



Preston Meadow Lutheran Church

Plano, Texas

March 10, 2019

8:30 & 11am

SPIRIT CHECK

Please silence your cell phones.

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

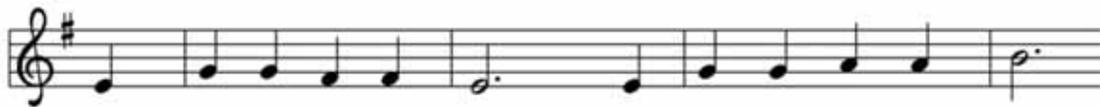
Lent is a time of contemplation and reflection, thus, these pieces are intended to encourage reflection and meditation. They contain a free-form cross shape surrounded by sections of thorn to represent the crown worn by Jesus on the day of His crucifixion. Blocks of strip-pieced fabric are incorporated 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.

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!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Please kneel as you are able. Silence is kept for reflection.

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 God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**



GATHERING HYMN

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: LIEBSEER 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. God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with you Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

INTO THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 55:6-11

Please read responsively.

- L Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
- C **let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**
- L For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,
says the LORD.
- C **For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**
- L For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
- C **so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**
- L The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 10:8b-13

Pew Bible p. 946

*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. Luke, the 8th chapter:

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:4-15

Pew Bible p. 865

A The Gospel of our Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

KIDS WORD TIME (11:00)

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to follow the cross for children's chapel time.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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SERMON

Pastor Kate Knutson

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Word

Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith

Refrain



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

final ending last time

Verse



When I feel a - fraid, and I think I've lost my way,
I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet my



still You're there right be - side me.
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



No - thing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;



Please be near me to the end.
I will love You to the end.

to Refrain

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 Lord in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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

To all of our guests: One of the many ways we live out our faith is through **JOYFUL GENEROSITY**. We'd like to celebrate that God has brought you here today by making a \$25 contribution in your name to a charity of your choice. After worship, please stop by our Welcome Center in the Atrium so you can designate the charity and provide us with your information. Thank you for joining us today.

OFFERING

ANTHEM (8:30)

“Who is the Lamb”
PMLC Sanctuary Choir

by L. Larson

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Merciful God,
C receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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 God, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.
- C **Help us to turn to you every day of our lives, that we may serve you and those you love with peace, joy, and hope. 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

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



bless - ing, 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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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace as you turn to God!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Serving in Worship

	8:30	11:00
Preacher:	Pastor Kate Knutson	Pastor Kate Knutson
Presider:	Pastor Jackie Linden-Schade	Pastor Jackie Linden-Schade
Acolytes:	Dylan Volk	Grace Barrett
Assisting Minister:	David Freyman	Patty Alverson
Lector:	Sheila King	Joe Chase
Piano:	Hannah Abercrombie	Hannah Abercrombie
Ushers:	Troy Rockman Gerald & Shelly Crain Dan Bogdanowicz Rachel deOliveira Dennis Lewis	Donnie Carnahan Shane Zehner Ruben Callejas
Asst. Head Ushers:	Ken King	Jim McCarthy
Atrium Greeters:	Travis & Stacey Volk	Sonja Jasper & Jason Bland w/Hawkins
Altar Care:	Jane Booras & Carol Ann Kiner	Jane Booras & Carol Ann Kiner
Breadbaker:	Kathleen Rice	Kathleen Rice
Coffee:	Kerstin Otter	Linda Bland

March 3, 2019

Church Attendance: 356 | **Online Attendance:** 52 | **Communion Attendance:** 307

Total Attendance: 408 | **Offering:** \$38,185.14

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LENT 2019

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

I SAY TO YOU...

PRESTON MEADOW
LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Soup Supper at 6pm
Worship at 7pm
Contemplative Prayer Group follows worship

WEDNESDAYS—MAR. 13, 20, 27; APR 3
Lenten Soup Suppers; 6pm
Worship; 7pm

WEDNESDAY—APR. 10
Chili Cook-off Youth Fundraiser
Worship; 7pm

SUNDAY—APR. 14
Palm Sunday
Worship; 8:30 & 11am

THURSDAY—APR. 18
Maundy Thursday
Worship; 7pm

FRIDAY—APR. 19
Good Friday
Worship; Noon & 7pm

EASTER WEEKEND

SATURDAY—APR. 20
Family Easter Celebration
10am—Noon

EASTER SUNDAY—APR. 21
Worship
9am & 11am



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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