

lent sermon series 2020



PRESTON Meadow Lutheran Church

PLANO, TEXAS

Second Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020

8:30 & 11am

SPIRIT CHECK

Good morning and welcome to worship! Today, please take notice of the paraments on our altar. Here is a description of the meaning behind the seamstress' design:

Lent is a time of contemplation and reflection, thus, these pieces are intended to encourage reflection and meditation. They contain a free-form cross shape surrounded by sections of thorn to represent the crown worn by Jesus on the day of His crucifixion. Blocks of strip-pieced fabric are incorporated and intended to let the mind wander—are they roadblocks in our path or bits of God's love flowing in through our darkness? Are they a complex of responsibilities or foundations to follow Jesus' path? Narrow ribbons can be pathways as we make our way through difficult times, but they have intersections where we meet God through other people along the way.

Please silence your cell phones.

Feel free to notify an usher if you would like a hearing assistance device.

GOD GATHERS US

PRELUDE & WELCOME

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CORPORATE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. Please kneel as you are able. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

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.**

P Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad and rejoice, for God has forgiven all your sin,
in the name of † Jesus Christ, who died that we might rise to new life.

C **Amen.**



Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: LIEBSER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

INTO THE WORD

FIRST READING

Psalm 121

The congregation reads responsively.

L I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

C **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

L The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

C **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

L The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

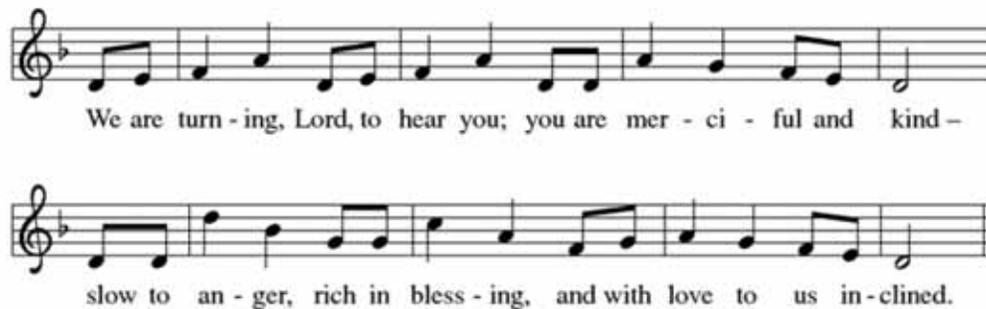
NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:1-9a

Pew Bible p. 939

*After the Reading, the People say, **Thanks Be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

- A The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter:
- C ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

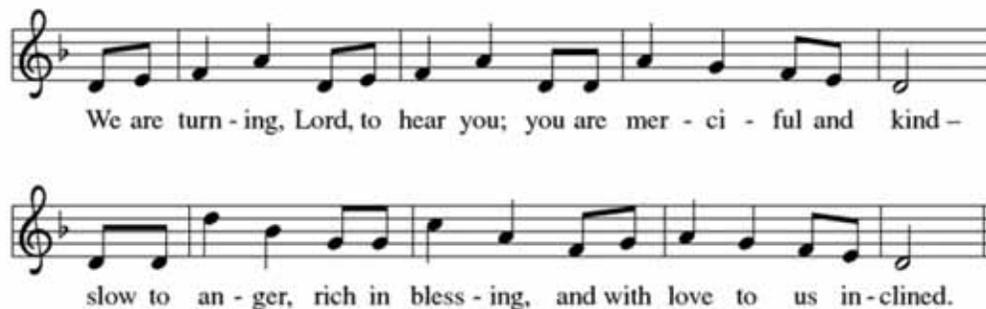
Pew Bible p. 887

- A The Gospel of our Lord.
- C ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

KIDS WORD TIME (11:00)

Children ages 3 through 1st grade are invited to follow the cross for children's chapel time.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

SERMON

"Lift Your Eyes to Jesus"

Pastor Paul Mussachio

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Along with the whole church on earth, we confess our faith.

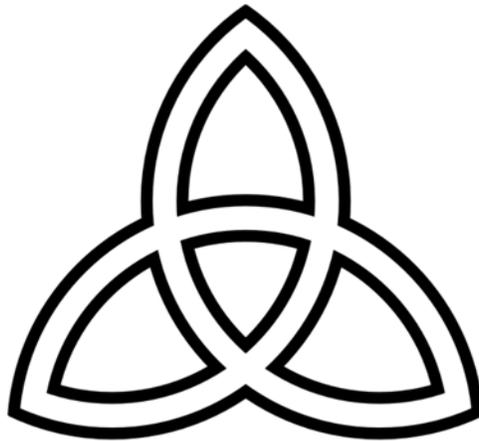
C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please kneel as you are able. After each petition:

A Hear us, O God,

C your mercy is great.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

WORSHIP, CONNECT, GROW & SERVE OPPORTUNITIES



OFFERING ANTHEM

"Your Love Is Stronger"

by Jon Foreman

Tommy Rose & Anne Abercrombie

OFFERING ** You may also text "PMLC" to 77977 for a direct link to give online.*

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray. All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.
- C **Bless all we offer you – our selves, our time, and our possessions— that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

AT THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 our thanks and praise.**
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

- P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious father...now and forever.
- C Amen.



- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus gave us:

LORD'S PRAYER

- C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**



COMMUNION

At Preston Meadow Lutheran, our communion table is "open." That means that you don't have to be a member of PMLC to commune, or even a Lutheran. We welcome children of all ages to this favorite meal of the church because we know that we come at Jesus' invitation to receive his free gift of grace. Parents, if your children are not yet communing, encourage them to fold their arms over their chests to receive a blessing. If you are communing, simply open your hands and bread will be given to you. Cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the trays; gluten-free wafers are available on request. **Come and enjoy the free gifts of God!**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

O God in Heaven



1 O God in heav - en, grant to your chil - dren mer - cy and
2 Je - sus, re - deem - er, help us re - mem - ber your pain and
3 Spir - it un - end - ing, give us your bless - ing: strength for the



bles - sing, songs nev - er ceas - ing, grace to in - vite us, peace to u -
pas - sion, your res - ur - rec - tion, your call to fol - low, your love to
wea - ry, help for the need - y, hope for the scorn - ful, peace for the



nite us— O God in heav - en, au - thor of love.
mor - row— Je - sus, re - deem - er, sav - ior, and friend.
mourn - ful— Spir - it un - end - ing, com - fort and guide.

Text: Daniel T. Niles, 1908–1970, alt.

Music: HALAD, Ilonggo (Philippines) traditional, adapt. Elena G. Maquiso, 1961–2005

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TABLE BLESSING

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.
- C **Amen.**

INTO THE WORLD

Please stand.

SENDING PRAYER

- A Let us pray. O Creator and Mighty God,
- C **you have promised strength for the weak,
rest for the laborers, light for the way,
grace for the trials, help from above,
unfailing sympathy, undying love.
O Creator and Mighty God,
help our faith come alive
as we continue in your promise. Amen.**

BLESSING

P May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light,
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

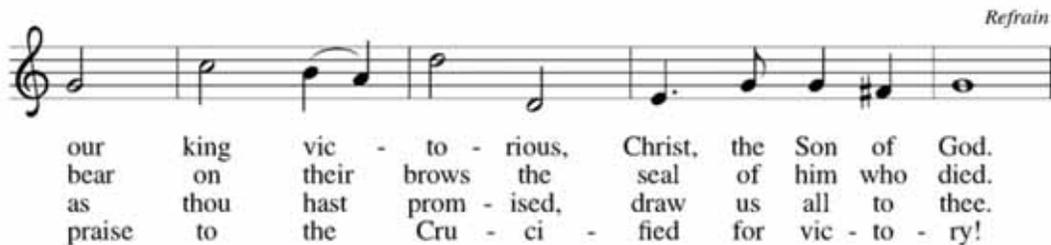
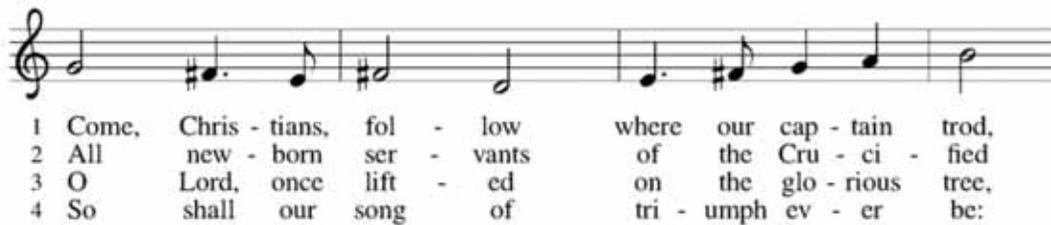
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

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

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lift High the Cross



Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Lift your eyes to Jesus!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

LENT 2020	
 <p><u>WEDNESDAY SERMON SERIES DURING LENT</u> VISIT PMLC.ORG FOR READING GUIDE</p>	<p>WEDNESDAYS—MAR. 11, 18, 25 Lenten Soup Suppers; 6pm Worship; 7pm</p>
	<p>WEDNESDAY—APR. 1 Chili Cook-Off Youth Fundraiser; 6pm Worship; 7pm</p>
	<p>SUNDAY—APR. 5 Palm Sunday Worship; 8:30 & 11am</p>
	<p>THURSDAY—APR. 9 Maundy Thursday Worship; 7pm</p>
	<p>FRIDAY—APR. 10 Good Friday Worship; Noon & 7pm</p>
EASTER WEEKEND	
<p>SATURDAY—APR. 11 Family Easter Celebration 10am—Noon</p>	<p>EASTER SUNDAY—APR. 12 Worship 9am & 11am</p>

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Serving in Worship

	8:30	11:00
Preacher:	Pastor Paul Mussachio	Pastor Paul Mussachio
Presider:	Pastor Jackie Linden-Schade	Pastor Kate Knutson
Acolytes:	Dylan Volk	Caleb Mussachio
Assisting Minister:	Paul Crownhart	Rebecca Chase
Lector:	Kirsten Bradshaw	Ernest Lineberger
Organist/Choir Dir.:	Anne Abercrombie	Anne Abercrombie
Piano:	Hannah Abercrombie	Hannah Abercrombie
Ushers:	Brian Ganoe Josh Johnson Bill Laupus Troy Rockman Roger & Bibs Toney	Ruben Callejas Kai Johnson Chris Nolden Jack & Debbie Smith Ernest Lineberger
Asst. Head Ushers:	Ken King	Jim McCarthy
Atrium Greeters:	Ken & Joleen Schwarz	Debbie Shock & Judy Halls
Altar Care:	Bibs Toney	Linda Bland
Bread Baker:	Lisa Rose	Lisa Rose
Coffee:	Gene Menze	Karen Gunther

March 1, 2020

Church + Online Attendance: 395 | Communion Attendance: 317

Offering + Online Giving: \$19,945.24

Our Mission

Connecting people to share in Christ's mission of grace for God's world.

Our Strategy

WORSHIP as one | GROW through groups | SERVE in ministry & mission | CONNECT everyday



Pastors:

Rev. Paul Mussachio, Lead Pastor · Rev. Kate Knutson, Pastor for Family Ministries
Rev. Dr. Jackie Linden-Schade, Pastor for Congregational Care

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