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**SAINT PETER
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

God's Peace Be with You.

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church welcome you to our church. If you have no church of your own, we invite you to make this church your home. We would love to have you worship with us again!

Hearing devices can be picked up from the ushers' station. Please ask one of the ushers to assist you if you need help.

Focus of our Worship: On this Good Friday, we turn to Jesus, because he alone completed our salvation. This is the day when we remember, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us" (1 John 3:16).

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Our Worship

ISAIAH 53

We read responsively Isaiah's telling of the passion of the Christ. The congregation will read what is in bold type.

- P: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- C: **²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.**
- P: ³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
- C: **Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**
- P: ⁴Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows.
- C: **Yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.**
- P: ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities.
- C: **The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.**
- P: ⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way...
- C: **...And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**
- P: ⁷He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;
- C: **He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.**
- P: ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants?
- C: **For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.**

P: ⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death...

C: **...though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.**

P: ¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering...

C: **...he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.**

P: ¹¹After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied.

C: **By his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.**

P: ¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

C: **For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"God Was Thereon Calvary" | CW 140



1	God	was	there	on	Cal - va - ry,	God	the
2	All	the	world	on	Cal - va - ry,	Cru - ci -	
3	Sin	was	there	on	Cal - va - ry,	All the	
4	Love	was	there	on	Cal - va - ry,	Stream - ing	
5	Life	was	there	on	Cal - va - ry,	Flow - ing	



Fa - ther's on - ly Son, Dy - ing that the
 fied the Prince of life, Pierced the hands of
 sins of ev - 'ry - one, Laid up - on God's
 from the heart of God, Reach - ing out for
 from his wound - ed side, Spent that death it -



world might live, There on Cal - va - ry.
 God's own Son, There on Cal - va - ry.
 sin - less Lamb There on Cal - va - ry.
 ev - 'ry - one There on Cal - va - ry.
 self might die There on Cal - va - ry.

6 We were there on Calvary;
 We were pardoned, saved, set free,
 Saved to live eternally—
 Blessed Calvary!

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: [*Invitation to confession.*]

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: [*Pastor announces forgiveness.*]

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Romans 8:33-34

Jesus' work on Good Friday was the basis for our acquittal from all sin.

³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

PSALM 22

Psalm 22 was written 1000 years before Jesus would be born, yet it depicts the crucifixion from the perspective of the Messiah with stunning accuracy.

P: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

C: **My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.**

P: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises. In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

C: To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

P: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

C: “He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

P: Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

C: My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.

P: My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

C: Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

P: All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.

C: They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.

P: I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you. You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

C: For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one.

P: He has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

C: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

P: They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

C: **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.**

GOSPEL

John 19:17-30

We come to the cross to watch our salvation accomplished.

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” ²⁷ and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.



1 Je - sus, in your dy - ing woes, E - ven
 2 Je - sus, pit - y - ing the sighs Of the
 3 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose
 4 Je - sus, plunged in depths un - known With our
 5 Je - sus, in your thirst and pain, While your



while your life - blood flows, Crav - ing par - don
 thief who near you dies, Prom - is - ing him
 heart your sor - rows rend, And your dear - est
 e - vil foe a - lone, While no light from
 wounds the life - blood drain, Thus ful - fill - ing



for your foes: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!
 par - a - dise: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!
 hu - man friend: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!
 heav'n is shown: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!
 Scrip - ture's plan: Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!

6 Jesus, all our ransom paid,
 All your Father's will obeyed,
 By your suff'rings perfect made:
 Hear us, holy Jesus!

7 Jesus, all your labor vast,
 All your woe and conflict past,
 Yielding up your soul at last:
 Hear us, holy Jesus!

SERMON

“The Grace that Acquits”

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 & INTERCESSION

P: O God, Heavenly Father, during the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

He is our eternal salvation, and through him we have been made your sons and daughters. As we see Christ's passion and death, help us to observe this day with his same obedience and submission, recognizing the great cost for our redemption and humbling ourselves before your unfathomable grace.

Lord, Creator of all, we ask your healing hand on those who are sick or afflicted with any sort of illness. Give your comfort to the dying and their families. As we look forward to Christ's resurrection, may we be reminded of all the promises you have given us, that we may comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we have received from you.

[Special intercessions may follow.]

We ask all of this in the name of our Crucified Savior, who has taught us to pray:

C: 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.

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:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

P: Hosanna in the highest.

C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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.

P: O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O Christ, Lamb of God:

C: 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.

HYMN

"Jesus, My Great High Priest" | CW 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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.
Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800-80.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

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

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

P: Christ Jesus, we were glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word we have heard to take root in our hearts and bear fruit in our lives. Guide us in paths of righteousness, that our words and actions might lead others to glorify you. In your name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” | CW 125



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down.
That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss
All the vain things that charm me most,
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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SERVICE NOTES

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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Good Friday Spanish WorshipApril 2 at 3:00 p.m.

Spanish Service of Darkness

Good Friday Evening TenebraeApril 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Service of Darkness

Easter Sunrise ServiceApril 4 at 6:30 a.m.

Connected to the Risen Lord (with Communion)

Easter Festival Services April 4 at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

God's Grace Makes Me More than a Conqueror!

(with Festival Music)