



# **Peace Lutheran Church**

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## **Mission Statement**

*To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ*

**Sunday Worship      9:30 a.m.**

# Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. **We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.**



## Some Helpful Information

**Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service:** During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

**Restrooms** – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

**Fellowship and Refreshments** – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

**Please join us again next week!**

# **First Sunday In Lent**

## **March 1, 2020**

### **As We Gather**

Epiphany takes us early on to the Jordan, where Jesus is baptized by John, taking on Himself our sin and the sin of the whole world. Now Lent begins with a different kind of Baptism. Jesus is hungry and alone in the wilderness, and the devil is there to tempt Him. It should be no surprise that Jesus goes right from the waters of the Jordan, where He is announced to be the Son of God, into a place of temptation. It is our journey as well. We also go from the font into the wilderness of the age to face temptation. But we go in Christ and in the power of His strength. Where we are weak, He is strong. He answers the devil's taunt with the Word of God, which endures forever, and we endure through the power of that same Word which guides, forgives, and directs. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

**Prayer Before Worship** - Blessed Lord, You were willing to be baptized, enduring temptation and even death so that we could be baptized into Your life and be granted Your strength and courage. Keep us from submitting to the lies of the deceiver and help us to abide in Your truth, both now and in all the days to come; in Your holy name do we pray, whom with the Father and the Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, now and forever. Amen. - Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 2. Copyright © 2019 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

**Pre-Service Music** (A time for reflection)

**Ringling Of The Bell**

**Welcome**

## **Call to Worship** (inspired by Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-13. Please stand)

**Pastor:** Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**People:** **As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.**

**Pastor:** In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

**People:** **As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.**

**Pastor:** Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**People:** **As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.** ~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**.

**Pastor:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen**

## **Entrance Song - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** (LBW #229. Please remain standing)

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## **Psalm Of The Day – Psalm 32** (Please remain standing)

**Pastor:** Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**People:** **Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Pastor: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Pastor: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**People: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

Pastor: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**People: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Pastor: Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

**People: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**

Pastor: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**Response** - O Lord, throughout These Forty Days (Tune: LBW #234. Please be seated)

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days  
you prayed and kept the fast;  
inspire repentance for our sin,  
and free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and you won;  
your faithfulness endured;  
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust  
in God's eternal word.

- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed  
and fixed your mind above;  
so teach us to deny ourselves  
that we may know God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,  
and all our earthly days,  
that when the final Easter dawns,  
we join in heaven's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930. © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

## **First Reading - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7** (Please remain seated)

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." <sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

## **Second Reading - Romans 5:12-19** (Please remain seated)

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

## **Gospel - Matthew 4:1-11** (Please remain seated)

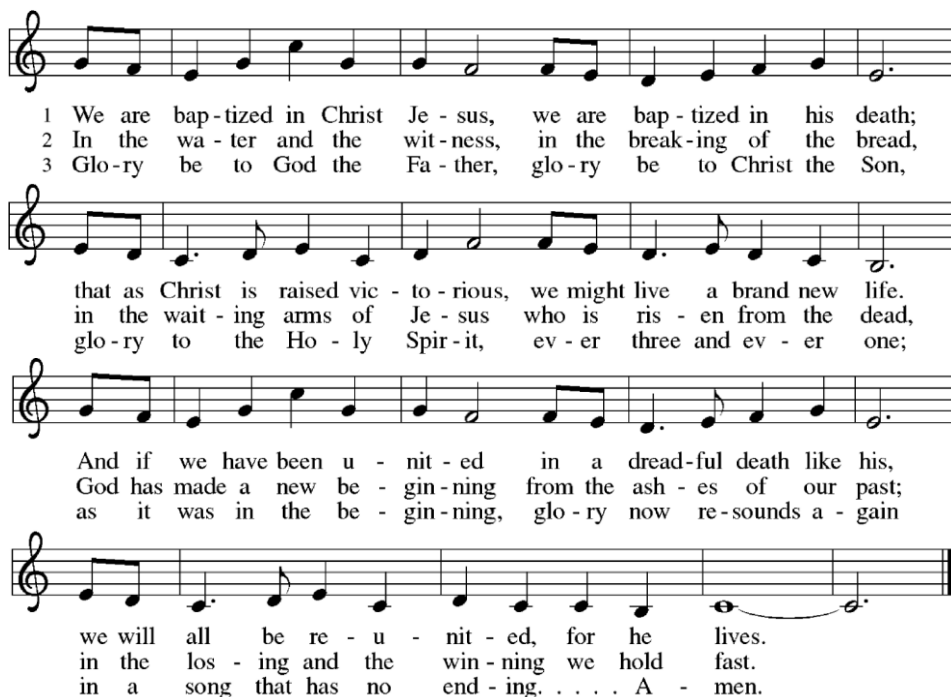
Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their



splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

## Song - We Are Baptized In Christ Jesus (ELW #451. Please remain seated)



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,  
3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,  
that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;  
And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain  
we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

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## Message

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## **Response - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less** (LBW #293. Please remain seated)

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

### *Refrain*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*
- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

## **Sharing The Gifts Of God** (Please be seated as the offerings are received)

## **Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed** (Please stand and confess together)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day**

he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## **Prayer Of The Church** (Please remain standing)

**Pastor:** Hear Your people, O Lord, who cry to You on behalf of all people in need and through the blessed name of Jesus. – Silent prayers - That in the face of temptation and trial, we stand firm in the strength of the Lord, who was tempted like us, yet did not sin, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That we not be distracted by the voice of the devil and the allure of the world but remember Christ's Baptism into sin for us and our Baptism into Christ, clothing us with forgiveness, holiness, and righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the Lord grant wisdom and obedience to our nation's leaders and to the leaders of the whole world, that peace reign between the nations and that the culture of violence end and our hearts no longer fear, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That all who suffer be relieved, those who are sick be healed, the dying be comforted, and the grieving endure in hope through the resurrection of our Lord, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That we be a people of generous hearts, sharing what we have with those in need and supporting the work of the Kingdom near and far, that many be brought to know Jesus Christ through the witness of His Word and Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That we be slow to judge others and quick to forgive in Christ's name, that we bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the call to love one another, and that we regularly offer prayers, supplications, and intercessions for all as they have need, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That we joyfully acknowledge Christ among us in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, that we rightly confess Him and proclaim His mercy, and that we receive with clean hearts and clean hands His flesh in this bread and His blood in this cup, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the Lord grant to us peace and a quieted heart, released from the fears that would deprive us of His joy, and that we show forth in our lives together the strong unity of faith and confession,

**Additional Prayers**

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, those on whose behalf we have prayed, and for all those in any need, trusting that Your mercy will supply us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful, through Jesus Christ.

**People: Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (We pray together. Please remain standing)

**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.**

## **The Prayer For Peace** (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. . O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,  
People: **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
People: **Amen.**

## **Benediction** (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Bless each of you.  
People: **Amen**

## **Dismissal** (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Closing Song** - Christ, the Life of All the Living (LBW #97. Please remain standing)

1 Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, yourself for me once giving  
to the darkest depths of woe:  
through your suff'ring, death, and merit  
life eternal I inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,  
dearest Jesus, unto you.

- 2 You have suffered great affliction  
and have borne it patiently,  
even death by crucifixion,  
fully to atone for me;  
for you chose to be tormented  
that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,  
dearest Jesus, unto you.
- 3 Then, for all that bought my pardon,  
for the sorrows deep and sore,  
for the anguish in the garden,  
I will thank you evermore;  
thank you for the groaning, sighing,  
for the bleeding and the dying,  
for that last triumphant cry,  
praise you evermore on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

## **Announcements**

## **Recessional**

## **Serving The Lord With Gladness**

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Pastor Ricky Adams</b>
<b>Pianist:</b>	<b>Janet Reese</b>
<b>Coffee:</b>	<b>Gary and Shila Glover</b>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Vicki McGowan</b>
<b>Usher:</b>	<b>Mary Ann Griller</b>
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Don Erbel</b>

## Activities This Week:

<b>Sunday – March 1</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>
<b>Monday – March 2</b>	6-8 p.m.	AA Meeting (PH)
<b>Tuesday – March 3</b>	9:30am -12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
<b>Wednesday – March 4</b>	6:00 pm	Stage Door (PH)
<b>Friday – March 6</b>	<b>9:30 - 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>German Story Time (N)</b>
<b>Saturday – March 7</b>	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) Chris Ng (LL)
<b>Sunday – March 1</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word And Sacrament</b>

**Information About Peace Lutheran Church** - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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**Flowers** – Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

**Birthdays** – Christ's blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week.

**Monday - Nancy Adams  
Lou Hexter**

**Wednesday - Joshua Clark- Hexter**

**Today: Informal Congregational Meeting** – Today Rev. Michael Lang, president of our California-Nevada-Hawaii District, is preaching and leading a discussion concerning future options for Peace Lutheran Church. Please set aside the time to join the discussion. Christ's Peace.

**New Directory** – The new directory will be put out next week. This is your last chance to make any corrections! Christ's Peace.

**Servers** – Every Sunday there are several people that help serve during the worship service and coffee hour. Peace Lutheran needs your help. We need people to prepare Coffee hour and serve during that time. We need Ushers. We need lay readers who read the second lesson during worship. Please consider these needs and sign up to serve in the way you choose. Thank you.

**Flowers** – If you would like to donate flowers for worship in memory of a person or observing a personal event, please contact pastor via email at [pastor@plcmarin.org](mailto:pastor@plcmarin.org)

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## **Weekly Devotional Helps**

### **March 1 – March 7, 2020**

#### **Morning Prayer**

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.



## **Evening Prayer**

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.

## **Prayer For The Sick**

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## **Scripture Readings Through The Week**

### **Monday – March 2**

Psalm 32  
1 Kings 19:1-8  
Hebrews 2:10-18

### **Tuesday – March 3**

Psalm 32  
Genesis 4:1-16  
Hebrews 4:14-5:10

### **Wednesday – March 4**

Psalm 32  
Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28  
Matthew 18:10-14

### **Thursday – March 5**

Psalm 121  
Isaiah 51:1-3  
2 Timothy 1:3-7

### **Friday – March 6**

Psalm 121  
Micah 7:18-20  
Romans 3:21-31

### **Saturday – March 7**

Psalm 121  
Isaiah 51:4-8  
Luke 7:1-10

# Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

## Second Sunday In Lent

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

**Psalm 121**

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

**John 3:1-17**

## Commemorations

**March 1 - George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633:** An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

**March 2 - John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church:** These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

**March 7 - Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202:** Vibia Perpetua was a noblewoman, and Felicity her slave, who were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

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