



# St. Peter Lutheran Church

Hopewell Township, N.J. (609) 466-0939

Midweek Lenten Worship 3

March 26, 2025

## Service of Prayer and Preaching

*The order of service can be found starting on p. 260 of the hymnal.*

**Opening Hymn** 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

**Opening Versicles** *(use responses for Lent)*

**Old Testament Canticle** (p. 261- congregation sings refrain only)

### Readings from Holy Scripture

#### Isaiah 41:8-11

<sup>8</sup> But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen,  
 the offspring of Abraham, my friend;  
<sup>9</sup> you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest  
 corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you  
 and not cast you off";  
<sup>10</sup> fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
 I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
 I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.  
<sup>11</sup> Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and  
 confounded; those who strive against you  
 shall be as nothing and shall perish.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:5-11

<sup>5</sup> For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or  
 of the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake  
 and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are  
 drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on  
 the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God  
 has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus  
 Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live  
 with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as  
 you are doing.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

#### Matthew 8:5-13

<sup>5</sup> When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him,  
 appealing to him, <sup>6</sup> "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering  
 terribly." <sup>7</sup> And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup> But the  
 centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof,  
 but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I too am a man  
 under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes,  
 and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he  
 does it." <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who  
 followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such  
 faith. <sup>11</sup> I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table  
 with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup> while the sons  
 of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there  
 will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>13</sup> And to the centurion Jesus  
 said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was  
 healed at that very moment.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Responsory** (p. 263- *use responses for Lent*)

**Catechism:** Lord's Prayer

**Sermon**

**Sermon Hymn** 728 How Firm a Foundation

**Prayer**

**Collect of the Day**

**Collect for the Word**

**Evening Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

