1-17; 1Corinthians 1:18-31;
John 2:13-22

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS BACK!!! On March 7, Peace will reopen the fellowship hall for after service coffee and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the back if you would like to provide snacks and beverages.

ANNUAL REPORT: The Peace Lutheran Scholarship Fund 2020 Annual Report is available on the table in the back of the church.

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS: Please direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars before they expire on March 31, 2021. You can go to www.thrivent.com and click on Generosity or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars". You may give all of your amount to one organization or you can split it between several. If giving to this church, be sure to put Peace Lutheran of Rock Rapids, IA or English Lutheran of Larchwood.

TAXES: If anyone needs a receipt for any single donations of \$250 or more for their tax records, please let Doris Iwen know at 712-348-0202 or iwen@premieronline.net

ALTAR COMMITTEE: The Altar Committee for March for Peace is Bev Doorenbos and Shirley Lambert. For English it is Wanda Wulf.

FUNERAL SERVICES for Ron Steinberg will be held in late Spring due to COVID-19.

EASTER LILY/SPRING FLOWERS SIGN UP SHEET: If you would like to share your flowers on Easter Sunday April 4th, there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

MID-SIOUX OPPORTUNITY, Early Headstart is currently taking applications for their FREE Family Support and Resource Program. For more information on this free preschool program contact 800-859-2025.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect sandwich items-peanut butter, jelly, honey, cheese whiz, spam, tuna, ham, etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

ACOLYTE TODAY is Harper Flying Horse. Next Sunday will be Kari Huygens.

USHERING TODAY is Team 1; Next Sunday is Team 2: Kevin Stueven, Dennis Reuvers, LeRoy Fick, Terry Dieren, Walt Dibbern, Scott Schneidemann

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

OPENING HYMN: JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

C Forgive my sins, O Lord. Forgive me the sins of my present and the sins of my past; the sins of my soul and the sins of my body; the sins which I have done to please myself, and the sins which I have done to please others. Forgive me my wanton and idle sins. Forgive me my serious and deliberate sins. Forgive me those sins which I know, and those sins which I have labored so to hide from others that I have hid them from my own memory. Forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all. Of thy great mercy let me be absolved, and of thy bountiful goodness, let me be delivered from the bonds of all that by my frailty I have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Savior. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

he will bless those who fear the LORD,

both the small and the great.

We will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Hebrews 12:2

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1–11

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Mark 8:34b

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

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SERMON

OFFERTORY

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

Blue Hymnal 65

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