

## Serving Today

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## Service of the Word - ELW

Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer – Meditation on *“Father, Forgive Them”* by Lau

Confession and Forgiveness:

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**ALL: 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.

**ALL: AMEN.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Gracious God,

**ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US. WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE TURNED FROM YOU AND GIVEN OURSELVES INTO THE POWER OF SIN. WE ARE TRULY SORRY AND HUMBLY REPENT. IN YOUR COMPASSION FORGIVE US OUR SINS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, THINGS WE HAVE DONE AND THINGS WE HAVE FAILED TO DO. TURN US AGAIN TO YOU, AND UPHOLD US BY YOUR SPIRIT, SO THAT WE MAY LIVE AND SERVE YOU IN NEWNESS OF LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD. 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.

**ALL: AMEN.**

Hymn #666 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

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.

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Prayer of the Day:

**ALL: O LORD GOD, YOU LED YOUR PEOPLE THROUGH THE WILDERNESS AND BROUGHT THEM TO THE PROMISED LAND. GUIDE US NOW, SO THAT, FOLLOWING YOUR SON, WE MAY WALK SAFELY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THIS WORLD TOWARD THE LIFE YOU ALONE CAN GIVE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.**

Scripture Readings

Sermon - *“Father, Forgive Them”*

Deacon Ken Campbell

Salem Lutheran Church, Elizabethville

Apostles' Creed:

**ALL: I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

**I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OR LORD. WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, HE 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.**

Senior Choir Anthem – *“The Way of the Cross Leads Home”* by McDonald

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Word:

**P:** Let us pray.

**P:** Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God.

**ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE.**

**P:** By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God.

**ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE.**

**P:** Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness; forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God.

**ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE.**

**P:** Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**ALL: AMEN.**

Our Lord's Prayer:

**ALL: 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.**

Benediction:

**P:** The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**ALL: AMEN.**

**P:** The God of hope fill you will all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: AMEN.**

**P:** The God of all grace bless you now and forever.

**ALL: AMEN.**

Hymn #569 "The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended"

Organ Postlude and Silent Prayer – "**Oh Love, How Deep**" by Wagner

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Our offering this evening will be designated for the work that our **Lutheran Disaster Response** is doing to bring aid and rebuilding to all the folks suffering from the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

**Next Wednesday Evening**

7pm Community Lenten Worship continues next Wednesday evening at Peace United Church of Christ, Berrysburg. Pastor Bill Romberger will be speaking.