will all likewise perish. 4Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? 5No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

6And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' 8And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. 9Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "May God Bestow On Us His Grace" [LSB 824]

Meditation

(Please stand)

Nicene Creed [LSB 158]

Prayer of the Church

Offertory [LSB 159]

Service of the Sacrament [LSB 160]

(Please Be Seated)

Distribution Hymns [LSB 861, 718, 703, and 6091

(Please stand)

Thank The Lord [LSB 164]

Post Communion Collect [LSB 166]

Benediction [LSB 166]

Sharing of the Peace (Please Be Seated)

Closing Hymn "Great Is Thy

Faithfulness" [LSB 809]

To God Be The Glory!

Attendance Records 3/16-3/22

Sunday Early Service	36
Adult Bible Study	7
Sunday Late Service	
Morning Midweek service	
Evening Midweek service	26

Serving in God's House

March 23rd

Elder on duty Fritz Hubert Organist Charlene Pfanstiel Audio Harold Carlson Greeter Nancy Rippen Greeter

Usher **Eugene Custer** Lay Reader Jerry Calvin Hunter Kunkee Acolvte

Acolyte Will Kinkee Powerpoint Harold Carlson

Late Service

Greeter Pat Penner

Greeter

Usher **Curt Swanhorst Curt Swanhorst** Lay Reader Acolyte Raegan Kisker

Acolyte Emma McConville Powerpoint Gary Hunkins Tina Cummins Live Stream

March 3oth

Elder on duty Curt/Phil

Sue Carlson

Ellie Hartwell

Organist

Audio Greeter

Greeter Harold Carlson Usher Gene Meints Lay Reader Harold Carlson

Acolyte Acolyte

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Worship Service Bulletin

Pastor Lonnie Felcher

March 23, 2025 The Third Sunday in Lent

elcome! Here at Peace Lutheran Church, our mission is to share with loving concern, the true Word and gracious love of God with one another, our community, and our world.

May God bless you this morning as you worship with us.

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 24th

Pastor out of the office 2:00pm......WML 8:30am.....Women's Bible Study

7:00pm......Women's Bible study Saturday, March 29th

Tuesday, March 25th

Pastor out of the office

Wednesday, March 26th

6:00pm.....School of Religion 9:15am.....Women's Bible Study 7:30pm......Midweek Lent service 9:15am......Men's Bible Study

Thursday, March 27th

1:30pm.....Hillcrest service

2:30pm.....Kinship Pointe service

Friday, March 28th

7:00am......Men's Bible Breakfast

Sunday, March 30th

8:00am....Non Communion Worship 11:00am......Adult Bible Study 10:30am..Non Communion Worship

Communion Sunday

The Service of Holy Communion

We practice the custom of the church since the time of the apostles that those who are instructed and have confirmed their faith in the common faith with us and are able to examine themselves about their relationship with God and with fellow believers, may commune with us. For others, we gladly welcome them to a period of instruction so that they may openly profess their unity of faith in their participation of the Lord's Supper with us. If you are unable to go to the altar, please let an usher know and the Pastor will bring the Lord's Supper to your pew. Please sit close to any one of the three aisles in the church. Our Savior's wish is that all Christians receive His Body and Blood often. Peace offers gluten-free communion wafers for those who are protein/gluten intolerant or who may have a wheat allergy. Simply notify Pastor during communion if you desire the gluten-free wafer.

Divine Worship Service Setting 1

Opening Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" [LSB 918]

Confession and Absolution [LSB 151]

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.

Kyrie [LSB 152]

Salutation and Collect of the Day [LSB 156]

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-20

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

10"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' 11Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

12"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. 13Though I say

to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Il want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

6Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

(Please stand)

Alleluia and Verse [LSB 156]

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you