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## First Sunday in Lent

*March 9, 2025*

### **Our mission:**

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

**Welcome!** "Cuidado - Attention - Achtung!" In many public places you'll find signs like these warning everyone to stay alert for potential dangers in their environment. Today's Gospel reading for this First Sunday in Lent reminds us that our world is also filled with spiritual traps and pitfalls - things that tempt us to doubt God's Word and jeopardize our salvation. Right at the beginning of his ministry, Christ confronted these dangers head on! He was subjected to the devil's temptations, but wielded God's mighty Word as an effective weapon to resist and stand firm. Knowing we have a Savior who fights for us, we too can stand firm in our faith when tempted.

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

### **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 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:** 814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul

**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 Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness  
and brought them to the promised land.

Guide the people of Your Church

that following our Savior

we may walk through the wilderness of this world  
toward the glory of the world to come;

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:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (see back cover)

**Psalms:** Psalm 91:1-13



<sup>1</sup> He who dwells in the shelter of  
the | Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the  
Al- | mighty.

<sup>2</sup> I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and  
my | fortress,\*  
my God, in | whom I trust."

<sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare  
of the | fowler\*  
and from the deadly | pestilence.

<sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his pinions, and  
under his wings you will find | refuge;\*  
his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.

<sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror | of the night,\*  
nor the arrow that | flies by day,

<sup>6</sup> nor the pestilence that stalks  
in | darkness,\*  
nor the destruction that wastes  
at | noonday.

<sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side, ten  
thousand at your | right hand,\*  
but it will not come | near you.

<sup>8</sup> You will only look | with your eyes\*  
and see the recompense of the | wicked

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD  
your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

<sup>10</sup> no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*  
no plague come | near your tent.

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels  
con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> On their hands they will | bear you up,\*  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a  
stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and  
the | adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you  
will trample | underfoot.

**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:** Romans 10:8b-13 (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:** Luke 4:1-13 (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:** 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

**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:***

King Family	Death of Sue	Teschke
Burroughs Family	Death of Mary	Teschke

***For those with health concerns:***

Pat McCann	Janice Nuneviller	Cole Garrow	Carol Farley	Sid	Greg
John Tarlo	Donna Poucel	Lolly Hoagland	Claudia Zucker	Susan	Zane
Fran Byrzkinsy	Pete Serone	Carol Yost Band	Grant and Noah	Chris	JoAnne
Claudia Zucker	John O'Neil	Claire Haenisch	Monica Benesch	Rose	Claire
Kay Compton	Dottie Brown	Terry Farley	Gordon Anderson	Beverly	Barbara
Phil Unetic				Brennan	Mary

***For those with cancer:***

Rosalie Reinbacher	Lance	Rich deDufour	Lynn
Rich Knechel	Rose Bonecki	Aaron Kline	Dick Butterfoss
Carol Tezla	Karen Shevchuk	Jason	Kathy
Nico Benesch	Linda	Mary Ellen	Mary Anne
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Nancy Gilliland	Lexi Launchbaugh	Dora
Trudy	Kaleigh Moore	Steve Saumsiegle	Doris
Jane Fry	Jerry	Gerry Campbell	Brad Hoppe
Barbara Howard	Dottie	Dave Bond	William
Sonia	Barbara	Henry J.	Logan Mattessich
Aunt Jean	Karen Radcliffe	Marci Fehlhafer	Frank Cignus

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*One does not live  
by bread alone*

***For those with needs around the world:***

Government officials and people of our nation	Prayers for peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
Those coping with disasters – Himes family	Prayers for provision and help
Those in need of employment	Provision of jobs
Wars in Europe and Middle East	Prayers for peace, forgiveness, and guidance
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	Prayers for health, safety, and provision

***For those serving in the armed forces:***

LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Nate Fiske	Jake Grube	Jim Buckman	Emily Arndt
Daniel Gewecke	James Bannon	Harper Usiskin	Jesse Sowell	Mike Bahney	

***For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:***

For staff and families of the school

For enrollment '25-'26

**Birthdays:**

Sadie Bloom	Mar 9	Fran McAllister	Mar 11
Joe Gallagher	Mar 10	Ed Heebner	Mar 12

**Gathering of the Offering and Offertory**

**Instrumental Offertory:** “O Lamm Gottes” – J. Pachelbel

**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.**

***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:**

**Heav’n 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: 547 The Lamb

Nunc Dimittis: Song of Simeon (page 182)

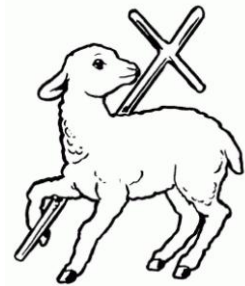
**C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.**  
**My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people;**  
**A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and 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:** 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

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



**TAKE IT FURTHER: Today's Distribution Hymn LSB 547, The Lamb**

The inspiration for this lovely hymn was a painting of a white lamb on a black background, legs tied and neck offered. Composer and author Gerald P. Coleman (b. 1953) asked his fellow seminarian and artist James Disney for a copy of the painting, and was inspired to write the hymn during a three-hour summer school class at Concordia, St. Louis. He desired to present the ultimate triumph of the Lamb, sacrificial and on the throne in majesty. He wrote the tune first, ending each verse with what he felt was the most significant part of the hymn, the refrain: "Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!" It was the only hymn from his works for which he made no revisions, feeling it was truly inspired.

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*. (2019), p. 558-560

**Memory Verse Challenge:** *Romans 10:9*

*...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*



## Announcements – Week of March 9, 2025

Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week

\*MON, TUES and WED from 1:00 - 3:00\*

### Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study

**Welcome!** Serving in worship today are: Joe Scheblein (Communion Assistant), Joey Dunbar (Reader and usher), Andy Wright (Acolyte), Steve deDufour (Usher), Audrey deDufour and Hope Dunbar (Communion/coffee set-up and clean-up) and Amy Van Hise (Live-streaming).

**Today's service will be live streamed** on You Tube at the following link: <https://youtube.com/live/1faf-Hlcn1M> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted after the fact to the [church's website](#).

**NEW Sunday 8:15 Bible Study: Ten Commandments.** The penitential season of Lent calls us to a deeper reflection on God's Law as a guide for human life - a Law which is clearly and simply expressed in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). This week we'll begin a new study on this topic as we explore the 1st Commandment - "You shall have no other gods before me." What are the common false gods people worship today? What good gifts of God are we tempted to treat as idols? Why is God alone worthy of our fear, love, and trust?

**Wednesday Zoom Bible Study.** Our evening classes are now on break as we enter the season of Lent. Join us for Wednesday meals at 6:30pm and worship at 7:30pm. We'll resume our bible studies after Easter!

### Weekly Schedule:

TUESDAY (3/11)	6am Men's Breakfast @ Orlandos
WEDNESDAY (3/12)	6:30pm Soup Supper; 7:30pm Lenten Service
THURSDAY (3/13)	9:30-2pm Circuit Pastors Meeting @ Good Shepherd, Old Bridge NJ
SUNDAY (3/16)	8:15 Sunday School/Bible Study; 9:30 Worship; 11am Discussion Group

**Service of Healing.** All are invited to our spring Service of Healing on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00pm. For those who haven't experienced it yet, this is an evening of singing, devotion, and prayer around the theme of healing. This informal service is an interactive experience that includes the opportunity to be prayed over by fellow believers, anointing with oil, baptismal remembrance, and candle lighting. Invite a friend! Fellowship time with refreshments will follow the service.

**You are invited to the 65th Anniversary Service of Holy Trinity Lutheran, Somerset, at 3:00pm today!** Come celebrate with Pastor Greg Jans and the congregation! Offering to benefit the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Rutgers. Live stream available at the HTL Facebook video page.

**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.

**Operation Christmas Child.** In March we will be collecting matchbox cars and girls' hair accessories and jewelry to prepare for the Christmas in July packing party! Place in the narthex box.

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

**The Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket Ministry.** If you would like to join us in the making of these special blankets to bless those in need of comfort or in celebration of a life event, please speak with Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928.

**Senior Youth Game Night - March Mayhem! On Sunday, March 23rd** the New Jersey District LCMS is hosting a game night for all youth, from 8th grade to seniors in high school! The event is being held at Somerset Hills Lutheran Church in Basking Ridge, NJ from 2-6pm. It will include Wii Game competitions, 9-Square in the Air, and many classic board games, as well as food, fellowship, and devotional time. Talk to Pastor Jon if you're interested. Car-pooling is available!

*Service and Other*

**Lenten Services & Meals.** Lent is a 40-day season of repentance that prepares us to celebrate Easter. Beginning March 5 (Ash Wednesday), join us for evening Vespers every Wednesday at 7:30pm. From March 12-April 9, come early at 6:30pm and enjoy our Wednesday Lenten soup supper with friends! Look for more information about these meals on the church bulletin board or talk to Leslie Klesat.

**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 March 2: 69/ 5 online                      Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$ 4557

**St. Peter YouTube Channel.** You can help increase St. Peter's online visibility by liking and subscribing to our YouTube channel. This is the platform we use to live-stream and record our worship services as well as Wednesday Zoom bible studies. You can find it linked to our church website or by going to YouTube and searching "Saint Peter Lutheran Church". Thanks!

**Website and Facebook.** Come online to check us out! Our website is at [www.stpeternj.org](http://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> .

**Other Important web links:**

- The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod [lcms.org](http://lcms.org)
- NJ District LCMS [njdistrict.org](http://njdistrict.org)
- LCMS World Relief and Human Care [lcms.org/ca/worldrelief](http://lcms.org/ca/worldrelief)
- The “Lutheran Hour” Broadcast [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)

**Lenten/Easter Schedule at St. Peter:**



<b>Lenten Soup Suppers</b>	<b>Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Mar 12-April 9</b>
<b>Midweek Lenten Services</b>	<b>Wednesdays, 7:30 PM, Mar 12- Apr 9</b>
<b>Service of Healing</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Palm Sunday Service</b>	<b>Sunday, April 13, 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	<b>Thursday, April 17, 7:30 PM</b>
<b>Good Friday Service</b>	<b>Friday, April 18, 7:30 PM</b>
<b>Easter Sunday Services</b>	<b>Sunday, April 20, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM</b>
<b>Easter Breakfast</b>	<b>Sunday, April 20, 9:00 AM</b>
<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>	<b>Sunday, April 20, 10:00 AM</b>



## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1–11

<sup>1</sup>“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ <sup>4</sup>Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup>“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

### Epistle: Romans 10:8b–13

<sup>8</sup>“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you

confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

### Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup>for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup>And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”

<sup>9</sup>And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,”

<sup>11</sup>and

“On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.