

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

PALISADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Divine Service



March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent

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March 23, 2025

The Resurrection Bulletin

WELCOME!

We pray that you will be blessed by the presence of the Lord today. Before you leave, please feel free to introduce yourself to the pastor and mingle with others.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ATTENDANCE AT A GLANCE

Sunday Worship	Tuesday Bible Study
March 16, 2025 - 43	March 18, 2024 - 3
Lenten Service	March 19, 2025 - 10

OFFERINGS as of 3/2/2025 (Week 11)

Offerings Received Last Week:	\$4,248
Offerings Planned Weekly Avg:	\$5,695
Offerings Needed YTD:	\$52,292
Offerings Received YTD:	\$44,157

FIRE RELIEF DONATIONS

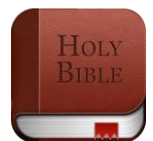
Donations and checks as of 2/15/2025 - \$108,198
(116 LCMS Churches/individuals)
LCMS-LCEF Gift Cards as of 2/15/2025 - \$18,625
Total received: \$127,738 (subject to change)

FIRE RELIEF DONATIONS DISTRIBUTED

Gift Cards as of 3/18/2025 - \$15,125
Checks as of 3/18/2025 - \$52,000
Total distributed: \$67,125 (subject to change)

THIS WEEK AT PLC

- ❖ **Tuesday, March 25, 2025**
 - 12 noon Bible Study and Spiritual Pulse Check
- ❖ **Wednesday, March 26, 2025**
 - 6:30pm – Lent Midweek Zoom Devotional
- ❖ **Thursday, March 27, 2025**
 - 8:30am Elder Team Huddle
 - 6:30pm Youth Character Building Class (aka: Confirmation Class)



(To VOLUNTEER TO SERVE or JOIN a Zoom Bible Study email Pastor Lee at pastor@plc.cc.)

DAILY PRAYERS

The following suggestions may be used to establish a pattern of daily and weekly prayer for ourselves and for others.



In the Morning

I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Before a meal

Bless, O Lord, this food for our use and us for your service, and keep us ever mindful of the needs of others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. OR Lord, bless this food and grant that we may be thankful for thy mercies; Teach us to know by whom we're fed; Bless us with Christ, the living bread. Amen.

After the meal

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. Amen.

In the Evening

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES OLINE ONLY

WEDNESDAY AT 6:30PM

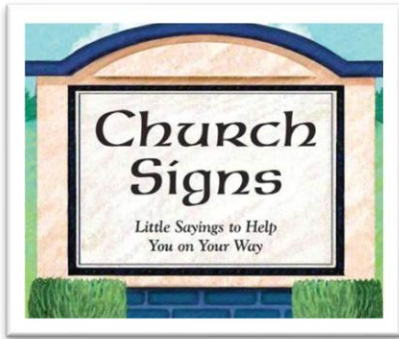
Last week's devotional thought: "Christ's Passion: The Sweat of His Brow"

Theme Verse: "And being in agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44).

The portion of the Passion to be read this week takes place on the Mount of Olives. From the other Gospels, we can more specifically say that it was in the Garden of Gethsemane. Luke alone records the vivid description of

the sweat of Christ that falls to the ground as drops of blood. He is also alone in describing what is happening in Gethsemane as Christ being “in agony.”

- The bloody sweat of Christ recalls the sweat of Adam’s brow that was one sign of God’s curse on Adam’s sin. Without attributing sin to Christ, we can see here that He is given to us as a new Adam. Adam’s son and Adam’s Lord now agonizes in Adam’s stead and under Adam’s curse to save the Adamic race of man. The expenditure of such effort for our salvation conveys something of the immeasurable depth and height, breadth and width, and of Christ’s love for us. His agony is the greatest motivator of our response of love and service in return.



“People who talk about false gods are engaged in idol gossip.”

“Don’t be bitter about your past; be better because of it.”

“Hybrid Christians run on truth and love.”

Marriage

Success in marriage consists not only in finding the right mate, but also in being the right mate.

- Anonymous

Prayers for Newlyweds

Almighty God, You created man and woman and joined them together in marriage, signifying the mystery of the union between Your Son Jesus Christ and His bride, the church. We ask for Your infinite goodness to protect and graciously preserve this blessed work and ordinance, that it may not be set aside or brought to naught. We especially ask Your blessing rest upon us, Your servants. Rule us by Your Holy Spirit, so that we may live together to Your glory and our own welfare, both in this life and in the life to come. Keep us in Your favor, and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.





WORSHIP ON THE BEACH!

Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 23, 2025

Welcome

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE



Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

CHORUS

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

VERSE 2

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings
(Back to Chorus)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
(Repeat)

Worthy of it All

All the saints and angels
They bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing

You are worthy of it all
You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things
You deserve the glory

Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise

I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee oh Lord
(Repeat)

Welcome

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

I John 1:8–10

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Congregation Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake 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. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a fellow follower and servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce His full and complete forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

For you are not a God who delights in | wickedness,*
evil may not | dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand be- | fore your eyes;*
you hate all evil- | doers.

You destroy those | who speak lies;*
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will en- | ter your house.*

I will bow down toward your holy temple in the | fear of you.

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my | enemies;*
make your way straight be- | fore me.


Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

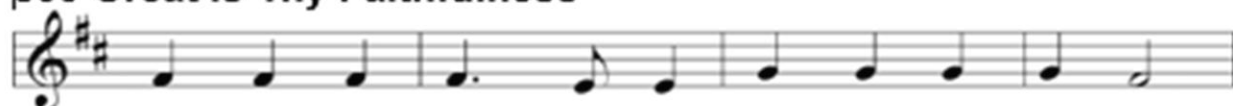
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

 **Reflection Question #1 – (LAW) How would you describe your marriage proposal?**

 **Christ Pointer(s) – (GOSPEL) The Sixth Commandment [God’s Gift of Marriage]:**
You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we led a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wire love and honor each other. (Catechism; See Mark 10:6-9)

809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



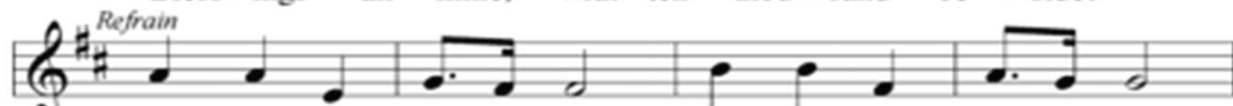
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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John 4 (English Standard Version)

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

4 Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ² (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³ he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴ And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ^[a]

7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. ^[b] The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

⁴³ After the two days he departed for Galilee. ⁴⁴ (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) ⁴⁵ So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

Jesus Heals an Official's Son

⁴⁶ So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ So Jesus said to him, “Unless you^[c] see signs and wonders you will not believe.” ⁴⁹ The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his servants^[d] met him and told him that his son was recovering. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour^[e] the fever left him.” ⁵³ The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” And he himself believed, and all his household. ⁵⁴ This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT – “Water Welling Up” (John 4)

♥ Reflection Question #2 – (LAW) In what ways could we liken the baptism font to Jacobs wells?

🌲 Christ Pointer(s) – (GOSPEL): ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.^[b] The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4:13,14)

OFFERINGS

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD



The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, all will see,
How great, how great is our God.
Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. [Chorus]

Bridge:

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing
How great is our God.
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art

PRAYERS

You may offer a prayer or call out a name or request to the Lord as the Spirit leads you and then Pastor Martin will say, “**Lord in your mercy.**” The rest of us will reply, “**Hear our prayer.**”

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You order and number our days according to Your wisdom. Give us repentant hearts, lest we perish with this world of violence and suffering. Let us hold fast to Christ for life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desire that they turn from evil and live. Give pastors courage to warn of sin and death. Give all Christians strength to defend that message. Turn sinners to life by the proclamation of Christ, who delivers from all unrighteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, guard Your people against sexual immorality. Grant that our homes would be havens of godly instruction and chastity, and fill marriages with fidelity and love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, You establish justice not through the desires of sinners but by Your Law, which is for all. Enlighten the authorities of this and every nation, that they might rule justly for true good. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, protect us when we are tempted. Guard us especially from pride that justifies sin and from doubting that You provide the way of escape. Strengthen us with penitent hearts to endure until You deliver us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, remember Your people who cry to You for mercy in a world where towers fall and sinners work evil. Deliver those in need of healing and comfort, [*especially _____,*] and strengthen them to look to You for help in their time of affliction. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, You have brought us into Your vineyard and appointed us to bear good fruit. Receive our thanks for Your patience, and grant that we would show Your love and grace in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Congregation **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.

BENEDICTION

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Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

Musical Selection

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NICE-TO-KNOWS!

It has been a blessing to connect with the Elders on Thursday mornings for our weekly meetings, where we check in on our community and keep our members in our thoughts and prayers.

During our last meeting, we made the decision to resume worship in the sanctuary, starting on Palm Sunday.

Additionally, we're looking into a potential collaboration with the Pacific Southwest District to establish a community center on our church campus. We've also started preliminary discussions about replacing the floors and updating areas of the campus to support our future outreach and community partnership initiatives.

In other news, First Lutheran Church in Venice has reached out to Pastor Lee for guidance on their church governance model. Our ministry team's work with Zion Lutheran Church and Pastor Tim Eaton in Anaheim is progressing smoothly. Also, a church in Glendora has contacted Pastor Lee to ask for help with financial planning and a stewardship campaign.

Pastor Lee is in ongoing discussions with Coach Mike from SoCal Fierce, as well as Lyndsie and Will from Lead Education, to offer support and explore collaborative opportunities. We're excited about the potential of these partnerships to better serve families and young people in the Palisades.

Our finance team continues to dedicate numerous hours to managing donations from across the country.

I'd also like to share that Sandy Sonderling has joined us as our new church secretary. She will be working on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Anne and Pastor Lee continue to meet with at least one or two PLC families and individuals each week, providing support and connection.

Lastly, we're still exploring and evaluating new worship services and Bible study approaches. We're exploring a "convergence" style of worship and a "teaching-message" style of preaching.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



John Hellmuth	March 1
Fred Marx	March 2
Jamar Schoessow	March 5
Donna Shoupe	March 22

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



Gerhard and Romana Pichel	March 9
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The Thirst Quencher Word Search

The Thirst Quencher

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."
John 4:10 (NIV)

Based on John 4:5-13



X K B R K K T W G Q D W W L W
W A Q N O S J F S M E K U W O
T E I Q R Q B C V P W L V P M
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SPRING	WELL	JOURNEY	SAMARITAN	DRINK

NOTES



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