

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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IN OUR PRAYERS we remember: Marcia Neelly and Beverly Baker

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 433 644 571

### THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

March 27 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

March 27 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

March 27 9:00 a.m. Sunday School classes

March 29 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

March 29 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

March 30 9:30 a.m. Quilting

March 30 Noon Bible Study

March 30 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

March 30 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Peace

April 2 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Our hymn of the day is *Glory Be to Jesus*. This hymn praises Jesus for pouring out his life-blood. In verse two, we learn what we gained from that sacrifice, grace and life eternal. In verse three, we learn that the sacrifice of Jesus was sufficient for all the world's redemption. Verse four contrasts the blood of Abel, whose blood in Genesis cried out for vengeance, with the blood of Jesus, that cries out for our pardon. The sacrifice of Christ makes him worthy of all praise and adoration. "Praise the precious blood!"

**A WORD:** Our Old Testament reading is a song that praises God for the gift of salvation. In the epistle reading, we hear how God accomplished our salvation. He made him (Christ) to be sin who knew no sin, that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Because all of our sin has been placed on Christ, God no longer counts our sins against us. Everyone in Christ is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Our Gospel reading is the parable of the two sons (often called the parable of the prodigal son). This parable raises the question, "Who belongs to the family of God and why?" The answer is that we belong to God's family, not because of what we do, but because of grace.

**FROM THE PASTOR:** New hymnals arrived at Peace this week. These hymnals contain the same songs as the old ones, with a few additions. I would like to thank Yvette, Cheryl, and Jan for their hard work on this project, along with everyone who contributed to the purchase of the hymnals. These hymnals will bless the church with the gift of music for years to come. We will dedicate them next Sunday.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14  
Luke 20:9-20

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** The prodigal son thought that he could earn his father's favor again by becoming a servant. The older son thought that his service should have already earned his father's favor. Both were lost. However, in this parable, there is extravagant mercy and grace. There is only celebration when the lost have been found! So also is our Father in heaven merciful toward us, displaying extravagant love in sending Christ to win for us forgiveness and eternal life so that we--and all who were once lost--are welcomed with open arms!

**LENTEN SERVICES:** Coffee and goodies will be served after Lenten Services on March 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**LYC SPAGHETTI MEAL:** LYC will have a spaghetti meal on April 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**DAUGHTERS OF PEACE:** NW Zone Rally will be April 27, 2022 at Zion Lutheran in Ocheyedon. Board meeting at 12 noon, registration 12:30-1:00 with meeting to follow. See the flyer on the bulletin board for In-Gathering items.

**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS:** Please direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars before they expire on March 31, 2022. You can go to [www.thrivent.com](http://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 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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 5:** Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick, Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartze, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz **Next Sunday is Team 6:** Steve Janssen, Aaron Janssen, Jesse Janssen, Arnold Vogel, Robert McKenney, Gary Dieren, Adam Vogel

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**HYMN 433: GLORY BE TO JESUS**

**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 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**and cleanse me from my sin!**

For I know my transgressions,  
**and my sin is ever before me.**  
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
**so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**  
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
**and in sin did my mother conceive me.**  
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
**and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**  
**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.**  
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.  
**C** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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**

*Isaiah 12:1–6*

**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**

*2 Corinthians 5:16–21*

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

## VERSE

*Luke 15:22a, 24a*

The father said to his servants, “This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.”

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth 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 644: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

## 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 571: GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE

*sts. 1–5*

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