

God's grace
is for me



LENT 1

February 21, 2021



**SAINT PETER
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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.

THE SEASON OF LENT The word Lent comes from an Old English word for spring (“lengthen,” spring is when the days grow longer). For the last 1700 years, the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of special preparation. While it is a time of repentance and renewal, our 40 days of Lent are lived in the certain hope of the resurrection.

TODAY’S THEME

Overcoming Temptations

The call to sinners in Lent is a serious call to struggle. We don’t struggle with outward ceremonies and customs, but with the serious effort to live in daily repentance. To do anything less is to welcome the devil’s temptations and despise God’s tests. Today we learn of and learn from Jesus who fights the devil’s temptations with God’s Word.

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Our Worship

ORDER OF SERVICE

Common Service with Communion

Christian Worship, pg. 15

OPENING HYMN

“I Walk in Danger All the Way”

Christian Worship #431 v. 1-5

- 1 I walk in danger all the way; The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares
If e'er I fail to watch and pray; I walk in danger all the way.**
- 2 I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending;
In patience I must bear each day
The cross of God's own sending.
Oft in adversity I know not where to flee
When storms of woe my soul dismay;
I pass through trials all the way.**
- 3 Grim death pursues me all the way; Nowhere I rest securely.
He comes by night, he comes by day,
And takes his prey most surely.
A failing breath, and I In death's strong grasp may lie
To face eternity today. Grim death pursues me all the way.**
- 4 I walk with angels all the way; They shield me and befriend me.
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay When heav'nly hosts attend me.
They are my sure defense; All fear and sorrow, hence!
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may,
I walk with angels all the way.**
- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way; His guidance never fails me.
He takes my ev'ry fear away When Satan's pow'r assails me,
And, by his footsteps led, My path I safely tread.
In spite of ills that threaten may, I walk with Jesus all the way.**

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **♪ Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

C: **♪ Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪ And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his

deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

We Hear God's Word

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:1-18

Abraham's test of faith.

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on to-

gether.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram-caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 6

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

C: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

P: Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint; O LORD, heal me, for

my soul is in anguish.

C: Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; save me because of your un-failing love.

P: I am worn out from groaning. My eyes grow weak with sorrow.

C: Away from me, all you who do evil, for the LORD has heard my weeping.

P: The LORD has heard my cry for mercy; the LORD accepts my prayer.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:1-4

God's grace takes away our condemnation

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 4:10b (*Read Together*)

It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:12-15

The temptation of Jesus.

(After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:)

C: ♪ Glory be to you, O Lord!

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted^[a] by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 Scrip-
tures.**

**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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Christian Worship #201

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

**3 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.**

**4 The Word they still shall let remain, Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With his good gifts and Spirit.
And do what they will—Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—
Though all may be gone, Our victory is won;
The kingdom's ours forever!**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Sermon

Text: Romans 8:1-4

God's Grace Took Away My Condemnation

1. Jesus was condemned for all sins on His cross
2. There is NO WAY the condemnation remains for me

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

**C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit. 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 OF THE CHURCH

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (10:30 service)

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 unto the Lord.**

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

C: **♪ It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join in their glorious song:

**♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE 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."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C:  Amen.

 **O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away he sin of the world;
Grant us your peace. 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"If God Himself"

Christian Worship #419

**1 If God himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.**

- If Christ, my head and master, Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from his love?
- 2 This I believe, yea rather, Of this I make my boast,
That God is my dear Father, My friend who loves me most,
And that, whate'er betide me, My Savior is at hand
Through stormy seas to guide me
And bring me safe to land.
- 3 I build on this foundation: That Jesus and his blood
Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good.
Without him all that pleases Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.
- 4 He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.
In him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;
In him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.
- 5 No sin can now condemn me Or set my hope aside.
Now hell no more can claim me; Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me; No guilt destroys my peace,
For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with his grace.
- 6 No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder, You are my Savior true;
No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever me from you.
- 7 My heart for joy is springing And can no more be sad,
'Tis full of joy and singing, Sees only sunshine glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, st. 1-3, 6-7, alt.; unknown, st. 4-5, alt.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

♪ Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace,
According to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,

**Which you have prepared before
the face of all people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles
And the glory of your people Israel.**

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C:  **And his mercy endures forever.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  **Amen.**


P: 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. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

Christian Worship #319

 **On my heart imprint your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Have no pow'r to hide your face.
This the superscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation.**

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.

Service Notes

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February 21-28, 2021		
Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	9:10 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
	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
Wed	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	4:30 & 6:30 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship
Fri	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
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Sermon Notes

Outline: **God's Grace Took Away My Condemnation**

- I. Jesus was condemned for all sins on His cross.
- II. There is "NO WAY" that condemnation remains for me.

1. Has the weather and life in February got you looking for a get-away?
2. Do you see why is it a good idea to share printed and livestream sermons with friends?
3. Romans 8 delivers news that is completely unexpected. What news does Romans 7 lead us to expect?
4. What brought Paul such frustration that he should called himself *miserable*?
5. Why doesn't Paul take us to Mt. Sinai and God's law to bring us relief?
6. Why does God take us to the heavenly tribunal and point us to Mt. Calvary?
7. When do we attempt to "retry" ourselves at the heavenly tribunal?
8. Why must God's verdict of "not guilty" absolutely have to stand?
9. Why did the woman mentioned in the introduction turn herself in to the authorities?
10. How will you plan to stop *overruling* God's verdict over your life?