



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6, 2022

Peace Lutheran Church
2540 Applegate Street
Philomath, OR 97370

We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus. We are honored with your presence. If you do not have a church home, you are invited to join us regularly. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jeremy Lucke or one of the Ushers as you leave today and sign the guest book in the entryway. We continue to observe the guidelines for health safety. If you have any questions, please see an usher. Everyone is welcome.

The ringing of the bell and the lighting of the Christ candle mark the beginning of our service and a time for quiet meditation, prayer and inward reflection as we begin our worship.

Children are welcome at our worship services. If you prefer, Peace Lutheran has a playroom equipped for children three years old and younger. The room is unstaffed and can be accessed in the fellowship hall where the service is also being live streamed for your convenience and enjoyment.

Holy Communion is celebrated every first and third Sunday and will follow the order of service in the bulletin. If you are a baptized Christian and share our faith in Jesus as Savior and have been instructed in the meaning and use of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to partake. We have pre-wrapped communion wine or juice and wafers. We also have gluten-free wafers available. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, ask the server. May the body and blood of Jesus, present in the bread and wine, be a blessing to you.

There are times during the service when you will be asked to stand if you are able. Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult.

AS WE GATHER: It is difficult to stay silent when injustice is taking place around us. It is even more difficult to stay silent when injustice is being done to us. Today we begin a Lenten journey that focuses on Joseph's story. Joseph was the victim of injustice. Sold into slavery, sent away--there is little he could have said to change the will of his brothers. What does the Lord have to say, though? Would He remain silent while injustice took place? Although the Lord seems to be silent, He is quietly working redemption for Joseph.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In this Lenten season, we journey with Joseph in Genesis

People: and come to the cross of Christ on Calvary.

Pastor: Joseph's journey, amid injustice and abuse, brings to question the perceived silence of God amid trials. We, too, in our experiences, seek God's voice and presence for our peace and hope. In this moment of silence, we think about our own sin and anticipate God's voice of forgiveness and love.

Silence for reflection and confession

Pastor: O Lord, our gracious and merciful Father,

People: we confess our unworthiness to be in Your presence. Our sins of thought, word, and deed leave us hopeless without Your saving work in our lives. Hear us as we call out for mercy and grace. Save us by the power of Your name. Help us find our refuge in the cross of Your only Son. By Your steadfast love, draw us to Jesus that we worship You with cleansed minds and hearts. In His saving name, we pray. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of the Lord our God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are fully and freely forgiven. Since He alone is our refuge and fortress, we find peace in the forgiveness earned for all people by Jesus' death and resurrection. As your pastor, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

OPENING SONG **“We Have Come Into His House”**

We have come into His house
gathered in His name
To worship Him
(REPEAT)

We have come into His house
gathered in His name
To worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

Let us lift up holy hands
And magnify His name
And Worship Him
(REPEAT)

Let us lift up holy hands
And magnify His name
And worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

So forget about yourself
And concentrate on Him
And worship Him
(REPEAT)

So forget about yourself
And concentrate on Him
And worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

He is all my righteousness
I stand complete in Him
And worship Him
(REPEAT)

He is all my righteousness
I stand complete in Him
And worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord God, Your son was tempted in the wilderness and overcame.

People: When we encounter trial and temptation, lead us to look to Your perfect Son, that in Him we would have forgiveness and hope;

Pastor: through Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Peoples Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

EPISTLE

Genesis 37:12-36

Reader.' Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said. "Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. They said to one another,

People: "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams."

Reader; But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him"-that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers,

People: "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh."

Reader: And his brothers listened to him. Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes and returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?" Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said,

People: "This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not."

Reader: And he identified it and said, "It is my son's robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days. All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father wept for him. Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:

Luke 4:1-13

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment

of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.

If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

And Jesus answered him, "It is written, " 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.' "

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, " 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and " 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.' "

And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress is our God”

A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God himself elected.

You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threatening to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot over pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;

In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.

Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

Sermon

“Overcoming the Potholes in the Road of Life”

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

[Part 3](#)

CREED

People:

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, when u)e come to You in prayer, even in the silence we perceived, we are drawn to Your voice through Your Word as You hear our prayers and answer us according to Your will and ways. We pray to You, Lord.

People: Lord, be our fortress and the One who makes us holy.

Pastor: Ever-present Lord, as we face trials and temptations, injustices and seemingly inescapable situations, we cry out to You. Even in silence, You were with Joseph, and You are with us. In silence before His accusers,

Christ went to the cross for us, and cried out for our forgiveness. Be with us in our journey through this life, that we may hear Your voice, witness Your mighty deeds, and hold firm to the faith You have given. Be with those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, that the needs of all Your people be heard and comforted with Your everlasting peace. We pray particularly for (...). We pray to Your, Lord.

People: Lord, be our fortress and the One who strengthens Your Church.

Pastor: Grant continued repentance in this Lenten season and always as we reflect on Christ's Passion, Your Love for this world through and in Him, and the forgiveness and new life. He has come to bring through His suffering and death. Keep us in the faith that amid all we face in this world, our trust and hope remain in You alone. We pray to You, Lord.

People: Lord, be our fortress and the One who showers us with mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, o Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

COMMUNE TOGETHER

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you
peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "God Be with You 'Til we Meet Again"

Howard F. Starks, Jeremiah Eames Rankin, William Gould Tomer; 2008
Broadman Press (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

*Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.*

*Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings, protecting, hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threat'ning wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR TRAVELING. Pastor and his family will be away this week. The service next Sunday will be led by Pastor Paul D. Doellinger. If you need pastoral care this week, please contact one of the church elders, Oscar, Elaine, Kay, Rick, or Merv.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR. Would you like to honor someone on a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion? Please consider doing so by providing flowers for the Altar on Sunday.

The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Please contact Carole Gutbrod with any questions.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE. This week Peace will continue our Lenten services on March 9. Rick Durling will be leading the service. We will start at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there.

EAT, CHAT, PRAY. The Eat, Chat, Pray group meets Wednesday mornings in the fellowship hall at 7:30. This is another great opportunity to gather with other members of the congregation for fellowship, coffee, and prayer.

MEN @ IMAGINE. There is a weekly Men's gathering at Imagine Coffee at 460 SW Philomath Blvd (just before Bi-Mart & Safeway). The group meets at 7:00 am and the topics of discussion vary greatly. It's a good opportunity to get together to socialize and uplift one another. Please check with Rob Schulze if you have any questions.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS. Next Saturday night before bed, don't forget to change your clocks advancing them one hour. Spring forward - fall back.