

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, March 14, 2021
The Fourth 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: #388 "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"

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Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven



1 Re - deemed, re - stored, for - giv - en Through Je - sus'
 2 Once on the drear - y moun - tain We wan - dered
 3 Dear Mas - ter, yours the glo - ry Of each re -
 4 Now keep us, ho - ly Sav - ior, In your true



pre - cious blood, Heirs of his home in heav - en—
 far and wide, Far from the cleans - ing foun - tain,
 cov - ered soul. Ah, who can tell the sto - ry
 love and fear, And grant us by your fa - vor



Oh, praise our par - d'ning God! Praise him in tune - ful
 Far from the pierc - ed side. But Je - sus sought and
 Of love that made us whole? Not ours, not ours the
 The grace to per - se - vere Till, in your new cre -



mea - sures Who gave his Son to die; Praise him whose
 found us; Our man - y sins he bore. With cords of
 mer - it; To you a - lone the praise! Give us a
 a - tion, Our earth - ly trou - bles o'er, Heirs of your



sev'n - fold trea - sures En - rich and sanc - ti - fy.
 love he bound us To him for - ev - er - more.
 thank - ful spir - it To serve you all our days.
 free sal - va - tion, We praise you ev - er - more.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

Tune: KUORTANE (76 76 D) Finnish folk tune, c. 19th century.

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, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 38 – The congregation will sing **Hymn #424** “O God, Forsake Me Not.”

O God, Forsake Me Not



1 O God, for - sake me not! Your gra - cious pres - ence
 2 O God, for - sake me not! Take not your Spir - it
 3 O God, for - sake me not! Lord, hear my sup - pli -
 4 O God, for - sake me not! Lord, I am yours for -



lend me; Lord, lead your help - less child; Your
 from me; Do not per - mit the might Of
 ca - tion! In ev - 'ry e - vil hour Help
 ev - er. Oh, keep me strong in faith That



Ho - ly Spir - it send me That I my course may
 sin to o - ver - come me. In - crease my fee - ble
 me o'er - come temp - ta - tion; And when the prince of
 I may leave you nev - er. Grant me a bless - ed



run. Oh, be my light, my lot, My staff,
 faith, Which you a - lone have wrought. Oh, be
 hell My con - science seeks to blot, Be then
 end When my good fight is fought; Help me



my rock, my shield— O God, for - sake me not!
 my strength and pow'r— O God, for - sake me not!
 not far from me— O God, for - sake me not!
 in life and death— O God, for - sake me not!

Text: Salomo Franck, 1659–1725, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (I) (67 67 66 66) *New Ordentlich Gesangbuch*, Braunschweig, 1648, alt.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”



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

GOSPEL RESPONSE: “For God So Loved the World”

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For God so loved the world he made, he gave his own beloved Son. All who believe in him will live not die, but live forevermore.

God did not send Christ to the world that he might then condemn us all, but that the world by Christ's own death might then be ransomed from the fall.

For God so loved that world he made, he gave his own beloved Son. All who believe in him will live not die, but live forevermore.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #391 "God Loved the World So that He Gave"

JUSTIFICATION

391 God Loved the World So that He Gave



1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the
5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your



Son the lost to save That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.
Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.
soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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.

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.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.

STAND



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



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



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.



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



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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#288 “The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

#381 “Grace Has a Thrilling Sound”

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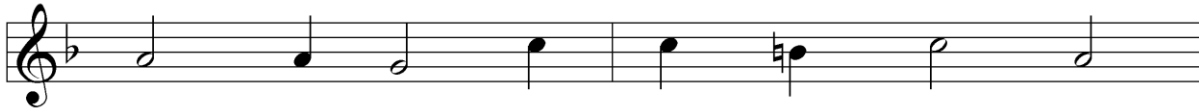
The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace



1 The gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who
 2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who
 3 It brings the Sav - ior's right - eous - ness To
 4 It is the pow'r of God to save From
 5 It bears to all the ti - dings glad And



sent his Son to save our race, Pro -
 made the a - ton - ing sac - ri - fice And
 robe our souls in roy - al dress; From
 sin and Sa - tan and the grave; It
 bids their hearts no more be sad; The



claims how Je - sus lived and died That
 calls the souls with guilt op - pressed To
 all our guilt it brings re - lease And
 works the faith which firm - ly clings To
 wea - ry, bur - dened souls it cheers And



we might thus be - jus - ti - fied.
 come and find e - ter - nal rest.
 gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
 all the trea - sures which it brings.
 ban - ish - es their guilt - y fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
 May we in faith its truth confess
 And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628.

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Grace Has a Thrilling Sound



1 Grace has a thrill - ing sound To each be -
 2 Grace first in - scribed my name In God's e -
 3 Grace led my wan - d'ring feet To tread the
 4 Grace taught my soul to pray And made my
 5 Grace all our work shall crown Through ev - er -



liev - er's ear; That peace with God through
 ter - nal book, And grace has brought me
 heav'n - ly road, And grace sup - plies each
 eyes o'er - flow; His grace has kept me
 last - ing days; The heav'n - ly home God



Christ is found Is news I glad - ly hear.
 to the Lamb, Who all my sor - rows took.
 hour I meet While press - ing on to God.
 to this day And will not let me go.
 gives his own Shall ech - o with our praise.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51, st. 1, 3, 5, alt.; August M. Toplady, 1740–78, st. 2, 4, alt.
 Tune: ENERGY (SM) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

THANKSGIVING (page 24)

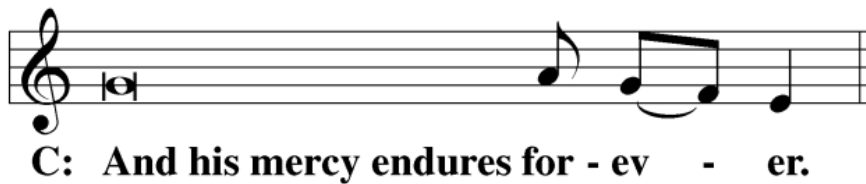
STAND

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.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Mark Castellese

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

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| Today | - 9:30 AM Divine Service |
| | - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |
| Wednesday | - 10:00 AM Online Bible Class |
| | - 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek Service: |
| Sunday | - 9:30 AM Divine Service |
| | - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |

Serving our congregation: Altar Guild (3/21) – Thea Bude

Ushering – Wednesday (3/17) Team 4;

Sunday (3/21) Team 1

Altar flowers for the months of February and March are graciously provided by Warren and Arlette Stobbe, to the glory of God

Lenten Schedule of Wednesday Services: The Hands of the Passion

Date	Sermon Text	Sermon Theme	Celebrant
March 17	Matthew 27:27-31	Hands of Brutality (Soldiers)	Pastor Frey
March 24	Matthew 27:15-26	Hands of Self-Preservation (Pilate)	Pastor Schroeder

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: We ask that you disperse in the sanctuary (practice social distancing). For Holy Communion we will have smaller communion tables so that you are able to spread out along the communion rail. Offerings will be gathered at the entrance to the sanctuary. Pastor and communion assistants will practice handwashing and/or other safe practices; in addition, the officiants will wear masks for the distribution. Because of the increase in COVID-19 cases, all are asked to wear a face covering while in the church. Ushers will assist by ushering you from the pew following the service. Please do not gather in the narthex. The church building will receive a thorough cleaning and disinfecting every week. If you are unable to attend yet, Pastor Schaefer will be glad to make arrangements with you for private Communion. We are posting the entire service on our website after each service.

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

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Exodus 17:15 And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD Is My Banner.

Isaiah 11:10-12 ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

¹¹In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush,¹² from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

¹²He will raise a signal for the nations
and will assemble the banished of Israel,
and gather the dispersed of Judah
from the four corners of the earth.