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# Peace Lutheran CHURCH



**Peace @ Monroe**

**Sunday, January 24, 2021**

**We are committed to growing in Christ and bringing others to Him.**



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*A Ministry of Peace Lutheran Church*

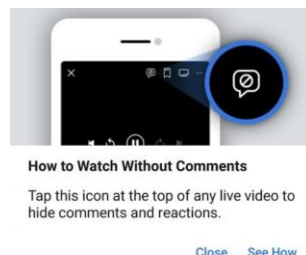
# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## WELCOME

For now, please feel free to post your prayer requests and your greeting of peace and love in the comments under this video.

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## REVIEW

Please check out our children's video on our Facebook page or on our Website: [peacemonroe.org](http://peacemonroe.org)

Pastor: We gather together to worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Repent! Turn around! Quit going your own way lest you drown in your own desires. Thus says the Lord of the second chance.

People: **O God, we acknowledge and admit our neglect of You and our desire to shut You out of our life. Our sin often overwhelms even our best intentions. Remembering our Baptism and Your power to drown the old sinful nature, we ask You to bring forth a new person in us through the resurrection of Christ. Hear us, receive us, wash us, and restore us to be the chosen possession of Your great love. Amen.**

Pastor: "When God saw how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it."

Pastor: ... in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit! **Amen.**

## GREETING OF THE PEACE

*While we cannot physically shake hands or hug, please send your greetings and peace to those you are worshipping with through a smile, wave or spoken greeting. If you are worshipping online, please put your greetings in the comments.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

### OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

Reader: God's first and second messages to Jonah were the same: warn sinful Nineveh. In between these two messages came Jonah's attempt to run away from God—always a bad idea—and his reluctant obedience. After the second message came the repentance of Nineveh, God's sparing of the city, and Jonah's anger at God's mercy. And a plea for death. Jonah simply could not stand God's goodness to people he doesn't like!

**3** The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: **2** "Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach the message that I tell you." **3** Jonah got up and went to Nineveh according to the LORD's command.

Now Nineveh was an extremely great city, a three-day walk. **4** Jonah set out on the first day of his walk in the city and proclaimed, "In forty days Nineveh will be demolished!" **5** Then the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and dressed in sackcloth—from the greatest of them to the least.

**10** God saw their actions—that they had turned from their evil ways—so God relented from the disaster he had threatened them with. And he did not do it.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: *Psalms 62*

Reader: In this liturgical hymn, the speaker describes threats of violence against him, the comfort that his enemies, like all people, weigh less than steam, and the fact, stated twice, that God is his rock and salvation. Let us read it together, responsively.

I am at rest in God alone;  
my salvation comes from him.

**People: He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold; I will never be shaken.**

Reader: How long will you threaten a man?

Will all of you attack

as if he were a leaning wall, or a tottering fence?

**People: They only plan to bring him down  
from his high position.**

Reader: They take pleasure in lying;

they bless with their mouths,

but they curse inwardly.

**People: Rest in God alone, my soul,  
for my hope comes from him.**

Reader: He alone is my rock and my salvation,

my stronghold; I will not be shaken.

**People: My salvation and glory depend on God, my strong rock.  
My refuge is in God.**

Reader: Trust in him at all times, you people;

pour out your hearts before him.

**People: God is our refuge.**

Reader: Common people are only a vapor;

important people, an illusion.

**People: Together on a scale,  
they weigh less than a vapor.**

Reader: Place no trust in oppression

or false hope in robbery.

**People: If wealth increases,  
don't set your heart on it.**

Reader: God has spoken once;

I have heard this twice:

strength belongs to God,

**People: and faithful love belongs to you, Lord.**

**For you repay each according to his works.**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE (LETTER): *1 Corinthians 7:29–35*

Reader: Paul was expecting that Jesus would return soon--“the time is limited....the world in its current form is passing away.” Therefore, marriage is a distraction from the “things of the Lord.” Earlier in this passage, Paul says “I have no commandment from the Lord, but I give a judgement as one who by the Lord’s mercy is trustworthy.” (7.25)

Given that statement, and given Scripture’s many statements in favor of marriage, we cannot construct a universal prohibition of Christian marriage from this passage. What we must learn from it is to examine our focus, our concentration on the “things of the Lord.”

<sup>29</sup> This is what I mean, brothers and sisters: The time is limited, so from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup> those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they didn’t own anything, <sup>31</sup> and those who use the world as though they did not make full use of it. For this world in its current form is passing away.

<sup>32</sup> I want you to be without concerns. The unmarried man is concerned about the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But the married man is concerned about the things of the world—how he may please his wife— <sup>34</sup> and his interests are divided. The unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But the married woman is concerned about the things of the world—how she may please her husband. <sup>35</sup> I am saying this for your own benefit, not to put a restraint on you, but to promote what is proper and so that you may be devoted to the Lord without distraction.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 1:14–20*

Reader: Here is the Lord and Master, in real life, on whom we are to focus all our attention, who is our rock and our salvation, and who calls us to freely give out His warnings and blessings without, like Jonah, getting grumpy about it! To put it in a nutshell, follow him.

<sup>14</sup> After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God: <sup>15</sup> “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

<sup>16</sup> As he passed alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, Simon’s brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> “Follow me,” Jesus told them, “and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat putting their nets in order. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Reader: This is the Special Good News of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Solo by Amy Riffle-Kouyeas*

**MESSAGE:** *Pastor Todd Roeske*

## **NICENE CREED**

*Please stand if you are comfortably able.*

**People: I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came  
down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;**

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

*Please sit.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** In a world that is in desperate need for repentance and salvation,  
let us pray for one another and for all who are in need.

*Silence for personal prayer.*

**Pastor:** Lord God, almighty Father, receive our praise and thanksgiving  
for Your great love shown to the world in Your Word, calling all to  
repentance, giving all a second chance at life by a new birth by Your Spirit.

**People:** May You be praised by all nations in the revelation of Yourself  
through Jesus, Your only Son.

**Pastor:** As You called and sent Jonah and Your holy prophets, Peter,  
Andrew, James, John, Paul, and Your blessed apostles, so continue to call and

send Pastors, missionaries, and other workers in Your kingdom that many may hear, receive, and believe Your Word of grace and salvation.

**People:** We especially ask you to bless Brandon and Lynnea Holmes as they serve teaching missionary children in the Philippines.

**Pastor:** Let the nations praise You, O God, let all the nations praise You. Especially, we ask for your blessing on the nations of The Central African Republic, Comoros and the Republic of the Congo. May your Word have free reign and many people in these nations come to know of your love.

**People:** Guide and direct the minds and hearts of all leaders in government that peace may prevail, justice might flourish, equity may be established, evil be punished, and good be rewarded.

**Pastor:** Your heart, O God, is moved by Your great love, especially for all who struggle with sin and sickness. We pray for all in need of Your healing, [*especially* . . .], for all who cannot defend themselves, and for all who mourn.

**People:** Comfort them with a word of Your grace and power to save.

**Pastor:** Dear Heavenly Father, You are Creator of all and the Giver of life. You have created humankind in your image to demonstrate your goodness to the world, and we praise you for the work your hands have done. On this Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, we mourn that our world does not see life as a gift from you, but only a cosmic accident.

**People:** We have dishonored you by not protecting the lives of the preborn, honoring the lives of the disabled, defending the lives of the oppressed, and recognizing your image in every human being. Move us to show our respect for your gift of life by helping those in need and supporting those in crisis. Let our lives be a banner that shows your love in action and the dignity of human life in every interaction.

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

**People:** Amen.



## OFFERING

*Offerings are a way that Christians demonstrate their trust in a loving God that provides for us. Giving an offering is a spiritual act so the motives of the giver are important. Therefore, we invite you to give generously if you are giving in joyful response to Jesus' love to help the mission of this congregation. If you are a guest or a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give.*

**Offerings can be made online by going to the following link  
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202 Dickinson St., Monroe, WA 98272

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Please stand if you are comfortably able.  
2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136*

**Pastor:** The Lord is with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**People:** Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of  
your glory! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed  
is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Hosanna in the highest.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Pastor:** We pray the words You taught us.

**People:** 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.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

*1 Corinthians 11:26, Revelation 22:20*

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**Pastor:** The gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the Lord's Table.

*Please sit.*

### ***DISTRIBUTION***

**People:** Lord now let your servant depart in peace for my eyes have seen your salvation which you prepared before the face of all people, a light to shine on the Gentiles and the glory of your people, Israel! Amen.

### FINAL COMMENTS

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### BLESSING

**Pastor:** May good will and peace fill your lives through your knowledge about Jesus, our God and Lord!

God's divine power has given us everything we need for life and for godliness. This power was given to us through knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and integrity. *2 Peter 1:2-3 GWN*

**People:** Amen!

*Solo by Amy Riffle-Kouyeas*

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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### ***Our Faith Community's Purpose***

***ENGAGE GOD***

***ENGAGE EACH OTHER and***

***ENGAGE THE WORLD***

If you would like to learn more about our church or about becoming a Jesus-follower who is connected to this congregation please consider joining the next “Discovering Peace” class. We offer two classes. One is an in-depth study of the Christian Faith for those who have little background. The other is for those who are joining us from another Christian tradition that highlights the things that are unique to Lutheran followers of Jesus. In either class all of your questions will be welcome. For more information contact [todd@peacemonroe.org](mailto:todd@peacemonroe.org) 907-259-5115