

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*Founded 1856*  
*1343 Penniman Avenue*  
*Plymouth, ME 48170*  
*Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*



*Sunday, March 15, 2020*  
*The Third Sunday in Lent*

**Service Notes:**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

### OPENING HYMN: #221 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

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



### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** 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 (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**M:** 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: A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**BE SEATED**



**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 42:14-21

For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.  
<sup>15</sup> I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,

and dry up the pools.  
16 And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.  
17 They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”  
18 Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!  
19 Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?  
20 He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.  
21 The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 143**

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*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;<sup>\*</sup>  
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,<sup>\*</sup>  
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;<sup>\*</sup>  
my heart within me is dismayed.

***Refrain***

Answer me quickly, O LORD;<sup>\*</sup>  
do not hide your face from me.

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

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;<sup>\*</sup>  
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: Ephesians 5:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.<sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,<sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

### **VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the choir)

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14,15)

**STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

**GOSPEL:** John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

**9** As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud<sup>7</sup> and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.<sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup> So they said again



to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”



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.**

***BE SEATED***

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Refrain: Open my eyes, O God, help me to see; break through the shadows, heal the blindness in me. Come dawn on my darkness, make me holy and wise, O Light of the world, come, open my eyes.

Just as the blind man that Jesus gave sight, I want to live as your child of the light. Awaken this sleeper, from death set me free, so that Christ shines upon me, and I truly might see. (Refrain)

Grant me the joy of abiding in you: a life that is holy, a heart that is true; proclaiming your mercy, my joy and delight, you who called me from darkness into wonderful light. (Refrain)

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #343 “Christ is the World’s Light”**

**SERMON**

## STAND

### PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

## BE SEATED

## OFFERING

## STAND

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE SEASON OF LENT (Page 125)

**M:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C:** We confess that without your love we are lost.

**M:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

**M:** Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.**

*Silent prayer.*

**M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**C: Amen.**

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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 SACRAMENT**

## **PREFACE**

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** 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 their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** 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 the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the



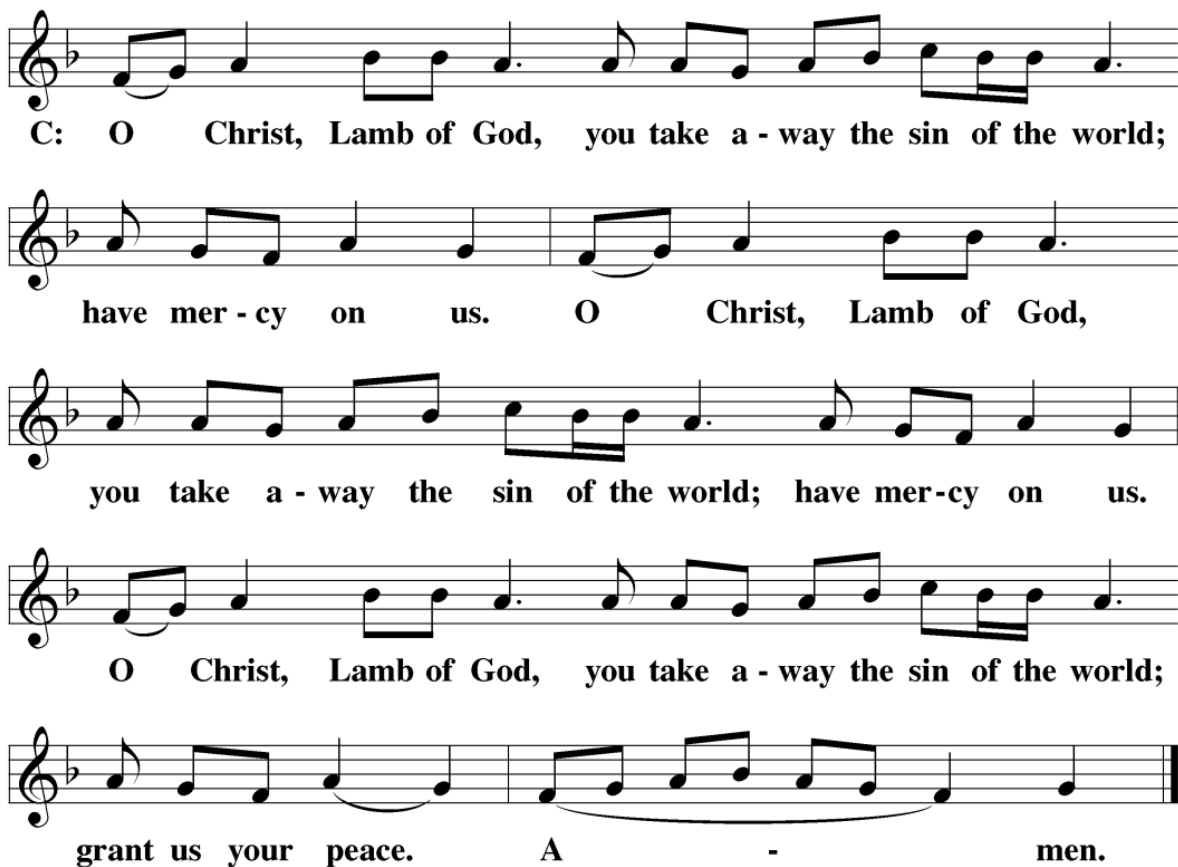
forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

### DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

**#569** “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

**#586** “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

# THANKSGIVING (page 24)

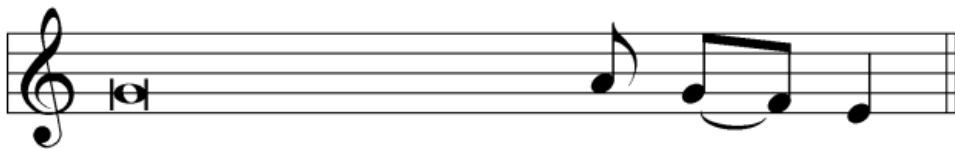
STAND

## SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

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.



**M:** 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.



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### **OFFICIANTS:**

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Communion Assistants: Scott Beckerman and Dan Lanning

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choir: Senior Choir; Soloist: Mark Castellese

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

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| Today     | - 9:30 AM Divine Service<br>- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class   |
| Monday    | - 7:00 PM Youth Catechism  |
| Wednesday | - 8:30 AM Bible Class<br>- 6:00 – 6:45 PM Lenten Meal in church basement<br>- 7:00 PM Lenten Vespers Service:<br>"The King Condemned" (Matthew 27:11-26) |
| Thursday  | - 7:00 PM Adult Bible Instruction<br>-7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal   |
| Sunday    | - 9:30 AM Divine Service<br>-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  |

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Lois Bude  
 Ushering – Sunday (3/22) Team 3; Wednesday (3/25) Team 4

**Mite Boxes** are due on Sunday, March 29th. Please deposit them in the large box in the narthex. If you choose to write a check, please make it out to **St Peters Lutheran Ladies Guild**. The **LWMS Spring Rally** is Saturday, April 18 from 9- ~2:30 at Salem, Ann Arbor. Save the date!

**Lenten Vespers Schedule** Theme: The Crucified King

March 18	The King Condemned Matthew 27:11-26	Rev. Paul Schaefer
March 25	The King Mocked Matthew 27:27-31	Rev. James Frey
April 1	The King on the Cross Matthew 27:35-44	Rev. Thomas Schroeder

**Lenten Services** – We are observing the season of Lent, by gathering to meditate on our Lord’s suffering and death for our salvation. Wednesday evening vesper services start at 7:00 PM. Each service is preceded by a meal provided by individuals or groups, starting at 6:00 PM. If you would like to help provide this service, please speak to Rick Carr or Pastor Schaefer, or add your name to the signup sheet in the narthex. A freewill offering is taken to defer expenses.

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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