

God's grace
is for me



LENT 5

March 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. 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

The New Covenant was Established Our High Priest

This morning's theme appropriately focuses our attention on the Savior as he continues his journey to the cross. It is by his perfect life and his sacrifice on the cross that he became our High Priest and put into effect the new covenant that God promised to his people.

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Serving Today:	Preacher - Pr. Jack Kelly Liturgist - Pr. Justin Heise Organ/piano - Jennie Boeder A/V Technician- Steve Willett

Our Worship

ORDER OF SERVICE

Common Service with Communion

Christian Worship, pg. 15

OPENING HYMN

“What Wondrous Love” | *Christian Worship* #120

Vocalist sings v. 1, Congregation sings v. 2-4

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 **When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God’s righteous
frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**
- 3 **To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**
- 4 **And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing his love for me,
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And through eternity I’ll sing on.**

Text: *A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs*, Lynchburg, 1811, 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.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The promise of the new covenant.

³¹ "The days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,"
declares the LORD.

³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time," declares the LORD.

"I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"
declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."

PSALM 143

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;*
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,*
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;*
my heart within me is dismayed.

Refrain

Answer me quickly, O LORD;*
do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,*
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;*
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

**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.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:28-32

God's love for us is a "forever" love.

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. ³¹ What then shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 10:45 (*Read Together*)

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:20-33

Jesus' road to glory was the road of the cross.

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

C:  Glory be to you, O Lord!

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for

eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up ^[a] from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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

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
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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus My Great High Priest"

Christian Worship #359



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and
 2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my
 3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on
 4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -



died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -
 cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's
 high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his
 known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and



fice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -
 bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom
 thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can
 mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.
 set— My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!
 say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.
 plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Sermon


Text: Romans 8:28-32

"God's Grace Is a 'Forever' Love"

1. He loves me from eternity to eternity
2. He loves me now
3. He loved me at Calvary

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 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 ANTHEM

Contemporary Ensemble

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Stuart Townend

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: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through 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.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Palm SundayMarch 28 at & 10:30 a.m.
Hands of Praise
- Maundy ThursdayApril 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Hands of Humility
- Good Friday afternoon.....April 2 at 1:30 p.m.
God’s grace acquitted me!
- Good Friday Hispanic.....April 2 at 3:00 p.m.
- Good Friday eveningApril 2 at 7:00 p.m.
Service of Darkness
- Easter Sunrise ServiceApril 4 at 6:30 a.m.
With Holy Communion
- Easter Festival Services 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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EASTER for Kids

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Curbside pickup event 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**St. Peter Lutheran Church & School
427 W. Mulberry Street, St. Peter, MN**

Celebrate Jesus' forgiveness through His death
and resurrection!

Easter Story books | Easter craft projects | Snacks

Children ages 3-10 are invited (with parent/guardian).

If you have any questions, contact the church office
at 507-931-1866.

First come first served.



March 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
Mon	NO SCHOOL	LES and Little Lambs
Tues	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
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
Sat	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Easter for Kids (drive up)
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
	6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)	Women's Bible Study - Book of Daniel
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class