



**Lenten Wednesday Worship**  
**Theme: Jesus, Peter and Me**  
**February 24, 2021**  
**It's all about Complacency**

Saint Paul Lutheran Church  
250 Trinity Road York, PA 17408

*(P = Pastor C= Congregation \*= please stand)*

Announcements and Prayer Concerns Moment of Silence as candles are lit.

Prelude:

**\*Apostolic Greeting:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Opening Prayer**

**A time of Confession**

P: Let us observe a moment of silence as we reflect on God's mercy and our need for His forgiveness. Merciful Lord,

**C: Lord, Remember Me O Thou, from Whom all goodness flows, I lift my soul to Thee; In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes, Good Lord, remember me. If on my aching, burdened heart, My sins lie heavily, Thy pardon grant, Thy peace impart; Good Lord, remember me. If trials sore obstruct my way, And ills I cannot flee, Then let my strength be as my day; Good Lord, remember me. If, worn with pain, disease, and grief, This feeble frame should be, Grant patience, rest, and kind relief; Good Lord remember me. And oh! when, in the hour of death, I bow to Thy decree, Jesus, receive my parting breath; Good Lord, remember me. Amen.**

P: The Lord has remembered you, you are his beloved child. On the cross Christ died that you would be forgiven, so I announce this forgiveness to you, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**\*Opening Hymn: What a Friend we Have in Jesus**

God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear – all because we do not carry ev'ry thing to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.

The First Lesson: I Peter 5:6-11

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. <sup>10</sup>And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**A Responsive Reading from Psalm 32:1-8 (ESV)**

L:<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C:<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

L:<sup>3</sup> For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**C:<sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

L:<sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**C:<sup>6</sup> Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

L:<sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**C:<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you**

\*The Gospel reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Matthew 26:36-46**

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup> And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." <sup>40</sup> And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup> Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

**P: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn: There's a Wideness In God's Mercy #290 vs. 1-3

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.

There is a welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss. For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind; and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the head.

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Reflection: Pastor Sally Gausmann

Offertory:

**\*Offertory Response: Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring** WOV #759

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table. We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.

The vines are planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure. What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.

Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in pray'r before you. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you. Text ©1990 arr. 1995 Augsburg Fortress One License A-713240

**Pastoral Prayer:**

\* Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

\*Benediction:

P: Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. *Ephesians 3:20-21*

**C: Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: **God Who Made the Earth and Heaven LBW #281**

God, who made the earth and heaven, darkness and light: you the day for work have given, for rest the night. May your angel guards defend us, slumber sweet your mercy send us, holy dreams and hopes attend us all through the night.

And when morn again shall call us to run life's way, may we still, what-e'er befall us, Your will obey. From the pow'r of evil hide us, in the narrow pathway guide us, never be your smile denied us all through the day.

Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, and, when we die, may we in your mighty keeping all peaceful lie. When the last dread call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not forsake us, but to reign in glory take us with you on high.

Holy Father, throned in heaven, all holy Son, Holy Spirit, freely given, blest Three in One; Grant us grace, we now implore you, till we lay our crowns before you and in worthier strains adore you while ages run. Public Domain

\*Dismissal:

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord, so that all may know the love of Jesus.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

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