



Departure of the Prodigal Son (1628-1633), Jan Miense Moenaar

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 27, 2022

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m.

Covid Policies

Vaccinations are urged for all who qualify, for the good of all.
Masks are optional.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AREA

The northeast quadrant of the sanctuary is set aside for worshipers who are taking extra precautions to protect themselves and others.

1. Masks are required.
2. A physical distance of at least six feet must be maintained.
3. If the peace is exchanged, worshipers must still remain at least six feet away from those who are not members of their household.

OFFERING

We are currently not passing the offering plates within the worship service, to avoid possible Covid transmission. We have an offering plate on the table in the entrance foyer. Please place your offering there as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

Alternately, you can mail your check to our office. Or donate safely and securely online at **www.doveofpeacetucson.org/donate**.

Thank you for your generous support of our congregation and our work.

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Communion Setting Five

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen Springer

The psalm sets the tone this day: “Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!” Happy are those who have “become the righteousness of God” in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has “rolled away . . . the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Rejoice!

PROLOGUE

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

Herzlich tut mich verlangen
Pamela Decker (b. 1955)

Pamela Decker’s chorale prelude on Herzlich tut mich verlangen (“My Heart is Longing”) was commissioned by John Ferguson, the composer, organist, and retired St. Olaf organ professor who has been a leading figure in Lutheran church music for several decades; the piece was sought for inclusion in “The New Liturgical Year,” which is an anthology of music by 20th-century composers that is published by Augsburg Fortress. The piece spotlights the well-known hymn melody in the pedal part, with a quiet, flowing accompaniment in the manual parts that is based on melodic fragments and rhythmic permutations of the hymn’s melodic patterns. This chorale tune, by Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612), is the one to which the text for today’s hymn of the day is set.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence for reflection.

Holy One,
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!**

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

**Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

Amen.



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite
 Music: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT, *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676
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***GREETING**

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

***KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

A reading from Joshua.

⁹The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.

¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 32

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.



Be glad, you righ-teous, and re - joice in the LORD.

Psalm 32:11

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¹Happy are they whose transgressions ¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is ¹ put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- ¹ putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there ¹ is no guile! REFRAIN**

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- ¹ ered away,
because of my groaning ¹ all day long.

**⁴For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the
guilt | of my sin.

**⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their
prayers to you in | time of trouble;**

when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them. REFRAIN

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

**⁸"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."

**¹⁰Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. REFRAIN

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

A reading from Second Corinthians.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled

to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

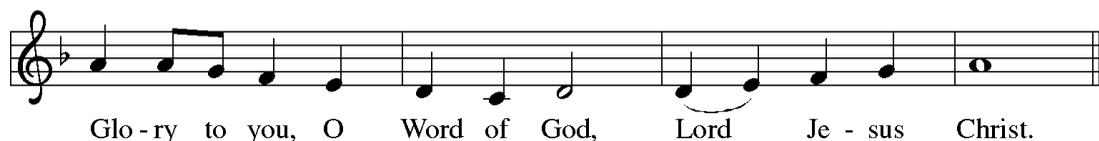
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW 177

The assembly sings the acclamation before and after the verse of the day.



Cantor: I will arise and go to my fa-¹ther and say,*
I have sinned against heaven¹ and before you. [Luke 15:18]

***GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

The Holy Gospel According to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out

to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Springer



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes, “Lord in your, mercy,”
and the assembly responds, “**Hear our prayer.**”

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

After the assembly and the presiding minister exchange the peace, you are welcome to share the peace with others. Please do not presume that shaking hands or other touch is suitable for everyone. There is no physical exchange of peace in the extra precautions (NE) quadrant of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

*(In-person worshipers may place their contributions in the offering plate
in the church foyer before or after worship.)*
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OFFERTORY

Alleluia Bell Choir

Amazing Grace
Arr. John F. Wilson (1929-2014)

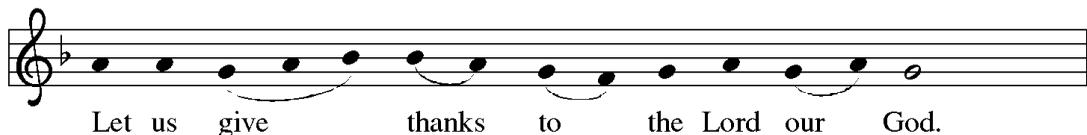
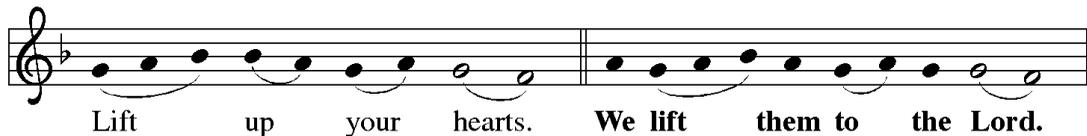
American educator and church musician John F. Wilson has hundreds of compositions and arrangements to his credit, including today's setting of the much-loved hymn (ELW 779). The text is particularly suitable for this Sunday, on which we hear again the story of the prodigal son.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

*DIALOGUE

Setting Five



*PREFACE (Lent)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Setting Five



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.



***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*If you wish, you may join hands with members of your own household.
Please do not join hands with others unless you have prior consent.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

***INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

The assembly sits. Worshipers who wish to receive communion may approach the altar (see guidelines below)

Option One: Communion by intinction

Worshipers may stand or kneel at the altar rail, and then may lower their mask to receive communion. The bread wafer will be placed in your hand by the pastor. When the chalice is offered, you may dip the tip of the wafer into the wine, and then consume the wafer.

Option Two: Packaged wafer

A sealed packet will be available at (or near) the baptismal font. It contains a host wafer which you may receive when you return to your seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht
Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)

Helmut Walcha was born in Leipzig, studied at the Leipzig Conservatory, and served for a while as an assistant musician at the Thomaskirche, which is widely known for a former employee named Johann Sebastian Bach. Walcha later moved to Frankfurt am Main and served for the rest of his life as the music director and organist at the Friedenskirche (The Church of Peace). Walcha composed a large number of chorale preludes that are published by C.F. Peters. The chorale tune for today's communion meditation has a kinship with today's gathering hymn, in that both melodies are tied to texts referring to Jesus as "our light."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

Amen.

COMMISSION

The Lord sends us forth into his world.

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
Timothy Albrecht (b. 1952)

Timothy Albrecht completed his DMA in organ performance at The Eastman School of Music. He has maintained a successful career as the organ professor at Emory University in Atlanta, and as a renowned concert organist with travels and appearances in both national and international venues. He has written a large number of liturgical works for organ, many of which are published by Augsburg Fortress in a series titled "Grace Notes." The work in the position of the epilogue today is based on the sending hymn; the piece is a gentle, meditative Lenten setting of the tune, embracing the melody with full-textured chords and double pedaling.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

John Hoelter, assisting minister

Gail Eifrig, lector

Eric Holtan, cantor

Pamela Decker, organist

In our prayers...

Member **Craig Priest**, receiving in-patient physical therapy at Catalina Post Acute Care and Rehabilitation.

Member **Lorraine Sandven**, receiving rehab therapy at Life Care Center after hospitalization for pneumonia.

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Submit a prayer request by going to
doveofpeacetucson.org/prayer



Easter is coming soon!

You can order flowers for \$20 using the yellow form found in the front foyer of the church. Flowers will adorn the sanctuary for the 9:30 a.m. service and livestream, and can be taken home immediately after. **Easter is Sunday, April 17, 2022.**

Holy Week Schedule

April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday	9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday	indoors, online
	11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday	outdoors, west courtyard
April 14, 2022 Maundy Thursday	12 noon	Indoor service with eucharist; no stripping of the altar
	7:00 p.m.	Indoor service with eucharist and stripping of the altar
April 15, 2022 Good Friday	12 noon Good Friday	Principal service, includes choir
	All day Good Friday	Stations of the Cross (Memorial Garden)
April 17, 2022 Easter	6:00 a.m.	Outdoor sunrise (includes eucharist)
	9:30 a.m.	Festival service with choirs and brass (includes eucharist)
	11:00 a.m.	Outdoor (includes eucharist)

Dove of Peace Special Offering **Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern European Crisis**

As many as three million Ukrainians are seeking refuge in neighboring countries including Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Moldova and over 1 million people are displaced within Ukraine.

There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter and such basic necessities as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

100% of the money given to this LDR appeal will be used to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

We are preparing a congregational gift to the LDR campaign. **Members of Dove of Peace have already contributed nearly \$3,000 to this gift!**

Our collection will culminate in two weeks with our charity concert on April 3, 2022. You can give to this campaign by check today, or online:



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or

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*Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, **we stay to provide ongoing assistance** to those in need.*

Join us Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. for our final concert of the series, featuring **The Oracle Piano Trio**, resident artists here at Dove of Peace Lutheran Church!

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

Piano Trio in A Minor

I. Modéré

II. Pantoum: Assez vif

III. Passacaille: Très large

IV. Final: Animé

Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)

Piano Trio No. 2 in E Minor, Op. 67

I. Andante

II. Allegro con brio

III. Largo

IV. Allegretto

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