



# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## MIDWEEK WORSHIP 3

MARCH 11, 2026

### FOR US HE SEEKS

Jesus talks all about seeking us in our texts this week. He does not wait passively until we get up the gumption to ask Him for help. Nor does He act out of selfish gain, like our health-care system seems to do so often today. Praying, teaching, working. In all these things, Jesus seeks us out and looks for ways to help us. This work is often overlooked because it is so ordinary. Water, bread and wine, the folly of preaching. In all these ordinary works, Jesus continues His ministry among us. This ministry of forgiveness means that Jesus continues to strengthen and help us.

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER 2

**P** = Pastor

\* = Stand

**C** = Congregation

#### \*Opening Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

**\*Psalm**

*Psalm 80:1-7*

**P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!

**C** You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**P** Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!

**C** Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

**P** O LORD God of hosts,

**C** How long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?

**P** You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**C** You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

**P** Restore us, O God of hosts;

**C** Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; =



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Reading

*Romans 10:8–17*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Mark 1:35–39*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Passion Reading

*Mark 14:53–15:5*

<sup>53</sup>And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. <sup>54</sup>And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, <sup>58</sup>“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” <sup>59</sup>Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>61</sup>But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” <sup>62</sup>And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” <sup>63</sup>And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” And the guards received him with blows.

<sup>66</sup>And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, <sup>67</sup>and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” <sup>71</sup>But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know this man of whom you speak.” <sup>72</sup>And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things.

<sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Confirmation Testimonies (6:30)**

Ben Posadas  
Henry Wildman  
Hayden Wolaver

**\*Hymn of the Day**

**LSB 544 O Love, How Deep**

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore  
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
Of high - er or of low - er place,  
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,

That God, the Son of God, should take  
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
By words and signs and ac - tions thus

Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
And to this world Him - self He came.  
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

**Sermon**

“For Us He Seeks”

**Gathering of the Offering**

*Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

\*Kyrie

LSB 285

**P** O Lord,  
**C** Have mercy.

**P** O Christ,  
**C** Have mercy.

**P** O Lord,  
**C** Have mercy.

\*Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

\*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.

\*Versicles

LSB 286

**P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** Let my cry come to You.  
**P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C** For You answer me.  
**P** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** And blot out all my iniquities.  
**P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** And renew a right spirit within me.  
**P** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** **And uphold me with a willing spirit.**  
**P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** **My lips will praise You.**  
**P** For You have been my help,  
**C** **And in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**  
**P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** **Unite my heart to fear Your name.**  
**P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** **And I will glorify Your name forever.**  
**P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**  
**P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**  
**P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** **Listen to my plea for grace.**

**\*Luther's Morning Prayer (11:30)**

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**\*Luther's Evening Prayer (6:30)**

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**\*Benedicamus**

*LSB 287*

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Blessing**

*LSB 287*

- P** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**C** **Amen.**

## \*Hymn to Depart

## LSB 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken  
7 O won - drous love, whose depth no heart hath sound - ed,  
8 O might - y King, no time can dim Thy glo - ry!  
9 For vain - ly doth our hu - man wis - dom pon - der—  
10 Yet un - re - quit - ed, Lord, I would not leave Thee;



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?  
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves sur - round - ed!  
How shall I spread a - broad Thy won - drous sto - ry?  
Thy woes, Thy mer - cy, still tran - scend our won - der.  
I will re - nounce what - e'er doth vex or grieve Thee



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -  
All world - ly plea - sures, heed - less, I was  
How shall I find some wor - thy gifts to  
Oh, how should I do aught that could de -  
And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?  
try - ing While Thou wert dy - ing.  
prof - fer? What dare I of - fer?  
light Thee! Can I re - quite Thee?  
low - ly All fires un - ho - ly.

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## \*Silent Prayer

## Closing Voluntary

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**Join us next week for our Midweek Lenten Service**

11:00 a.m. Organ Recital – Matthew Gerhardt, Kantor at St. Paul, Des Peres

11:30 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper hosted by Mary/Martha and Quilters

6:30 p.m. Worship Service

