

Sunday March 20, 2022
Peter's Denial – Third Sunday in Lent



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MISSION STATEMENT

*We will **LIVE** and **SERVE** through **FAITH***

*we will **ACT** with **LOVE** and **KINDNESS***

*we will **GIVE** hope and **SUPPORT** to all.*

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

Special Music today by: Joe Schweich

PRELUDE: “What a Friend We have in Jesus” & “In the Secret”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Ted Jaszczak, Evelyn Richter, Denny Meidlinger.

ATTN QUILTERS & CRAFTERS The NEMN Synod Assembly will include a Quilt Auction & Marketplace again this year to raise funds for World Hunger. More info in the Narthex.

GAME DAY! if you LOVE to play games, join us on Sunday, March 27th from 2-4pm for Game Day! Bring your favorite game to play with others. Refreshments and snacks provided.

WOMEN of the ELCA HEARTLAND SPRING CONFERENCE - Saturday, April 9, 2022. Zion Lutheran Church in Milaca 245 Central Ave South, Milaca. Registration is from 9:00 - 10:00. All women of Bethesda, please consider going and spend some time connecting and catching up with friends you know and meet some new friends. It is a wonderful time of fellowship. A signup sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES will continue in person and live streamed thru-out the Lent Season. Services will be at 5:30pm.

EASTER LILIES sales will begin today. Signup sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall today. Price is \$15. Buy one as a memorial to loved ones and to decorate the church for Easter.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda **Mar. 21, 2022 – Mar. 27, 2022**

Monday	3/21	10:00 am	Council Meeting
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	3/22	9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday	3/23	9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Lent Worship
Thursday	3/24	8:00 am	ROMEOs
Sunday	3/27	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream
		2-4:00 pm	Game Day

OPENING HYMN: "What Wonderful Love is This" #666 ELW

(Please Rise on the last Verse)



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God,

We, like Peter, often turn our backs on you. Forgive us and show us a new way to live, walking boldly and passionately toward you. Amen

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-7 (Read Responsively)

¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

²**From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.**

³If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

⁴**As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

⁵My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

⁶**I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

⁷Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

GOSPEL READING: John 18:12-27

Glory to you, O Lord

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart

of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Don't be Afraid" (repeat 3 times)

Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your
 fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger and
 I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al-ways near.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949, and Graham Maule, 1958–2019

Music: DON'T BE AFRAID, John L. Bell

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Please stand if you are able

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing (*especially*).
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With (*names* and) all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE - *Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

OFFERING MUSIC: “Lord You Are”

OFFERING - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

Here is food and drink for the journey.
Take and be filled.

COMMUNION MUSIC: “Morning Has Broken” & “Take Our Bread”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus,

**in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.**

Amen.

BLESSING

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✚ bless you this day and always.

Amen.

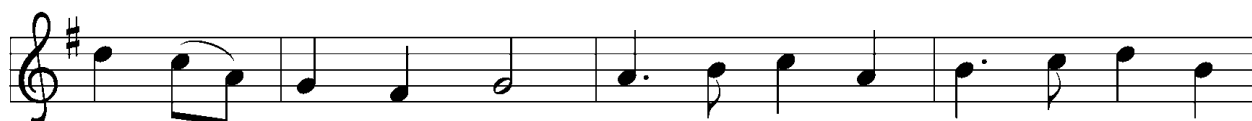
CLOSING HYMN: "Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer" #618 ELW



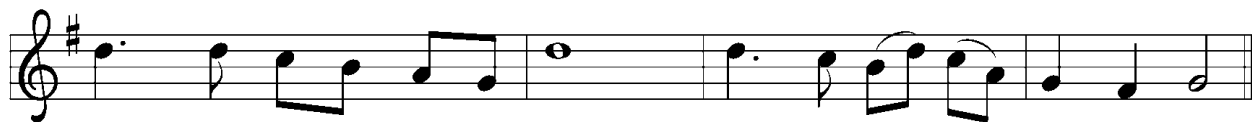
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

POSTLUDE: Just a Closer Walk with Thee

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Special Music: Joe Schweich

(Enjoy Joe's Christmas song, "Merry Christmas Mary", on YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvqnVWjdy50>)

Greeters: Barry & Donna Ansell

Ushers: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Hospitality: Mary Braun, Sue & Sam Samuelson

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Attendance: Sunday, March 13, 2022: In Person: 9:00 am 40 Online: 15

Wednesday, March 16, 2022: In Person: 9:00 am 17 Online:



“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful” (Colossians 3:15).

GIVE NOW FOR EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

Dear Friends,

I write to you again about our neighbors in Eastern Europe. First, I thank you for your outpouring of prayers and generosity — you are making a difference in the lives of people impacted by the war in Ukraine.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response during this crisis are already at work. Because of your generosity, \$1 million will support the Lutheran World Federation and these member churches:

- German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine
- Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland
- Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia
- Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania

They are distributing hygiene supplies, food, medicine, bedding and psychosocial and pastoral care to refugees and internally displaced people, most of whom are women and children.

Your support has made this possible, but more work remains. Your gifts to “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” will be used to in full (100%) to address the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Additional responses through partners in these countries and others in the region are expected in the coming weeks and months, and Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying those partners as the situation evolves. We pray for the Roma communities and foreign nationals who are facing racial and ethnic discrimination at the borders as they flee Ukraine. Our companions are ensuring that people in these marginalized groups will be treated with respect and dignity as they seek safety.

We know there are many organizations that you can choose to support, but it is only by giving to Lutheran Disaster Response that guarantees your gift will fund ELCA-supported work through faith partners in the region.

I invite you to watch this video

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wF71r9IeEtg>) from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton about the situation in Eastern Europe and the ELCA's response.

Together we pray for our siblings in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. May God be with them in their time of need.

In Christ's service,



The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Ways you can give:

1. Contribute using your regular offering envelopes. Designate as: "Eastern Europe Crisis". We will forward the funds to Lutheran Disaster Response for distribution.
2. By Mail - *Make checks payable to "Lutheran Disaster Response". Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check's memo line and send to:*
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
3. Give by phone at 800-638-3522 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CT)
4. Give online at: <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response>