

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 2022

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 424 732 673

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

March 13 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

March 13 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

March 13 9:00 a.m. Sunday School classes

March 15 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

March 15 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

March 16 9:30 a.m. Quilting

March 16 Noon Bible Study

March 16 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

March 16 3:30 p.m. Daughters of Peace

March 16 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Peace

March 19 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is *All Depends on Our Possessing*. The theme of this hymn is the certainty of life, eternal life, when we build on God's grace. Verse 3 says, "Many spend their lives in fretting over trifles and in getting things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure that will bring me lasting pleasure and that now is seldom found." Our epistle reading reminds us of the same thing. We are not to set our minds on the things of earth. That way ends in destruction. Our citizenship is in heaven. We are waiting for a savior, Jesus Christ, and whatever pain or difficulty we experience on earth, it will all be changed to joy when He returns and transforms our bodies to make them fit for eternity. All depends on our possessing Christ.

A WORD: The Old Testament reading gives us an ancient example of shooting the messenger. Jeremiah has warned the people of Jerusalem that God will judge them for their sins, and they say in reply, "You must die." The same thing happens in our Gospel lesson. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem because the people of that city kill God's prophets and stone the messengers God sends to them. Instead of resisting God's call, how much better it is to repent and be saved. Then Christ will gather us under his wings to care for us and keep us safe.

The epistle reading shows us how we are to live, not with minds fixed on earth, but with a mind that looks to heaven. We are waiting for a savior from there, Jesus Christ, and the gift he will bring at his return is worth far more than anything on earth, eternal life.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Ezekiel 33:7-20 1Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: At a pivotal point in His ministry, Jesus "set His face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51). The Holy City was made to be the place from which the Word of the Lord went out and gathered nations. Instead, its people rebelled against God and killed His prophets. However, Jesus is ever compassionate toward its inhabitants and those of the world. For when He is crucified, it is God's plan to draw all people to Himself for forgiveness, life, and salvation and to lead us into the new Jerusalem.

LENTEN SERVICES: Coffee and goodies will be served after Lenten Services on March 16th and 30th. If you would like to serve, please sign-up on the sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. A free will offering will be collected for the Ukrainian Lutheran Church.

BLESSINGS JAR: Next Sunday, March 20th and the Third Sunday of every month, the Blessings Jar will be on the table in the sanctuary. If you feel blessed by having another birthday, anniversary, child, grandchild, or anything you feel thankful and blessed for receiving, you can place a donation in the Blessings Jar. All proceeds will be used for missions.

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS: Please direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars before they expire on March 31, 2022. You can go to www.thrivent.com or call 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, Iowa.

CAMP OKOBOJI: Camp Okoboji Auxiliary is requesting a "Camp Grocery Shower". A grocery list is included in your bulletin today. Daughters of Peace will collect these items until April 20th. There will be a card table in the narthex for collection of these items.

DONATIONS: If anyone needs a written receipt for the IRS for donations over \$250.00, call Doris Iwen at 712-348-0202 or email iwen@premieronline.net.

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE: Daughters of Peace will have their annual Rummage Sale the first part of May. As you do your "Spring" cleaning, please collect items to donate for this sale. No adult clothing or shoes--children's clothes only.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: A new pictorial church directory is in the planning stages. The Committee needs updated information on all members. Please complete one of the information sheets that are on the table in the Fellowship Hall and return it to the church office. Thank you all for your assistance in getting up-to-date information.

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

USHERING TODAY is Team 3: Paul Davis, Lowell Drenth, Paul Sindt, Warren Arends, Jerry Baatz, Eugene Johnson **Next Sunday is Team 4:** Wayne Ranschau, Brad Vogel, Gary Delfs, Marv Flier, Wayne Jepsen, John Schulte.

+ CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 424: O CHRIST, YOU WALKED THE ROAD

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.
O God, why do you cast us off forever?
Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;
the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!

**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.**

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and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

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

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Jeremiah 26:8–15

GRADUAL

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.

Hebrews 12:2

EPISTLE

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Philippians 3:17—4:1

VERSE

**Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say,
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

Luke 13:35

HOLY GOSPEL

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth 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 \ddagger everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 732: ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING

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.

Luke 13:31–35

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

- 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 \ddagger give you peace.
C Amen.

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HYMN 673: JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME

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