

February 28, 2021  
The Second Sunday of Lent  
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth  
*The Barren Fig Tree & Lament over Jerusalem*

## GATHER

PRELUDE

*Jesu Meines Lebens LEben*\_\_\_\_\_Anne Krentz Organ

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

-We are 'open for worship' on Sunday mornings!  
Up to 30 people in the Sanctuary  
Masked, physically distanced, no singing.

- Church challenge: Rising Strong Bingo
- Rising Strong Small Groups
- Holden Evening Prayer - Wednesdays at 7:00 through March 24, virtually only
- Drive thru Communion Wed 4-6pm

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: The Holy Spirit empowers us to confess our sins... to tell ourselves the truth in love. We seek repentance and forgiveness. We seek to get up from our falls, overcome our mistakes and face hurt in a way that brings more wisdom and wholeheartedness, allowing us to live Christ-like lives.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence*

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin:

we are quick to tell partially true stories where we are right and good,  
we often assume other people's motives are mean-spirited, and  
we don't want to wade into the messiness of life.

We have not loved you wholeheartedly.

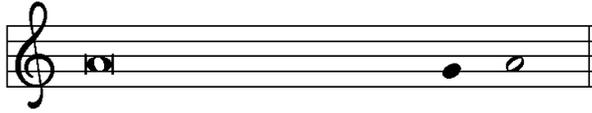
We have not loved our neighbors and friends and enemies with the courage you have created in us. For Jesus sake, strengthen us to rumble with our failings and rise strong in your love.

ONE: The Rising Strong endings to our stories are grounded in the love source of the universe, which we call Jesus. As we struggle with our brokenness and work to change how we engage with the world, God's forgiveness works in us. The love of Jesus ultimately transforms the way we live, love, and lead.

Your sins are forgiven, you are free.

**MANY: AMEN**

KYRIE



ONE: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.



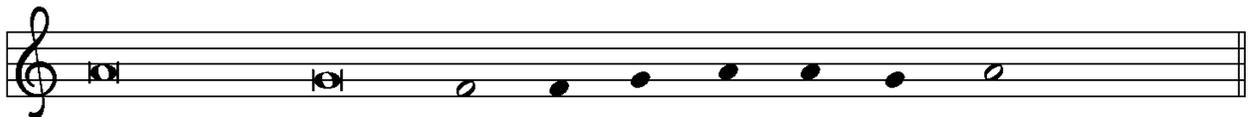
ONE: For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



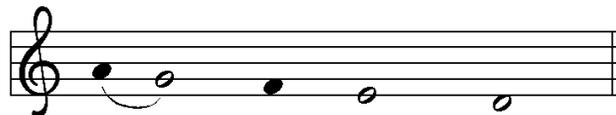
MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.



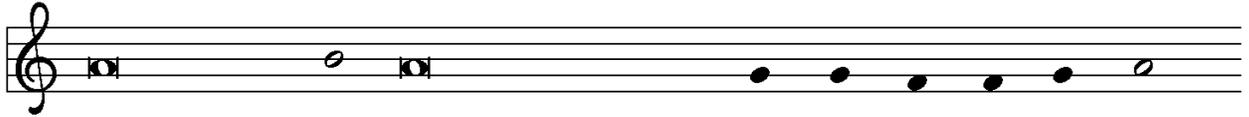
ONE: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



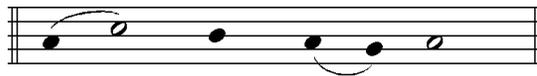
MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.



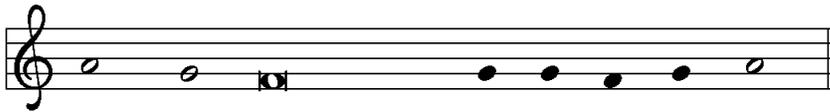
ONE: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



MANY: Lord have mer - cy.



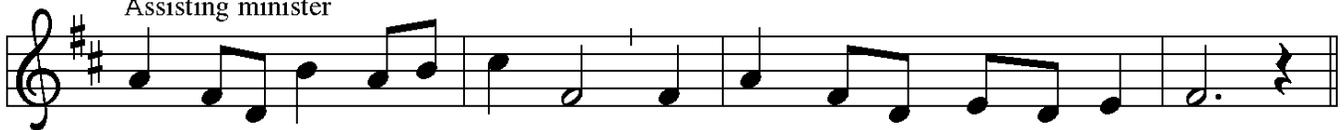
ONE: Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.



MANY: A - men.

### GLORY TO GOD

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**ONE:** Holy One of mighty power,

Your word is powerfully dangerous. Your word casts out demons. Your word heals incurable diseases. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin, Jesus Christ.

**MANY: AMEN**

**WORD**

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were

worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

6 Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ 8 He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

31 Another time, some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” 32 He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when<sup>[b]</sup> you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kjell Ferris

SONG OF THE DAY

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW 781

The musical score is written for a soprano and bass voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are in English and Swedish. The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef, both with a key signature of one sharp. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics continue in English and Swedish.

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kån - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

**MANY:**     **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 Christ rose again;  
                  he ascended into heaven,  
                  he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
                  and 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 THE PEOPLE

ONE: We come before God with prayers on behalf of creation, the nations of the world, Christ's church, and all who are in need.

*Silence*

ONE: God of the Journey, may our Lenten practices renew us in faith and inspire us to actions that create justice and joy in your world. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: God of the Journey, you set out with courage and vulnerability, giving yourself as the ultimate sacrifice for the healing of the world. Yet, today there is discord between parties and nations, citizens and governments, which continues to tear your peace and justice apart. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: God of the Journey, make us vulnerable in our journeys, that we might see not only how we participate in divisions, but how we might contribute to resolution. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: God of the Journey, you cannot help but stop along the way to heal and restore, to lift up and renew, to comfort all who are in need. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing comfort ...Dean Kleinschmidt...

ONE: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**MANY: AMEN**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**MANY: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

*Lamb of God*

Twila Paris

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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ONE: Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**MANY: AMEN**

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. AMEN**

SEND

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

ONE: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit*

Johann Christian Kittel

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Anne Phillips

*Vocalists*

David Jopke and Iris Ferris

*Lector*

David Kleppe

*Worship Assistants*

Eleanor Ferris, Heidi Ferris

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