

DYING
HIS DEATH
LIVING
HIS LIFE

SERVICES FOR LENT



Midweek
February 25
6:30 PM

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Dying to Turmoil, Living in Peace

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Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. *John 14:27*

*(*Indicates when congregation is to stand.)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

*TOLLING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PROCESSIONAL

*INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: We follow our Lord's path to the cross. Long before His birth the prophet Isaiah foretold the names by which the Savior would be known: "For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (*Isaiah 9:6*).

People: **The Savior crowned with thorns was born among us to be our Prince of Peace.**

Leader: The Prince of Peace gave His life over to death to bring us peace.

People: **"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace."** (*Isaiah 53:5*)

Leader: The apostle Paul writes, "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (*Romans 5:1*).

People: **Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross and clothed us in His righteousness. Our sins are forgiven. We are at peace with God.**

Leader: Our Prince of Peace wants us to be at peace in a troubled world. Jesus said, “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” (*John 16:33*).

People: Jesus brings peace and hope to our troubled lives.

Leader: We share with others the peace that is ours through faith in Jesus. “So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding” (*Romans 14:19*).

People: As we live under the reign of our Prince of Peace, we are at peace with God, and we seek to live in peace with one another.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Please kneel or be seated.)

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

People: Almighty God, we confess that we have often turned away from Your Word and Your will for our lives. We follow our own sinful and selfish desires instead of walking in the way of love. We quarrel with others instead of pursuing peace. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Leader: God has had mercy on us. He sent His Son to be our Savior. Through Jesus’ redeeming death we are at peace with God. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: Lord and Savior, we give You praise and thanks for the peace that You have given us, the peace found only in the forgiveness of sins.

*HYMN

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

Hymn 423

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 6:2-9

²Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled. ³My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long? ⁴Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love. ⁵For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise? ⁶I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. ⁷My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes. ⁸Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping. ⁹The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:6-9

⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:25-29

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said] ²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*SERMON HYMN

“All Depends on Our Possessing”

Hymn 732

HOMILY

“Dying to Turmoil, Living in Peace”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Create in Me”



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

***PRAYERS**

Leader: Lord Jesus, You have promised peace to us. Your peace is not like the world's peace. Your peace depends always and only on You and, as You have promised, You are present with us always. Lord, when we are anxious and troubled,

People: **Fill us with peace that You alone can give.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, we are often worried and fearful about many things. Lead us by the Spirit to turn to You in prayer. Hear and answer our prayers. Calm our troubled hearts, and make our faith strong. Lord, when we are anxious and troubled,

People: **Fill us with peace that You alone can give.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, we live in a world filled with strife and quarreling. We are often guilty of causing that strife among our family or friends. Forgive our sins, and bring calm to the storms of fear that we feel so that we, in turn, can share Your peace with others. Lord, when we are anxious and troubled,

People: **Fill us with peace that You alone can give.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, in Your mercy bring peace to those who are suffering through illness, sorrow and worry. Lead them to trust in You in all things, and comfort them with hope found in the promises of Your holy Word. Lord, when we are anxious and troubled,

People: **Fill us with peace that You alone can give.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, when we are filled with Your peace, lead us to share that peace with others. Help us to reflect Your love and care in the world so that others will come to know and worship You as Lord and Savior.
Lord, when we are anxious and troubled,
People: **Fill us with the peace that You alone can give. Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION** (*Philippians 4:6-7, 2 Thessalonians 3:16*)

Leader: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
People: **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Hymn 427

THE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher	The Rev. Bill Whitehead, Lake Wales
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Grace Lutheran Church
Worship Schedule for Lent and Easter 2026

Wednesday Evenings of Lent - 6:30 PM

(Lenten Dinner is served beginning at 5:15 each evening.)

February 25

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

Holy Week

March 29 - Palm Sunday

*8:30 AM - Worship Service **

10:45 AM - Worship Service - Confirmation

*April 2 - Maundy Thursday - 6:30 PM **

April 3 - Good Friday

12:00 Noon - Worship Service

6:30 PM Tenebrae - Service of Darkness

April 4 - Easter Vigil - 6:30 PM

April 5 - Easter - The Resurrection of Our Lord

6:30 AM - Easter Sunrise - Outside

*8:30 AM - Contemporary Easter Worship**

*10:45 AM - Easter Festival Worship**

** Services with Holy Communion*

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