



St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Lent

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Our mission:

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others*

Welcome! One of the vital functions of God's Law is to act as a mirror showing us where we have sinned by straying from His holy will. Read the 10 commandments (Ex. 20). Know them by heart, and use them on a regular basis to diagnose the sins in your life that need confessing. Jesus drove out the money changers from the Temple as a defense of God's Holy Law concerning the Sabbath (John 2:15). But it was the destruction of another temple -- his body -- that would earn a pardon for our sins.

Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

Communion Note: We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

Divine Service, Setting Two

LSB page 167

The Preparation



Prelude: “Was Gott tut das ist wohlgetan” – J. Pachelbel

Words of Welcome

Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for personal confession.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

The Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn: 645 Built on the Rock (v. 1-3)

Kyrie (page 168)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O God,

whose glory it is always to have mercy,
be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways
and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith
to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 (see back cover)

Psalms: Psalm 19



¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the sky above proclaims
his | handiwork.

²Day to day | pours out speech,*
and night to night reveals | knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor | are there words,*
whose voice | is not heard.

⁴Their measuring line goes out through
all the earth, and their words to the
end | of the world.*
In them he has set a tent | for the sun,

⁵which comes out like a bridegroom
leaving his | chamber,*
and, like a strong man, runs its | course
with joy.

⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the | end of them,*
and there is nothing hidden | from its
heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviv- | ing the soul;*
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the | simple;

⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing | the heart;*
the commandment of the LORD is
pure, enlightening | the eyes;

⁹the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring
for- | ever;*

the just decrees of the LORD are true,
and righteous alto- | gether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even | much fine gold;*
sweeter also than honey and drippings
of the | honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your | servant
warned;*
in keeping them there is | great
reward.

¹²Who can dis- | cern his errors?*

Declare me innocent from | hidden
faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from
presumptuous sins; let them not have
dominion | over me!*

Then I shall be blameless, and
innocent of great trans- | gression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and
the meditation of my heart be
acceptable | in your sight,*
O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (see back cover)

Lenten Verse (page 173)

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22 (see back cover)

Acclamations (sung): **Glory to You, O Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (see inside the back cover of the hymnal)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

Sermon

Prayers After each petition of the prayer:

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Request List (Names are placed on the list by request only.)



For comfort:

Hoffschneider family	Death of Sherry	Dunbar
Erkeboni/Teschke families	Death of Becky	Teschke
Pilchard family	Death of Rob	Heebner
Keenan family	Death of Ed	Farley
Ciquis	Death of Mina	Teschke
Mallepalle/Pilli family	Death of Rao	Mallepalle
James family	Death of Andy (son)	Waters

For those with health concerns:

Ekaterina	Fran Bryzinski	Kay Compton	Stephen Gewecke
Tom Reside	Claire Haenisch	Ursula	Sue Miller
Bob Latimer	Harry Tinsman	Phillip Trivett	Audrey deDufour
Brennan	Marge Carr	Pat Dietz	Valerie Nebbie

For those with cancer:

Charlie Huebner	Yolanda Piekaoskey	Rich deDufour	Lynn
Rich Knechel	Rose Bonecki	Aaron Kline	Linda
Carol Tezla	Karen Shevchuk	Jason	Kathy
Charles Greenberg	Kathy Lamkin	Mary Ellen	Mary Ann
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Nancy Gilliland	Anna Mantel	Judy Grube
Trudy			

For those serving in the armed forces:

LJ Lupinacci Carrick Porter Nate Fiske Jake Grube Jim Buckman (son)
Daniel Gewecke (in Middle East)

For those suffering around the world:

War in Europe Prayers for peace and forgiveness
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine Prayers for health, safety, and provision
War in Middle East Prayers for peace and forgiveness

Birthdays

Jason Bloom	Mar 5	Sharyn Johnson	Mar 8
Samuel Dunbar	Mar 6	Sadie Bloom	Mar 9
Michele Manura	Mar 6		

Gathering of the Offering and Offertory

Instrumental Offertory: “Ich ruf du zir, Herr Jesu Christ” – J.S. Bach

Congregational Offertory: 955 “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord”

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with Your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

The Service of the Sacrament

Order of Holy Communion (page 177)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth... one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven...

P: Words of Institution

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

C: Amen.



C: Agnus Dei **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn: 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (v. 1-4)

Nunc Dimittis: Song of Simeon (page 182)

C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people;
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (page 183)

Benediction (page 183)

Closing Hymn: 850 God of Grace and God of Glory

Postlude: "Ein Feste Burg" – J. G. Walther



Announcements – Week of March 3, 2024
Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week
Tues, Wed. and Thurs. from 1:00 - 3:00 to help.

Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study

Welcome! Serving in worship today are: Joe Scheblein (Communion Assistant), Steve deDufour (Reader), Jim Steimle (Usher), Lesley deDufour (Live-Streaming), Andy Wright (Acolyte), Shirley Yost and Leslie Klesat (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up).

Today's service will be live streamed on You Tube at the following link:
<https://youtube.com/live/Zakbn7WGsZY?feature=share> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted after the fact to the church's website.

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study. We're on break from our study of Acts until after Easter. Join us for worship on Wednesdays at 7:30pm through the season of Lent. We'll resume on Wednesday, April 3rd.

Sunday Bible Study. This Sunday we'll discuss the Blessings of Baptism. What is the connection between our baptism and Jesus' death on the cross? Is it possible for a person to lose their baptismal faith and its blessings? How does my baptism help me both throughout my life and at the hour of my death?

Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry. The Prayer Shawl ministry team continues to meet every other week, creating gifts to share. Consider joining them!

Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

Service and Other

Spring Clean-up Day, Saturday March 16th 8:30am till Noon. Bring your shovels, rakes, clippers, gloves, wheelbarrows and cleaning supplies to help spruce up the property before Easter. We will be working inside and outside the building. If you can't make it on Saturday a task list will be posted on the bulletin board for anyone who wants to work on them during the following week.

Easter Egg Hunt. Yes, it's that time of year again! If you'd like to donate eggs for our Easter morning Easter Egg Hunt, please grab a dozen or two from the box in the narthex, fill with individually-wrapped candies, stickers, or tchotchkes, and return by Palm Sunday. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers to be 'hiders'. We'll get to work at 9:30 or so to be ready for the 10:00 start time. It's always a blast! Thanks for your help!

Lenten Services & Meals. Lent is a 40-day season of repentance that prepares us to celebrate Easter. Join us for evening Vespers every Wednesday at 7:30pm. We'll follow the Lenten theme: "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High". Borrowed from the title of a beautiful hymn (LSB 544) and based on Ephesians 3:17-21, this sermon series will focus on the enormous dimensions of God's merciful love for sinners in Christ, with the goal of helping us more fully comprehend and rejoice in "the breadth and length and height and depth" of that love as we experience it through Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. **Starting on February 21, come early at 6:30 pm and enjoy our Lenten soup supper with friends!** Look for more information about these meals on the church bulletin board or talk to Leslie Klesat.

Operation Christmas Child. As we look forward to this year's collection, we are focusing on certain supplies during each month. For **March** we could use **children's or costume jewelry, jump ropes, and matchbox cars**, so if you can, pick up a few and drop them in the collection box in the narthex.

Flowers. Although flowers will not be placed on the altar during Lent, there is a flower sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for spring. Flower contributions can be made in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God's grace, or for a special occasion. Suggested donation is \$25.

St. Peter Meal Train. As Pres. Gewecke recovers from double knee surgery and Cheryl returns to work, we would like to help them out with meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the end of March. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you'd like to participate.

Lambertville Food Pantry. Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. **March's collection is Breakfast – cereal, pancake mix, syrup, breakfast bars, Pop Tarts, etc.**

Faithfulness Report: Attendance: 2/21: 15 2/25: 50 (+8 online)
Gen Fund (plate and electronic): \$3966
Building fund: \$34 Missions: \$3 Flowers: \$25 Fire alarm system: \$300

Weekly Schedule.

WEDNESDAY (3/6) 6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper; 7:30pm Midweek Lenten Service
THURSDAY (3/7) 9:45/11:15am Nursery School Chapels; 6:30pm Strategic Planning Session
SUNDAY (3/10) 8:15am Bible Study/SS; 9:30am Worship (Daylight Savings Time Begins)



Lenten/Easter Schedule at St. Peter:

Lenten Soup Suppers	Wednesdays, 6:00 PM, Feb 21-March 20
Midweek Lenten Services	Wednesdays, 7:30 PM, Feb 21-March 20
Service of Healing	Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 PM
Palm Sunday Service	Sunday, March 24, 9:30 AM
Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday, March 28, 7:30 PM
Good Friday Service	Friday, March 29, 7:30 PM
Easter Sunday Services	Sunday, March 31, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Easter Breakfast	Sunday, March 31, 9:15 AM
Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday, March 31, 10:00 AM

Website and Facebook. Our website is at www.stpeternj.org, and our Facebook page is Saint Peter Lutheran Church - the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Peter-Lutheran-Church/337705479662612>. Come check us out!

Other Important web links.

NJ District LCMS	njdistrict.org
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	lcms.org
LCMS World Relief and Human Care	lcms.org/ca/worldrelief
The Lutheran Hour® Broadcast	lhm.org

This week's Bible memory verse challenge: *1 Peter 5:8-9*
Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 20:1–17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,
²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning
I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Holy Gospel: John 2:13–22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.