

God's grace  
is for me



**LENT 2**

*February 28, 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 sure hope of the resurrection.

**TODAY’S THEME** *In Christ Salvation and Suffering Go Hand in Hand*  
This Sunday we see God’s seriousness in Lent. The love of God is inseparably connected to the cross, both Jesus’ cross and our crosses. That cross might come in the form of persecution, pain, or our struggle against self-righteousness or despair. Regardless the form of the cross, the saying remains true for all Christians: *No cross, no crown!*

## Saint Peter Lutheran Church

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# Our Worship

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Service of the Word (p. 38)

## OPENING HYMN

*“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”*

*Christian Worship #428*

- 1 **Why should cross and trial grieve me?  
Christ is near With his cheer; Never will he leave me.  
Who can rob me of the heaven  
That God’s Son For me won When his life was given?**
- 2 **When life’s troubles rise to meet me,  
Though their weight May be great, They will not defeat me.  
God, my loving Savior, sees them;  
He who knows All my woes Knows how best to end them.**
- 3 **God gives me my days of gladness,  
And I will Trust him still When he sends me sadness.  
God is good; his love attends me  
Day by day, Come what may, Guides me and defends me.**
- 4 **Since I know God never fails me,  
In his voice I’ll rejoice When grim death assails me.  
Trusting in my Savior’s merit,  
Safe at last, Troubles past, I shall heav’n inherit.**

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## 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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL ANTHEM**

“Whom Shall I Fear”

Written by Chris Tomlin

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# The Word

## FIRST LESSON

Genesis 28:10-17

*The Lord promises His presence will follow Jacob.*

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. <sup>11</sup> When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. <sup>12</sup> He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. <sup>14</sup> Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. <sup>15</sup> I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

<sup>16</sup> When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." <sup>17</sup> He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 73

P: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**C: For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

P: I am always with you, O LORD; you hold me by my right hand.

**C: You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.**

P: Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

**C: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

**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 8:5-17

*Life through the Spirit.*

<sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup> The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; <sup>7</sup> the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, <sup>14</sup> because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but

you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Philippians 2:8b (*Read together*)

**Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.**

### **GOSPEL**

Mark 8:31-38

*Take up your cross and follow Christ.*

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life<sup>[a]</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”*

*Christian Worship #452*

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,  
Flee the world which would deceive us  
And to sin our souls allure.  
Ever in his footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead; I follow thee.**
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus, To his image e’er conform;  
Heaven’s glory soon will please us,  
Sunshine follow on the storm.  
Though we sow in tears of sorrow,  
We shall reap in heav’nly joy,  
And the fears that now annoy  
Shall be laughter on the morrow.  
Christ, I suffer here with thee;  
There, oh, share thy joy with me.**
- 3 Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,  
From our soul’s destruction, frees us,  
Quickens us with life’s glad breath.  
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin,  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here I die to thee, There to live eternally.**
- 4 Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since he’s risen from the dead,  
Death and grave must soon release us.  
Jesus, thou art now our head.  
We are truly thine own members;  
Where thou livest, there live we.  
Take and own us constantly,  
Faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.  
Jesus, here I live to thee, Also there eternally.**

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. J. Adam Rimbach, 1871–1941, alt.



# Sermon

**Text: Romans 8:5-17**

**Theme: God's Grace Gives Me the Holy Spirit**

1. The Spirit alone gives me life
2. The Spirit alone guides me through life
3. The Spirit alone guides me to life!

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,**

**The forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body,**

**And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**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**

**P:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C: We confess that without your love we are lost.**

**P:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

**P:** Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

**P:** Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

**P:** Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **HYMN**

*"Day by Day"*

*Christian Worship Supplement #765*

*See next page for text and music to hymn 765*

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1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.  
Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;  
When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.  
O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.  
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,  
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;  
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;  
I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.  
You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,  
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;  
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

## **CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING**

**P:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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 in 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**

"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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**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING - MARCH 7**

The Church Council has called for a special voters meeting to gather at **noon on Sunday, March 7** in the fellowship hall. The meeting's main item of business is to consider a proposal from the Education committee to equip the commons area of the building to be a temporary Kindergarten classroom while long-range plans are drawn up for a lower level renovation. We value everyone's thoughts and hope for a large turnout of our members on March 7.



**Lenten Midweek Worship**  
***Wednesdays 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.***

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| March 3  | <i>Hands of Betrayal</i><br>Pastor Keith Bilitz, Smith's Mill & Alma City |
| March 10 | <i>Hands of Misguided Zeal</i><br>Pastor Tom Smith, Owatonna              |
| March 17 | <i>Hands of Repentance</i><br>Pastor Phil Gieschen, St. Peter             |
| March 24 | <i>Hands of Self-Preservation</i><br>Pastor Jack Kelly                    |

## Sermon Notes

### Outline: **God's Grace Gives Me the Holy Spirit**

I. The Spirit alone gives me life.

II. The Spirit alone guides me through life

III. The Spirit alone guides me to life!

1. How important is it to have spirit and enthusiasm in things like sports and music?
2. How important is it to have spirit and enthusiasm in your life as a Christian and church member?
3. Think about all the daily decisions that you make. What decisions do you make in connection to your church?
4. What decision will you never be able to make in connection to you Christian faith? Why is that?
5. Why is it inaccurate to say that “you got the Holy Spirit?”
6. God the Holy Spirit wants to daily guide us as if we were having private counseling sessions. When and how do we arrange for these daily counseling talks?
7. What important things does the Holy Spirit remind us in our daily use of God's Word?
8. Why do we depend on the Holy Spirit for information about the afterlife?
9. How does Jesus' life serve as a pattern for your life?
10. What encouragement do you have knowing that God has gifted you with the Spirit—His Holy Spirit?

## February 28-March 7, 2021

<b>Sun</b>	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
	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
<b>Tue</b>	6:30 p.m.	Education Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	4:30 & 6:30 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship
<b>Thurs</b>	1:30 p.m.	Ladies Aid
<b>Fri</b>	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	SPELS Band Concert
<b>Sun</b>	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.	Special Voters Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Spanish Worship Service
	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