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**The First Week in Lent**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.**

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**Welcome!** We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us and especially to those who may be visiting. We pray that as you worship, you will be strengthened by our Lord's love and grace. Please sign our Red Friendship Book at the end of the Pew. If you are our guest, please introduce yourself to the Pastor after the service. Gift bags for our visitors hang on the welcome wall in the Narthex.

**Our Mission:** "Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to reach the lost and to provide for spiritual growth and nurture of our family of believers through education and ministry of Word and Sacraments."

**Education Programs:** Pre-K program, ages 3-5, August through May here in Peace's education wing, and along with Bethlehem, Mt. Calvary and Zion Lutheran churches, we operate Lutheran South Unity School (K-8) located at 5401 South Calhoun Street.

**Holy Communion:** If you are a communicant member of an LCMS congregation we welcome you to receive Christ's body and blood at this altar. If you are unsure of your beliefs or are of another confession, you are also welcome to kneel at the communion rail for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to receive God's blessing of Peace from the Pastor.

If you are unable to approach the Communion rail please let an usher know and Pastor will serve you at your seat. We offer gluten free wafers for those who need them - please notify the Elder at the Communion rail.

**Hospitalization:** If you or a family member is hospitalized, or is scheduled for surgery, please notify the church office or Pastor Spira at 445-0555. Even though you mention a church affiliation at check in, hospital staff rarely has time to contact the churches.

**Nursery and Children's Bulletins:** A nursery for small children is available in Room 222 (The Nursery/Playroom). Children's bulletins may be obtained from an usher.

**Large Print Bulletins Available:** If you need a large print bulletin let the ushers know.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP The First Week in Lent

## A God Who Prays



### As We Gather

The Second Commandment demands perfect prayer. But who does that? What human being never misuses the holy name of the triune God but ceaselessly prays, praises, and gives thanks to God in every time of need or blessing? Whose prayers are always sincere? Only one: Jesus.

Why should Jesus have to pray? He is God, after all.

But He is also man. In the mystery of the Trinity, the Son and Father are equal. But in the economy of salvation, the Son does what man should but cannot. He submits. And He commits Himself to His Father's will.

And for whom does Jesus pray? His Church. His disciples. You.

### Lighting of the Candles

### Welcome

*(For those who are able, please stand for the portions of the service that are marked with an \*)*



## ✘ PREPARATION ✘

### \* Series Hymn

### “Behold the Man Before You”

*Tune: Hymnal page 453*

<sup>1</sup> Behold the man before you:  
The One who would restore you  
Stands silent in your stead.  
He waits for His conviction—  
Your rightful crucifixion.  
He bows His holy, weary head.

<sup>2</sup> Hands, feet, and shoulders bleeding,  
To God the Father pleading  
For your own heart and soul.  
Come, sinner, watch in wonder:  
His body laden under  
The ransom of your sin in whole.

<sup>3</sup> Exposed and bare, He covers  
Your shame with grace that hovers  
Upon you night and day.  
His final breath expended—  
The reign of death upended.  
His verdict kills the devil’s sway.

<sup>4</sup> Behold your God, here buried:  
Your sin and sorrows carried  
Into the earthen tomb.  
But wait with expectation:  
The Lord of your salvation  
Will rescue you from graven doom.

<sup>5</sup> Christ, God and man, is living!  
His risen body giving  
Proof that our Savior won.  
Your hands will raise to bless Him,  
Your lips will e’er confess Him:  
The born and dead and risen One!

### \* Opening Sentences

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Ghost

**C** Amen.

**P** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

**C** and the Word was God.

**P** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**C** and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**P** Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood,

**C** He Himself likewise partook of the same things.

**P** Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

**C** He was manifested in the flesh,

**P** vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations,  
**C** **believed on in the world, taken up in glory.**

**P** For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
**C** **and at the last He will stand upon the earth.**

**P** And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
**C** **yet in my flesh I shall see God.**

\* **Confession**

**P** As we consider the true humanity of our Lord, let us confess our human failings.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

**P** In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "When you fast,"  
**C** **but we have avoided physical discomfort and preferred less physical "spiritual" disciplines.**

**P** Jesus prayed, "I am praying for them,"  
**C** **but we have spent more time praying for ourselves than interceding for others.**

**P** Jesus' garments were stripped from Him,  
**C** **but we have tried to hide our shame from God and one another.**

**P** Jesus provided for His mother, who gave Him life, even while on the cross,  
**C** **but we have neglected the Church, who gives us news of eternal life.**

**P** Jesus, while dying to save us, admitted His physical need, saying, "I thirst,"  
**C** **but we often make decisions based on our creature comforts instead of our faith.**

**P** Jesus loved His disciples to the end and washed their feet,  
**C** **but too often we have served because it was expected, not out of love.**

**P** Jesus said of His life, "I lay it down of My own accord,"  
**C** **but we have sought to save our own skins.**

**P** Jesus surprised everyone when He rose on Easter,  
**C** **but we have failed to live as those who will also rise to live with Him forever. Have mercy and forgive us, O Lord Jesus Christ.**

## \* Forgiveness

**P** The man Jesus, the Word made flesh, endured hunger, rejection, shame, abuse, and death to pay for our sins and to open heaven to all who trust in His name. He physically rose and now gives us our daily bread, lets His kingdom come to us and through us, and moves us to do His will here on earth until we follow Him through death to eternity with Him. May He who began a good work in you bring it to completion in the day of Jesus Christ .

**C** Amen.

## Reading

*Hebrews 7:20-28*

**L** A reading from the seventh chapter of Hebrews.

<sup>20</sup> And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, <sup>21</sup> but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to Him:

“The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever.’”

<sup>22</sup> This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

<sup>23</sup> The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup> but He holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup> For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for His own sins and then for those of the people, since He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

*John 17:1-26*

**L** In the upper room the night He was betrayed, Jesus prayed what has been called His High Priestly Prayer. In it, He prays for us, for those who have yet to come to faith, and for Himself. A reading from the seventeenth chapter of John.

**L** He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him.

**C** **And this is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**

**L** I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.

I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

**C** **I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.**

**L** All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me,

**C** **that they may be one, even as We are one.**

**L** While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

**C** **Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.**

**L** As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

**C** **I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word,**

**L** that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. The glory that You have given Me I have given to them,

**C** **that they may be one even as We are one,**

**L** I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.

**C** **Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am,**

**L** to see My glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent Me. I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**\* Responsory**

*1 John 2:1; [Mark 10:33]; Psalm 32:1*

**L** We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

**C** **He was delivered up to death;  
He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**L** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C** **He was delivered up to death;  
He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**L** We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

**C** **He was delivered up to death;  
He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

**Hymn**

**“O Love, How Deep”**

*Hymnal page 544*

*vv. 1-4*

<sup>1</sup> O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals’ sake!

<sup>2</sup> He sent no angel to our race,  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame,  
And to this world Himself He came.

<sup>3</sup> For us baptized, for us He bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.

<sup>4</sup> For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
For us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus  
Still seeking not Himself but us.

**Sermon**

**“A God Who Prays”**

*John 17:1-26*

\* Canticle

“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

*Hymnal page 540*

*vv. 1-2*

*Tune: “Joyous Light”*

<sup>1</sup> Christ, the Word of God incarnate,  
Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father,  
Perfect God, the great I AM;  
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished,  
Light and life You bring to all;  
Light our path with Your own presence,  
Grant us grace to heed Your call.

<sup>2</sup> Christ, the living bread from heaven,  
Food for body, food for soul;  
Christ, the manna daily given,  
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.  
Feed us with the food of heaven,  
Foretaste of the feast to be;  
Quench our thirst with living water  
Springing up eternally.

\* Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

\* Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us use the experiences of the man Jesus as we pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

*[The man Jesus experienced severe hunger.]*

**P** For all who are denied basic food, clothing, or shelter, that God would provide whatever they need to support this body and life, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

*[The man Jesus prayed for His circle of friends and those who believed in Him.]*

**P** For the Body of Christ around the world, that God would protect and guide clergy and lay leaders so that the Gospel may be proclaimed freely and many may come to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

*[The man Jesus was physically exposed on the cross.]*

**P** For all who try to hide their sins and failings, fearing God’s wrath and people’s scorn, that the Holy Spirit would grant them faith to know and trust the forgiveness Christ won for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

*[The man Jesus cared for His human mother.]*

**P** For all parents and children, especially those in fractured families and those dealing with daily turmoil, that our heavenly Father would surround them with caring friends and counselors to renew the love that they have lost, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*[The man Jesus experienced thirst.]*

**P** For all whose lives are focused on relief from pain and suffering, from illness or addiction, [including . . .], that according to His gracious plans God would bring about healing, relief, and health to body and mind, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*[The man Jesus bled and died.]*

**P** For all who understand Jesus only as a moral teacher or example of pious living, that the Holy Spirit would open their hearts to see that Jesus' death is the reason He became man and to trust that in dying He did everything necessary for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*[The man Jesus was buried.]*

**P** For all who fear death and all who are in mourning, that the Holy Spirit grant them faith to see the death of all who trust in Christ as a sleep from which they shall awaken, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*[The man Jesus physically rose triumphant over death.]*

**P** For all artists and musicians, poets and writers who express Christian hope and encourage our joyful celebrating, anticipating the day when faith gives way to sight, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son and our Brother, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Offering**

*(We encourage our visitors and members to sign the red Fellowship booklet located in each pew)*

## ✘ SACRAMENT ✘

### \* Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### \* Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was born as one of us, suffered physical hunger, pain, and death in our place, and who by His obedience destroyed the power of sin, death, and the devil. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### \* Sanctus

#### “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

*Hymnal page 621, adapted*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
“Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts! Holy, holy, Lord Most High!”

### \* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. When He was tempted, He was obedient, refusing to eat in spite of His hunger. His cross is now a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us and ask that by the help of the Holy Spirit we may eat and drink Christ's body and blood and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**C** Amen.

### \* Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### \* Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

### \* The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

\* **Agnus Dei**

**“Not All the Blood of Beasts”**

*Hymnal page 431*

*verses 1,2,5*

- <sup>1</sup> Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace  
Or wash away the stain.
- <sup>2</sup> But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.
- <sup>5</sup> Believing, we rejoice  
To see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice  
And sing His bleeding love.

**Distribution**

**“Christ, the Life of All the Living”**

*Hymnal page 540*

\* **Nunc Dimittis**

*(Sung to “What Wondrous Love Is This”)*

Lord, let Your servant now, go in peace, go in peace,  
My eyes see that Your Word shall not cease.  
For nations there is Light; for Israel, gracious sight.  
To Father, Spirit, Son, let all praises be sung,  
All-gracious, merciful Three in One!

\* **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. O God, our heavenly Father, the giver of all we need to support this body and life and who sent Your only-begotten Son to become one of us, we give thanks that You have given us pardon and peace, nourishing our bodies, minds, and spirits through this Sacrament.

**G** **By Your Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith that we may behold the man, our Lord Jesus Christ, at each reception of the Lord’s Supper and in every hearing of the blessed Gospel;**

**P** through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

## \* Benediction

**P** The blessing of almighty God—the Father, who sent His Son into the flesh, the ✠ Son, who lived a truly human life in our stead, and the Holy Spirit, who has given us faith to trust our Savior—be upon you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## \* Closing Hymn

### “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*Hymnal page 770*

- <sup>1</sup> What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- <sup>2</sup> Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- <sup>3</sup> Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

## Announcements



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