

VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING,
WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK,
JESUS GOT UP,
LEFT THE HOUSE
AND WENT OFF TO A
SOLITARY PLACE,
WHERE HE PRAYED.

MARK 1:35

EPIPHANY 5

February 7, 2020



Welcome!

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church welcome you! If you have no church of your own, we encourage you to worship with us again and consider making this church your home.

TODAY'S THEME

Jesus Heals the Hopeless

Jesus has power over all things—that includes maladies of the body. When he one of his believers is taken by illness, he can heal them. He can drive away those who are oppressed by demons. In the midst of any situation that seems hopeless, Jesus gives us a reason to look to the future trusting him.

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Our Worship

ORDER OF SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

“Oh, Worship the King”

Christian Worship #243

- 1 Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above;
Oh, gratefully sing his pow’r and his love,
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
- 2 Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy, space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow’r has founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, abr., alt.

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✚ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise:

PSALM 103

P: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

C: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

P: He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

C: He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with love and compassion.

P: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

C: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

P: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

C: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

P: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

C: For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

P: Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone.

C: But the LORD's love is with those who fear him from everlasting to everlasting.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Job 7:1-7

A look at hopelessness and misery in life.

¹ "Does not man have hard service on earth? Are not his days like those of a hired man? ² Like a slave longing for the evening shadows, or a hired man waiting eagerly for his wages, ³ so I have been allotted months of futility, and nights of misery have

been assigned to me. ⁴ When I lie down I think, 'How long before I get up?' The night drags on, and I toss till dawn. ⁵ My body is clothed with worms and scabs, my skin is broken and festering.

⁶ "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and they come to an end without hope. ⁷ Remember, O God, that my life is but a breath; my eyes will never see happiness again."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:28-30

God makes evil serve his purposes.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Christian Worship #93

- 1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression, And rule in equity.**
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong,
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Are precious in his sight.**

- 3 Kings shall bow down before him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him; His praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend,
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.**
- 4 O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—That name to us is Love.**

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 8:12 (*Read Together*)

Alleluia! Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

The healing ministry of Jesus

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Text: Mark 1:29-39

"Gather at Simon's Door"

We Respond to God's Word

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING (taken at the door)

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. May God bless us as we do his work! To give an offering with your smartphone, text "givesplc" to 77977 and click on the link that you receive. Offerings can be given by credit card, debit card, or your bank account. Offerings can also be given by going to our website (saintpeterlutheran.org) or mailed to 427 W. Mulberry, Saint Peter MN 56082.

PRAYER & INTERCESSIONS

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

The Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Praise to the God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of God and the authority of Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

**C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.
You are my God, and I will exalt you.
I will give you thanks,
For you have become my salvation.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Our church practices the Biblical teaching of member communion. All those who are members of our congregation or another Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) congregation are invited to receive Christ's body and blood in the Sacrament. If you have any questions about this practice, please contact one of our pastors, and we would be happy to discuss it with you.

Communion will be brought to you in your pew to minimize contact between individuals. The pastor will hand you a wafer and a individual cup. An usher will follow behind to allow you to dispose of the cup afterward. Once everyone has received the elements, the pastor will bless the entire congregation at the same time. During the distribution, please join in the hymn.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

Christian Worship #79

- 1 What God ordains is always good;
His will is just and holy.
As he directs my life for me,
I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed In ev'ry need
Knows well how he will shield me;
To him, then, I will yield me.**
- 2 What God ordains is always good;
He never will deceive me.
He leads me in his righteous way
And never will he leave me.
I take content What he has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.**
- 3 What God ordains is always good;
He is my friend and Father.
He will not let me suffer harm
Though many storms may gather.
Now I may know Both joy and woe;
Some day I shall see clearly
That he has loved me dearly.**
- 4 What God ordains is always good.
Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness,
I take it without shrinking.
For after grief God grants relief,
My heart with comfort filling
And all my sorrow stilling.**
- 5 What God ordains is always good;
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, For with his arm
He will embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.**

Text: Samuel
Rodigast, 1649–
1708, abr.; tr. *The
Lutheran Hymnal*,
St. Louis, 1941, alt.

PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you ✝ peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"O Master of the Loving Heart"

Christian Worship #491

- 1 O Master of the loving heart, The friend of all in need,
We pray that we may be like you
In thought and word and deed.**
- 2 Your days were full of kindly acts;
Your speech was true and plain;
Of those who ever sought you, Lord,
None came to you in vain.**
- 3 Your face was warm with sympathy;
Your hand God's strength revealed;
Who saw your face or felt your touch
Were comforted and healed.**
- 4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord,
So joyous, free, and true,
That all your children, ev'rywhere,
Be drawn by us to you.**

Text: Calvin W. Laufer, 1874–1938, alt.

SERVICE NOTES

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Minor Prophets - Major Messages

An introduction to and Application of the Old Testament Minor Prophets

They are simply referred to as "the Twelve" by Hebrew scholars. The twelve small books that sit at the end of our Old Testament are largely unfamiliar to most Christians. So why not study them? Not only are they as divinely-inspired as major books like Genesis and Isaiah, they have bold law and gospel content in condensed form. They also answer fundamental questions like: "What is God's love really like?" "When is God satisfied with an offering?" and "Is there any earthly benefit to faith?"

On Sunday mornings through January and February, we will introduce and apply the minor prophets. We hope to enjoy some rich background and thought-provoking discussions as part of our work at Sunday morning Bible studies 9:15 - 10:10 a.m. Our first study is scheduled for January 10.

January 10 | Introduction and background

January 17 | Hosea & Joel

January 24 | Amos & Obediah

February 7 | Jonah & Micah

February 14 | Nahem & Habakkuk

February 21 | Zephaniah & Haggai

February 28 | Zechariah & Malachi





The Hands of the Passion

Lent Begins February 17

The Epiphany season will conclude with the glorious celebration of Transfiguration on Sunday, February 14. The season of Epiphany is followed by Lent. This year the 40-day journey of Lent begins on February 17 with Ash Wednesday. Saint Peter Lutheran worship services that evening will begin at 4:40 and 6:30 p.m. and feature the Holy Communion and a ceremony called "imposition of ashes." At the end of the service worshippers will have an opportunity to place ashes on a banner, representing our guilt being placed on Jesus. Please join us for this moving service.

Lenten Worship

The 2021 midweek Lenten service them will be Hands of the Passion. When we consider Jesus and the people around him in his Passion, we can't help but think of their hands— the hands that beat their breast, accepted money for betrayal, swung swords, pointed in accusation, beat and disavowed, praised, washed, were pierced, and offered eternal life. In short, we can't help but think about how we sinners have had the same sinful hands of those who surrounded Jesus in his Passion, and how Jesus our Savior has touched us with his hands of grace.

February 7-14, 2021

Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:10 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
	1 p.m.	Hispanic Worship
	6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Women's Bible Study - Book of Daniel
	8 p.m. (Zoom)	Women's Bible Study - Book of Ephesians
Wed	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thurs	1:30 p.m.	Ladies Aid
Fri	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
	12 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
	6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Women's Bible Study - Book of Daniel
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	8 p.m. (Zoom)	Women's Bible Study - Book of Ephesians