

God's grace  
is for me



**LENT 3**

*March 7, 2021*



**SAINT PETER  
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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. 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**

*God's Grace Points Us to Heaven*

Our gracious God loves us despite our sinfulness. Through the work of Jesus, eternity has become ours. Why? It isn't because of us or anything we would do, but because of God's grace. God's grace is the source and reason behind each of the blessings in our life, including the greatest gift—heaven.

## **Saint Peter Lutheran Church**

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<b>Public Worship</b>	Wednesdays at 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. (During Advent and Lent) Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
<b>Online streamed services</b>	Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
<b>Serving Today:</b>	Preacher - Pr. Justin Heise Liturgist - Pr. Jack Kelly Organ/piano - Sammi Bunke A/V Technician- Steve Willett

# Our Worship

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Common Service with Communion

*Christian Worship, pg. 15*

## OPENING HYMN

“The Law of God is Good and Wise”

*Christian Worship #287*

- 1 The law of God is good and wise; It sets his will before our eyes,  
Shows us the way of righteousness,  
But dooms to death when we transgress.**
- 2 The law is good, but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sins to die And has no pow’r to justify.**
- 3 Its light of holiness imparts The knowledge of our sinful hearts  
That we may see our lost estate And seek relief before too late.**
- 4 To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at his throne, Saved by his grace through faith alone.**

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, abr., 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 sin-

ful 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.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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**

Exodus 20:1-17

*A summary of God's law—the call to repentance.*

And God spoke all these words:<sup>2</sup> “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before<sup>[a]</sup> me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

## PSALM 19

P: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**C: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**

P: Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

**C: The law of the LORD is perfect, giving joy to the heart.**

P: The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

**C: They are more precious than gold; they are sweeter than honey.**

P: By them is your servant taught; in keeping them there is great reward.

**C: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer. 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 8:18-25

*Our interests are directed to heaven away from a decaying world*

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that <sup>[a]</sup> the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were

saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

2 Corinthians 5:1 (*Read Together*)

**We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.**

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

John 2:13-22

*Jesus clears the temple—a call to repentance.*

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

#### **C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

<sup>20</sup> They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

*(After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:)*

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

## **NICINE 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 heav-  
en, 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 glori-  
fied, 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**

**"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

*Christian Worship #402*



- 1 **My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;  
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!**
- 2 **May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire!  
As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**
- 3 **While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,  
Be thou my guide.  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.**
- 4 **When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sul-  
len stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;  
Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!**

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–87.

## **.Sermon**

**Text: Romans 8:18-25**

*“Grace Means Heaven”*

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

*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**

### **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 the 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.*

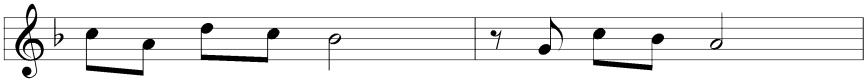
## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"What Is This Bread?"

*Christian Worship Supplement #742*



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from	the	dead:	This	bread	we	break.	
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of	grace	
live	and	he	should	die	Un -	der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear.	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be -	lieve	



This	life	we	take	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	his	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	you	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole -	Christ,	tru -	ly	pre -	sent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	his



lease.	Oh,	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	Oh,	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	Oh,	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	Oh,	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	Oh,	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	good.

*This hymn nicely summarizes Martin Luther's fine discussion on the institution and blessings of Holy Communion as outlined in his Small Catechism.*

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## **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.**

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## 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.



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<b>Sun</b>	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
	12 p.m.	Special Voter's Meeting
	1 p.m.	Hispanic Worship
	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>Lutheran Education Sunday</b>		
<b>Mon</b>	3:15 p.m.	Lutheran Pioneers
<b>Tues</b>	6:30 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	4:30 & 6:30 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship
<b>Fri</b>	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
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