

Distribution

Communion Hymn 423
“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

Communion Hymn (2:30 and 6:30 only) 642
“O Living Bread from Heaven”

Choral Anthem (6:30 only)
“Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray”

Jesu, grant me this, I pray, ever in Thy heart to stay;
Let me evermore abide hidden in Thy wounded side.
If the Evil One prepare, or the world a tempting snare,
I am safe when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side.
If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side.
Death will come one day to me: Jesu, cast me not from Thee;
Dying, let me still abide in Thy heart and wounded side. Amen.

Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C: and His mercy endures forever.

Following the Collect:

C: Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Following the Benediction:

C: Amen.

Hymn to Depart 418
“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023, 8:30 a.m., 2:30, and 6:30 p.m.

Order of Service: Catechesis and Corporate Confession and Absolution

The Imposition of Ashes

Those desiring to receive the mark of ashes upon their foreheads in the sign of the cross may approach the assistant, who will say, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Ashes are to be a reminder of the Lord’s Word in the curse of the fall: “All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers and the flower fades because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever” (Isaiah 40:6b-8).

***Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord’s Supper** We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord’s Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service.*

Order of Service

Corporate Confession and Absolution

Follow the liturgy printed below.

Choral Invocation (6:30 service only)
“I Called to My God for Help”

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: I will go to the altar of God.
C: to God my exceeding joy.
P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C: who made heaven and earth.

Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Psalm 51 *Prayed responsively: speaking by half verse at 8:30 and 2:30.
Sung responsively by whole verse at 6:30.*

Gospel **Matthew 6:16-21**

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading of the Gospel:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Catechetical Sermon on Joel 2:12-19 *immediately following the reading of the Holy Gospel*

Hymn **613**

“To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All”

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

The pastors will absolve all baptized penitents individually at the kneeling stations. Penitents approach the kneelers from the side aisle and return to their seats down the center aisles.

Prayer of the Church

Preface, Proper Preface, and Sanctus

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

P: Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

C: Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

P: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father...

The Words of Our Lord

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

P: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy upon us.

P: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy upon us.

P: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: grant us Thy peace. Amen.