

PALISADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Divine Service



**March 9, 2025
First Sunday in Lent**

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Resurrection Bulletin

WELCOME!

We pray that you will be blessed by the presence of the Lord today. Before you leave, please feel free to introduce yourself to the pastor and mingle with others.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ATTENDANCE AT A GLANCE

Sunday Worship	Tuesday Bible Study
March 2, 2025 - 31	March 4, 2024 - 3

Offerings Received Last Week:	\$6,760.00
Offerings Planned Weekly Avg:	\$5,695.00
Offerings Needed YTD:	\$42,784.65
Offerings Received YTD:	\$39,080.00

FIRE RELIEF DONATIONS

Donations and checks as of 2/15/2025 - \$108,198
(116 LCMS Churches/individuals)
LCMS-LCEF Gift Cards as of 2/15/2025 - \$18,625
Total received: \$109,730.56 (subject to change)

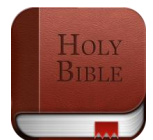
FIRE RELIEF DONATIONS DISTRIBUTED

Gift Cards as of 2/16/2025 - \$8,125
Checks as of 2/16/2025 - \$38,000
Total distributed: \$46,125 (subject to change)

OFFERINGS as of 3/2/2025 (Week 9)

THIS WEEK AT PLC

- ❖ **Tuesday, March 11, 2025**
 - 12 noon Bible Study and Spiritual Pulse Check
- ❖ **Wednesday, March 12, 2025**
 - 6:30pm – Lent Midweek Zoom Devotional
 - 7:30pm – Youth Character Building Class (aka: Confirmation Class)
- ❖ **Thursday, March 13, 2025**
 - 8:30am Elder Team Huddle



(To VOLUNTEER TO SERVE or JOIN a Zoom Bible Study email Pastor Lee at pastor@plc.cc.)

DAILY PRAYERS

The following suggestions may be used to establish a pattern of daily and weekly prayer for ourselves and for others.

In the Morning

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.



Before a meal

Bless, O Lord, this food for our use and us for your service, and keep us ever mindful of the needs of others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. OR Lord, bless this food and grant that we may be thankful for thy mercies; Teach us to know by whom we're fed; Bless us with Christ, the living bread. Amen.

After the meal

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. Amen.

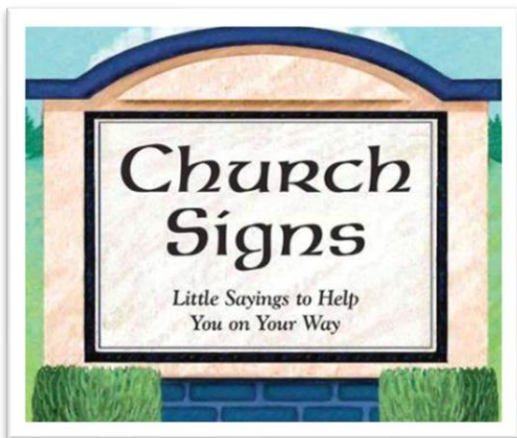
In the Evening

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.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

The Lenten season may not be the longest season in the church year, but it is one of the most important seasons, if not the most important season of the year. It begins with a special day of repentance, Ash Wednesday, and ends in the depth of sorrow and tragedy on Good Friday. The name of the season, Lent, does not reflect the mood or message of the season. It is an old Anglo-Saxon word *Lencten* or *Lenchthen*, which means the lengthening of the days as spring appears.

In the first century, Lent was only a period of forty hours in keeping with the forty hours Jesus' body was in the tomb. The forty-hour observance ended with an Easter service at 3 a.m. Later, the forty hours grew into six days during the third century. These six days were known as Holy Week. The six days grew into thirty-six days, as a tithe of the 365 days of the year. By approximately 731, the time of Charlemagne, four days were added to the thirty-six to make the present season of forty days.



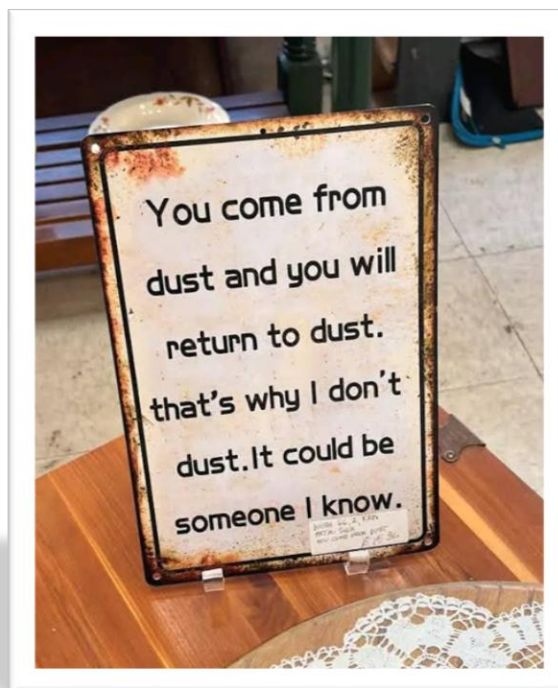
“If it’s your calling, it will keep calling you.”

“Don’t complain you’re not getting what you want – be glad you’re not getting what you deserve.”

“If you fall on your face, start doing push-ups.”

How to study the Bible?

Luther said he studied the Bible the way he gathered apples. First, he shook the whole tree, so that the ripest might fall. Then he climbed the tree and shook each limb, and when he had shaken each limb, he shook each branch, and after each branch every twig, and then he looked under each leaf. Let us search the Bible as a whole, shake the whole tree, read it as rapidly as we would read any other book; then shake every limb, studying book after book. Then shake every branch, giving attention to the chapters (when they do not break the sense.) Then shake every twig by careful study of the paragraphs and sentences, and you will be rewarded if you look under every leaf by searching the meaning of the words. (Ps. 119:105; Is 28:9; I Cor.14:20; II Tim.2:15; 3:14-17; Heb. 5:12-14; I Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18.)





WORSHIP ON THE BEACH!

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Welcome

GOOD FATHER



Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways (REPEAT)

Oh, it's love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love

You're a good, good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Worthy of it All

All the saints and angels
They bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing

You are worthy of it all
You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things
You deserve the glory

Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise

I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee oh Lord
(Repeat)

Welcome

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

I John 1:8–10

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Congregation Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and

eternal punishment. 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.


Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a fellow follower and servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce His full and complete forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

 **Reflection Question #1 – (LAW) How would you describe a spiritual cleansing or transformation?**

 **Christ Pointer(s): (GOSPEL) Paul writes, “He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:5, ESV)**

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

CHORUS

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

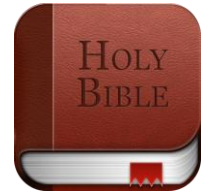
(Chorus)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
(Chorus)

Gospel

John 2 (English Standard Version)

The Wedding at Cana



2 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. **3** When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, **“They have no wine.”** **4** **And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.”** **5** **His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”**

6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.^[a] **7** Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. **8** And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. **9** When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, **“Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.”** **11** This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

12 After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers^[b] and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple


13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. **15** And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. **16** **And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.”** **17** **His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”**


18 So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” **19** Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” **20** The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple,^[c] and will you raise it up in three days?” **21** But he was speaking about the temple of his body. **22** When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Jesus Knows What Is in Man

²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT – “Water Turned to Wine” (John 2)

 **Reflection Question #2 – (LAW) What do you think is meant by the statement, “God’s divine ‘yes’ is hidden behind His apparent ‘no’”?**

 **Christ Pointer(s): (GOSPEL)** . ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” (John 2:3-5)

OFFERINGS

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

A mighty fortress is our God,
a trusty shield and weapon;
he helps us free from ev'ry need
that has us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
now means deadly woe;
deep guile and great might
are his dread arms in fight;
on earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done,
soon were our loss effected;
but for us fights the valiant one
whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?"
Jesus Christ it is,
the almighty Lord,
and there's no other God;
he holds the field forever.
Though devils all the world should fill,
all eager to devour us,
we tremble not, we fear no ill:
they shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
scowl fierce as he will,

he can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
one little word can fell him.

PRAYERS

Please offer prayers for whom the Lord has placed on your heart. You may offer a prayer or call out a name or request to the Lord and then the Pastor will say, "**Lord in your mercy.**" The rest of us will reply, "**Hear our prayer.**"

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

1. Lord Most High, You are the dwelling place of Your people. Be our refuge for the sake of Christ, who suffered temptation and death for our redemption. Preserve us from every evil and plague, and strengthen us in faith, that we may be satisfied with Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
2. God of all nations, You make no distinction between Jew and Greek, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Protect and provide for the missionaries of Your Church as they proclaim the Word of faith and bring it near to all who will hear, so that more would confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that You raised Him from the dead. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
3. Lord of all, You bestow Your riches on all who call upon You. Bless parents with all wisdom as they teach their children Your ways, that all in the household may confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
4. Almighty God, govern the kingdoms of this world according to Your holy and gracious will. Protect authorities from every temptation of the devil, who falsely claims sovereignty over them. Equip them to curb what is evil and promote what is good. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
5. God of all mercy, You answer those who call upon You. Hear our prayers for all people in need of healing and restoration [*especially* _____]. Be with them in their trouble and rescue them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
6. O Lord, everyone who believes that Jesus is Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word, and free them from disagreement over Your truth. Bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
7. Lord God, as You brought Your people to the Promised Land and gave them an inheritance of abundance, so You give us all that we have. Preserve us from greed and grant us thankful hearts to declare Your goodness and gladly support what You will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation 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

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Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

God of this City

You're the God of this city. You're the King of these people
You're the Lord of this nation. You are
You're the light in this darkness. You're the hope to the hopeless
You're the peace to the restless. You are



For there is no-one like our God
There is no-one like our God

Chorus

Greater things have yet to come.
Greater things are still to be done in this city
Greater things have yet to come.
Greater things are still to be done in this city

Verse 2

You're the Lord of Creation, the Creator of all things
You're the King above all Kings. You are
You're the strength in our weakness. You're the love to the broken
You're the joy in the sadness. You are

There is no-one like our God
There is no-one like You God

Chorus

Greater things have yet to come.
Greater things are still to be done in this city
Greater things have yet to come.
Greater things are still to be done in this city

There is no-one like our God
There is no-one like You God

Greater things have yet to come.
Greater things are still to be done in this city
Greater things have yet to come.
Greater things are still to be done we be-lieve, we be-lieve in You, God!
Greater things have yet to come.
Greater things are still to be done in this city

Greater things still to be done here

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS



John Hellmuth	March 1
Fred Marx	March 2
Jamar Schoessow	March 5

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



Gerhard and Romana Pichel	March 9
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NICE-TO-KNOWS!

HOA IS DOING 1-3. OWNERS - REVIEW 4-8 VERY CAREFULLY

LADWP delivers safe, high-quality drinking water from our distribution system to your property's water meter, but maintaining the high quality of our water from your meter to the tap requires property owners to take the proper steps. Following weeks or months of inactive water use, we recommend you flush your property's water pipes to clear out sitting water and accumulated sediments. Below are some general guidelines to help you safely and effectively flush plumbing, faucets, toilets, and other fixtures on your property. For large commercial properties, please also consult your property or building manager for more information.

1. **Prepare your site for flushing.** Remove aerators and screens from all faucets. Set water-softening devices and filters, both point-of-use and whole-house, to "bypass mode."
2. **Flush outside plumbing.** Open and flush any external fixtures and hose bibs until water is clear and temperature is constant.
3. **Flush cold water.** Run all cold-water faucets on the property beginning with the faucet closest to the water line. Let all run at the highest flow (or fully open) until water is clear and temperature is constant. Then turn off all faucets in reverse order.
4. **Flush all toilets and urinals.** Do this at least once, but repeat if the refilled water is not clear.
5. **Flush hot water.** Drain your hot water tank to discharge any accumulated sediments. Wait for the hot water tank to refill and flush as in Step 3.
6. **Clean aerators and screens** and reattach to faucets, shower heads, and fixtures.
7. **Flush any water-using appliance or run a cycle.** This includes the washing machine, dishwasher, and refrigerator/ice maker.
8. **Restore all removed filters and reset all water devices** from "bypass mode."

More information and guidance is available in the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials' (IAPMO) 2022 [Manual of Recommended Practice for: The Safe Closure and Reopening of Building Water Systems](#).

Cleaning House Word Search

Cleaning House

So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. John 2:15 (NIV)

Based on John 2:13-16 (NIV)



C W C M C P A S S O V E R U N
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