

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20, 2022

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English 702 137(Gray) 761

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

March 20 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

March 20 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

March 20 9:00 a.m. Sunday School classes

March 22 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

March 22 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

March 23 9:30 a.m. Quilting

March 23 Noon Bible Study

March 23 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

March 23 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at English

March 26 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

HYMN OF THE DAY: In the book of Exodus, Moses asks to see God's glory. So God puts Moses in a cleft of a rock and passes before him. The cleft in the rock represents a place of safety that allows Moses to draw close to God. Our hymn of the day, *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*, reminds us of our cleft, our place of safety, Jesus Christ. He is the one who protects us from sin. He is the one who protects us from guilt. He is the one who protects us from judgement. He is our place of safety that allows us to draw close to God and live.

A WORD: In our Old Testament reading, God reminds us that we relate to him in the present. Our past does not condemn us, neither does it save us. What matters is our life with God in the present moment. In the Gospel reading, Jesus issues a call to repentance. Like the fig tree given a year to bear fruit, we are given a period of time in which to repent. We should take that opportunity and repent now because we don't know when judgement will come.

In the epistle reading, Paul exhorts us to run the race of faith in such a way that we will receive the prize of eternal life. He reminds us of the story of Israel. The whole nation ran (they were all on their way to the Promised Land), but only two reached the goal. The rest perished in the wilderness because of sin. Therefore, let us not desire evil as they did, but practice self-control so that we may obtain the prize for which we run, eternal life.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 12:1-6 2Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: God's people have been made like fig trees to bear fruit. In the eyes of the vinedresser, a fig tree that bears no fruit is not a lost cause to be immediately cut down. Instead, He tends to it and fertilizes it. Jesus' parable helps us to see His heart of patient compassion. He sees to it that we are provided with all that we need to grow and flourish. We have the Word, which has been planted within our hearts and nourished by the preaching of the Gospel, and the Sacraments.

LENTEN SERVICES: Coffee and goodies will be served after Lenten Services on March 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: TODAY, 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.

LYC SPAGHETTI MEAL: LYC will have a spaghetti meal on April 10th after the church service. If you wish to donate food to help defray costs, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

ALTAR COMMITTEES: The Altar Committee for April at Peace is Wilma Miller and Karen Olson and at English it will be Elaine Cherry and Barb Magnuson.

CAMP OKOBOJI: Camp Okoboji Auxiliary is requesting a "Camp Grocery Shower". A grocery list is available on the card table in the narthex. Daughters of Peace will collect these items until April 20th.

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 4: Wayne Ranschau, Brad Vogel, Gary Delfs, Marv Flier, Wayne Jepsen, John Schulte. **Next Sunday is Team 5:** Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick, Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartz, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz

+ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO +

HYMN 702: MY FAITH LOOK UP TO THEE

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

Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.
For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies;

the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;

make your way straight before me.

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.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Ezekiel 33:7–20

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

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

2 Peter 3:9b, c

The Lord is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1–9

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 † everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: IN CHRIST ALONE

Insert

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.

HYMN 761: ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

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