



Peace Lutheran CHURCH



Peace @ Monroe

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



Little Doves Preschool

A Ministry of Peace Lutheran Church

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

People: Against You, O LORD, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

Pastor: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

People: Against You, O LORD, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

Pastor: We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: Against You, O LORD, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

Pastor: We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

People: Against You, O LORD, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

Pastor: Because of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

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

GREETING OF THE PEACE

A greeting of peace may be exchanged by the congregation in accord with local custom. 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: Genesis 22:1–18

Reader: In this incredibly challenging reading, we listen to God testing Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his own son. At the last moment, God stops Abraham and gives him a ram to sacrifice in place of his son. This story points forward to God's ultimate twist in that God sacrifices his Son for us instead of asking for us to sacrifice our children for Him.

22 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!”
“Here I am,” he answered.

2 “Take your son,” he said, “your only son Isaac, whom you love, go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.”

3 So Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took with him two of his young men and his son Isaac. He split wood for a burnt offering and set out to go to the place God had told him about. **4** On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. **5** Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there to worship; then we’ll come back to you.” **6** Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac. In his hand he took the fire and the knife, and the two of them walked on together.

7 Then Isaac spoke to his father Abraham and said, “My father.”

And he replied, “Here I am, my son.”

Isaac said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

⁸ Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” Then the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they arrived at the place that God had told him about, Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood. He bound his son Isaac and placed him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.

¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!”

He replied, “Here I am.”

¹² Then he said, “Do not lay a hand on the boy or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from me.” ¹³ Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. ¹⁴ And Abraham named that place The LORD Will Provide, so today it is said, “It will be provided on the LORD’s mountain.”

¹⁵ Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn,” this is the LORD’s declaration: “Because you have done this thing and have not withheld your only son, ¹⁷ I will indeed bless you and make your offspring as numerous as the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your offspring will possess the city gates of their enemies. ¹⁸ And all the nations of the earth will be blessed by your offspring because you have obeyed my command.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: *Psalm 25:1–10*

Reader: In this ancient Hebrew faith song, the psalmist seeks God's guidance. Let us use these ancient words to pray for God to guide us now.

LORD, I appeal to you.

**People: My God, I trust in you.
Do not let me be disgraced;
do not let my enemies gloat over me.**

Reader: No one who waits for you
will be disgraced;

**People: those who act treacherously without cause
will be disgraced.**

Reader: Make your ways known to me, LORD;
teach me your paths.

**People: Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;**

Reader: I wait for you all day long.

**People: Remember, LORD, your compassion
and your faithful love,
for they have existed from antiquity.**

Reader: Do not remember the sins of my youth
or my acts of rebellion;

**People: in keeping with your faithful love, remember me
because of your goodness, LORD.**

Reader: The LORD is good and upright;
therefore he shows sinners the way.

**People: He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.**

Reader: All the LORD's ways show faithful love and truth
to those who keep his covenant and decrees.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE (Letter): James 1:12-18

Reader: In this reading, James, the Lord's brother, teaches us that temptation does not come from God but comes from our own evil desires. Every good gift, on the other hand, comes from God.

¹² Blessed is the one who endures trials, because when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

¹³ No one undergoing a trial should say, “I am being tempted by God,” since God is not tempted by evil, and he himself doesn’t tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desire. ¹⁵ Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death.

¹⁶ Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ By his own choice, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 1:12–15*

Reader: In today's reading of God's Special Good News, immediately after his baptism, Jesus is driven out into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the Satan.

¹² Immediately the Spirit drove him into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and the angels were serving him.

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

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

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

10,000 Reasons, by Tom Foster

MESSAGE: *Pastor Todd Roeske*

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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: As God's chosen ones, beloved sons and daughters of God, called to be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures, let us pray for the Church, for the world, and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: For people of every language and nation in the world, that all may be delivered from warfare, oppression, and violence, and live in the peace and safety God intends for His creatures. Especially, we lift up the people of South Sudan, Togo, and Zambia that they may live under your blessing and find the true peace that you offer in Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who serve in faraway nations proclaiming the good news of Jesus. Be with all missionaries especially with Shaun, Krista, Josiah, Elijah, Isaiah, and Jeremiah Trump who serve in Kenya with the LCMS. Provide for all of their needs and make their ministry fruitful. Let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who serve in the armed forces of our nation, that they may defend the innocent, maintain justice, and establish peace. Comfort and guide the families of those who are deployed far away. By the death and resurrection of Your Son, reconcile us with our enemies that all may bear witness to Your power and peace. Let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who are sick, facing surgery, or convalescing, [*including . . .*] that their sickness may be turned to health, and that they may experience the love of God through our care and concern. Let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who travel, whether for business or pleasure, that their journeys may be safe. Let us pray to the Lord,

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the people of this congregation, that amidst the temptation we face daily, we may know the power of Christ, who was tempted in every way as we are, and yet was without sin. Help us to remember that sometimes it takes just one little word to fell the temptations of the evil one. Let us pray to the Lord,

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

<https://give.cornerstone.cc/peacemonroe>

or accessing the link from our website at peacemonroe.org

Checks can be mailed to the church at:
202 Dickinson St., Monroe, WA 98272

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please stand if you are comfortably able.

Pastor: The Lord is with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: He was handed over to die because of our sins,

People: and he was raised to life to make us right with God. *Romans 4:25*

Pastor: Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

People: **Give us that rest, O Lord.**

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 - Solo by Chloe Groenveld

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: Now may God, the Father, who gives us every good and perfect gift; may Jesus, who won the victory over temptation and endured all trials on our behalf; and may the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us, strengthen and defend us against the devil and all evil now and forevermore.

People: Amen!

Blessed Be Your Name, Solo by Tom Foster

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

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