

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 21, 2021

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns Wonderful, Merciful Savior 435 427

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Mar. 21 8:30 a.m. Worship at English
Mar. 21 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies
Mar. 21 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace
Mar. 23 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Mar. 23 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English
Mar. 24 2:30 p.m. Confirmation
Mar. 24 7:00 p.m. Lenten service at English
Mar. 24 7:00 p.m. Third Avenue Youth
Mar. 25 Noon Bible Study

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is our opening hymn, *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*. This short hymn is composed of three verses, each praising a different person of the Trinity. First, we praise Jesus Christ, the Savior. He is the one who rescued the souls of men as the sacrificial lamb of God. Next, we praise the Holy Spirit, who is the counselor. Not only does he give us hope when we have lost our way, but he also leads us back to God. Finally, we praise the Father. He is the almighty, the one adored by all the saints and angels in heaven. So we join the chorus of heaven and fall before his throne to add our praise to the songs that rise before him every day. The refrain draws together all the persons of the Trinity and praises them as the One God whom our hearts always hunger for.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Looking at a multitude of people, one might expect Jesus, the Son of Man, to be the one demanding service. That is the way that the world thinks: those in authority are here to be served. But Jesus undercuts this whole idea with a compassionate heart for the people of this world. He came to serve by giving His life as a ransom for many.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Zechariah 9:9-12; Philippians 2:5-11
John 12:12-19

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS BACK!!! Peace has opened 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.

QUILTERS Let's meet for coffee after church on Sunday, March 21st. All are welcome, help is always needed!!

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

DAUGHTERS OF PEACE will have a Spring Rummage Sale on May 7th. Please start accumulating your good, clean, used items for the sale. If you have any special items that you are donating, please let a member of Daughters know so it can be advertised to bring more people to the sale.

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.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect canned vegetables for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

ACOLYTE TODAY is Alex Minor. Next Sunday will be Porter Vogel.

USHERING TODAY is Team 4; Next Sunday is Team 5: Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick, Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartze, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

OPENING HYMN: WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Choir: Wonderful, merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh you rescue the souls of men.

All: Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.
Refrain

Ref: You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

All: Almighty, infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.
Refrain

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, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

I love the LORD, because he has heard

my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because he inclined his ear to me,

therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

For you have delivered my soul from death,

my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

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.**

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

After the Reading

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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

Jeremiah 31:31–34

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

Hebrews 5:1–10

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Mark 10:45

Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:32–45

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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: 435 COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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: 427 IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

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