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**"If anyone
would come after me,
he must deny himself and
take up his cross
and follow me."**

MARK 8:34, NIV

Sunday, February 25, 2024
The Second 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.
- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

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: #385 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" Tune:

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STAND

Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
 5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me. All my wants to him are known;
 and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
 won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–c. 1870, alt.
 Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

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*)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 28:10-17

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep.

¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 73

The congregation will sing Hymn **#447** "Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode"

Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

1 Who trusts in God, A strong a - bode In heav'n
2 Though Sa - tan's wrath Be - set our path And world -
3 In all the strife Of mor - tal life Our feet

and earth pos - sess - es; Who looks in love To
ly scorn as - sail us, While you are near, We
will stand se - cure - ly. Temp - ta - tion's hour Will

Christ a - bove— No fear his heart op - press - es.
will not fear; Your strength will nev - er fail us.
lose its pow'r, For you will guard us sure - ly.

In you a - lone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet hope
Your rod and staff Will keep us safe And guide
O God, re - new With heav'n - ly dew Our bod -

and con - so - la - tion, Our shield from foes, Our
our steps for - ev - er; Nor shades of death Nor
y, soul, and spir - it Un - til we stand At

balm for woes, Our great and sure sal - va - tion.
hell be - neath Our souls from you will sev - er.
your right hand Through Je - sus' sav - ing mer - it.

Text: Joachim Magdeburg, c. 1525–after 1583, st. 1; *Harmonia cantionum*, Leipzig, 1597, st. 2-3;
tr. Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1804–89, alt.

Tune: WAS MEIN GOTT WILL (447 447 D Iambic) Claude de Sermisy, c. 1490–1562, alt.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-11

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in

which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

VERSE OF THE DAY (choir sings)

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8b cf.)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”



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: “The Tree of Life” (choir sings)

Text translation, found under title “*There in God’s Garden*”: Erik Routley 1917-82 © 1976 Hinshaw Music. Tune and Setting, found under title ‘*Shade Mountain*’: K. Lee Scott © 1987 Birnamwood Publications, div of Morningstar Music Publishers.

1. There in God’s garden stands the Tree of Wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations; Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty.
2. It’s name is Jesus, name that says, “Our Savior!” There on its branches see the scars of suffering; where the tendrils of our human self-hood feed on its life blood.
3. Thorns not his own are tangled in its foliage; our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it. Yet, look! It lives! Its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it.
4. See how its branches reach to us in welcome; hear what the Voice says, “come to me,, ye weary! Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing.”
5. This is my ending, this my resurrections; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.
6. All heav’n is singing, “thanks to Christ whose Passion offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon. Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!” Amen! My Master!

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #434 “Lord, You I Love with All My
Heart”**

434 Lord, You I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, you I love with all my heart; I pray you ne'er from
 2 Lord God, 'twas your rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last your an - gels come; To A - bram's bos - om



me de - part; With ten - der mer - cies cheer me. Earth has no
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that
 bear me home That I may die un - fear - ing. And in its



plea - sure I would share; Heav - en it - self were void and bare
 I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy your lav - ish grace
 nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in peace - ful sleep



If you, Lord, were not near me. And should my heart for
 And serve and help my neigh - bor. Let no false doc - trine
 Un - til your re - ap - pear - ing. And then from death a -



sor - row break, My trust in you no one could shake.
 me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
 wak - en me That my own eyes with joy may see,



You are the trea - sure I have sought; Your pre - cious blood my
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my cross - es
 O Son of God, your glo - rious face, My Sav - ior and my



soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, My God and Lord,
 will - ing - ly. Lord Je - sus Christ, My God and Lord,
 Fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, My prayer at - tend,



my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust your Word.
 my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust your Word.
 my prayer at - tend, And I will praise you with - out end.

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 your mouth.*

STAND



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.



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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#347 “Jesus! And Shall It Ever Be”

#422 “Jesus, Lead Us On”

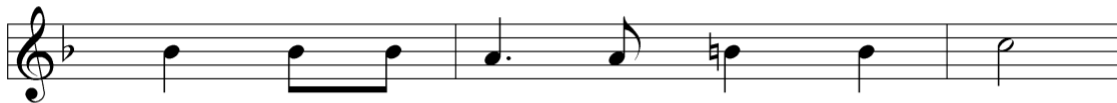
REDEEMER

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Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be



1 Je - sus! and shall it ev - er be
2 A - shamed of Je - sus? Just as soon
3 A - shamed of Je - sus, that dear friend
4 A - shamed of Je - sus? Yes, I may
5 Till then— nor is my boast - ing vain—



A mor - tal man a - shamed of thee?
Let mid - night be a - shamed of noon.
On whom my hopes of heav'n de - pend?
When I've no guilt to wash a - way,
Till then I boast a Sav - ior slain;



A - shamed of thee, whom an - gels praise,
'Tis mid - night with my soul till he,
No; when I blush, be this my shame,
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,
And oh, may this my glo - ry be:



Whose glo - ries shine through end - less days?
Bright Morn - ing Star, bids dark - ness flee.
That I no more re - vere his name.
No fear to quell, no soul to save.
That Christ is not a - shamed of me.

Text: Joseph Grigg, c. 1722–68, abr.; altered by Benjamin Francis, 1734–99.
Tune: FEDERAL STREET (LM) Henry K. Oliver, 1800–85.

TRUST

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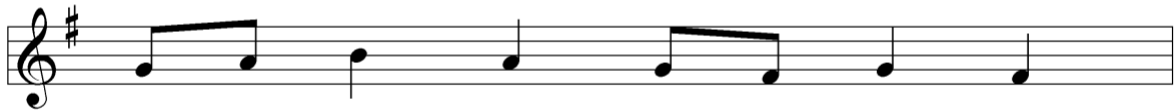
Jesus, Lead Us On



1 Je - sus, lead us on Till our rest is won;
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief,
4 Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest is won.



And al - though the way be cheer - less,
Let not faith - less fears o'er - take us;
When temp - ta - tions come al - lur - ing,
Heav'n - ly Lead - er, still di - rect us;



We will fol - low, calm and fear - less.
Let not faith and hope for - sake us,
Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand To our fa - ther - land.
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, adapt.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
Tune: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM (55 88 55) Adam Drese, 1620–1701.

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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Communion Assistant: Ron Bude

Organist: Julie Webber; Cantors: Senior Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today
 - 9:30 AM Divine Service
 - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- Tuesday
 - 7:00 PM Meeting Board of Elders
- Wednesday
 - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
 - 6:00 Pre-Service Meal
 - 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek Service:
"God on Trial: Testimony" (Matthew 26:57-75)
- Thursday
 - 7:00 PM Senior Choir
- Sunday
 - 9:30 AM Divine Service
 - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Altar flowers are provided by the flower fund to the glory of God

Serving March 3: Altar Guild – Margaret Seppanen; Ushers Team: 4

Serving March 6: Altar – None, no communion; Ushers Team: 1

Lenten Schedule of Wednesday Services: God on Trial

Date	Sermon Text	Sermon Theme	Celebrant
February 28	Matthew 26:57-75	God on Trial: Testimony	Pastor Schroeder
March 6	Luke 23:35-43	God on Trial: Misconceptions	Pastor Schaefer
March 13	John 18:33-40	God on Trial: Truth	Pastor Schroeder
March 20	Luke 23:26-34	God on Trial: Sympathy	Pastor Schaefer

Registration for Preschool and Parent and Tot: Registration is now open to everyone. Packets are in the Narthex. Please share with friends and relatives with young children. Register by March 1 for an Early Bird Special.

Ladies Guild Door Offering: February 18 – March 3 to help fund St. Peter Ladies' Guild incidental expenses which include:

Funeral Meals Altar Flowers Communion Linens

Palm Fronds Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, LWMS dues

Make checks payable to: **St. Peter Ladies' Guild**

PRESCHOOL/YOUNG 5s AND PARENT AND TOT REGISTRATION 2024-2025

Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year for our church members and returning families.

We have a Parent and Tot program for Two year olds and their caregiver (parent, grandparent, nanny, etc). This program meets once a week for 1.5 hours and will begin in September. Please speak with Carol Schwartz if you have questions about this program.

Our Preschool is for ages 3, 4, and for those turning 5 in the fall. (All children in preschool must be potty trained.) We offer two-days (Tuesday/Thursday), three-days (Monday/Wednesday/Friday) and all five days as options. All classes run from 8:30 – 11:30 am. You may choose the number of days base don the needs of your child as well as availability. Please speak with Rebecca Lohrmann or Chris Abbott if you have questions regarding our preschool program. (Early Bird Special for all that register for Preschool/Young 5s by March 15th).

Our Young 5s program is for those children turning 5 in the summer. It is a 5 day program from 8:30 – 11:30 am.

We will not be having an Open House at this time, but will be happy to schedule a tour and answer any questions about our program.

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

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