



Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**'Guided to Peace'**

*For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the  
blood of his cross. Colossians 1:19-20*

## Opening Hymn... “Jesus I Will Ponder”

LSB 440; vrs. 1, 4-6

### Invocation and Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: We live a world where peace can be hard to find. We are surrounded by strife and quarrels. We are often filled with worry and fear. Jesus tells us, “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).

**C: Jesus our Savior, when we are troubled and worried by the strife around us, grant us your peace.**

P: The world’s peace depends on the absence of war and strife and trouble. The peace that Jesus brings to us is not like the world’s peace. The peace of Jesus depends only on Jesus. The world’s peace can be lost, but the peace that Jesus brings to us is ours forever.

**C: Jesus our Savior, even in times of trouble or fear, grant us your peace.**

P: By God’s grace, through faith in Jesus, we have peace even in the midst of trouble. Through faith in Jesus, we have peace with God through the forgiveness of our sins. It is peace that Jesus won for us through his death on the cross and his triumphant resurrection. It is peace that we can share with others as we tell them of Jesus’ love.

**C: Jesus our Savior, grant us your peace.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, you have called us to peace, but so often we choose strife and anger. We do not seek to follow your will and walk in love. Instead, we listen to the temptations of the world around us, and we are often the cause of strife. We live**

**according to our own selfish desires. Have mercy on us, and forgive us. Lead us each day to follow our Savior.**

P: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to suffer and die for our sins to bring us peace with God and with one another. 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.

**C: Almighty God, set the cross of Jesus before us to guide us in the way of peace.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Jesus, Lord and Savior, through the blood of your cross, you have brought us forgiveness for our sins and peace with God. When the circumstances of life and the dangers and concerns of the world around us threaten the peace that we have, help us to remember your promise, that you will be with us always, to the end of the age (see Matthew 28:20). Make us bold witnesses for you so that, in the power of the Holy Spirit, others will come to know the peace that you alone can bring. Set your cross before us to guide us in the way of peace. Amen.

**Hymn... “Not What These Hands Have Done”**

*LSB 567; vrs. 1-3*

**7:00 PM Children’s Message**

**Old Testament Reading...*Isaiah 53:4-5***

**Epistle Reading...*Colossians 1:15-20***

**Gospel Reading...*Luke 23:44-46***

**Sermon Hymn... “Christ, the Life of All the Living”**

*LSB 420; vrs. 1, 3, 7*

**Sermon**

## **Apostles' Creed**

### **Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards**

*(The Offering of Peace is exchanged during Offering)*

#### **Prayers**

P: (after each petition)... Jesus, Prince of Peace,

**C: Hear our prayer, and grant us peace.**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **The Blessing**

P: Jesus is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

**C: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

P: Now, may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn... "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

*LSB 427; vrs. 1-2, 4*