

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*Founded 1856*

*1343 Penniman Avenue*

*Plymouth, MI 48170*

*Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*



*April 6, 2025*

*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

**Service Notes:** Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. A form for Communion preparation 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: #342 "Amid the World's Bleak**

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## Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness



1 A - mid the world's bleak wil - der - ness A  
 2 His love se - lect - ed this ter - rain; His  
 3 We are his branch - es, cho - sen, dear, And  
 4 From him we draw the juice of life, For



vine - yard grows with prom - ise green, The  
 vine with love he plant - ed here To  
 though we feel the dress - er's knife, We  
 him sup - ply his win - er - y With



plant - ing of the Lord him - self.  
 bear the choic - est fruit for him.  
 are the ob - jects of his care.  
 fruit from which true joys de - rive.



5 Vine, keep what I was meant to be:



Your branch, with your rich life in me.

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**STAND**

**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*)

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

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, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**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.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody for the word 'Amen' is written above the staff, with the lyrics 'A - men.' written below.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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



C: And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; 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.

**BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old <sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing: now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 73

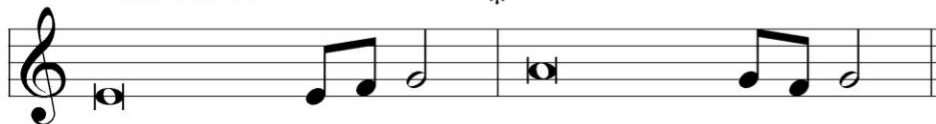
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### *Refrain*



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and  
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my  
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

### *Psalm tone*



\*

I am always with you, O LORD;\* you  
hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,\* and afterward  
you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?\*

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail, \*

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**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:** Philippians 3:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** (Cantor)

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

**STAND**

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



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

**GOSPEL:** Luke 20:9-19

<sup>9</sup> And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup> When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup> And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup> Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup> But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup> And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup> But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”?

<sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”



19 The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

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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***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #110 “My Song is Love Unknown”**

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## My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es  
 4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might  
 stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for  
 sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas  
 spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the  
 way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my  
 Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -  
 to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their  
 blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at  
 life they slay. Yet cheer - ful he To suff'r - ing



sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 deed, Who at my need His life did spend!  
 breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.  
 these Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.  
 goes That he his foes From death might free.

6 In life no house, no home  
 My Lord on earth might have;  
 In death no friendly tomb  
 But what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say?  
 Heav'n was his home  
 But mine the tomb  
 Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;  
 No story so divine,  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 Never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend,  
 In whose sweet praise  
 I all my days  
 Could gladly spend!

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## 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.

### STAND

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH-LENTEN SEASON (p. 125)

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**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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.



**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.

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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**

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- 1 I sing as I arise today, I call on my Creator's might:  
The will of God to be my guide, The eye of God to be my sight,
- 2 The word of God to be my speech, The hand of God to be my stay, The shield of God to be my strength, The path of God to be my way,

3 The work of God to be my joy, The house of God to be my rest, The  
grace of God to be my song, The praise of God to be my best.

4 I sing as I arise today; I cry out my Redeemer's name:

Lord Jesus Christ, my hope, my all, Today and evermore the same.

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LENT

100

## A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, Our guilt and  
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of  
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what  
4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,



e - vil bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth,  
God, our Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send  
you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;  
Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you



None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,  
To gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"  
I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,  
Shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life



grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,  
the Fa - ther said, "And free my chil - dren from their dread  
what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,  
shall ev - er be A cur - rent flow - ing cease - less - ly,



That spot - less life to of - fer, Bears shame and stripes  
Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes  
De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong  
Your con - stant praise out - pour - ing. I'll trea - sure in



and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er - y and says,  
are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share  
you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave  
my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."  
The fruit of your sal - va - tion."  
Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
Your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.

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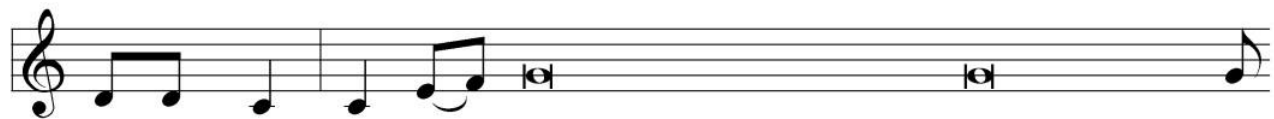
## THANKSGIVING (page 24)

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-

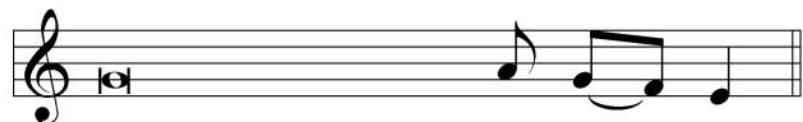


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



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.

**M:** 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.

**OFFICIANTS:**

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistant: Steve Wendland

Organist: Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Jim Cutler

**Palm Sunday Divine Service:** Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025, we are inviting our preschool and Parent and Tot children as well as our children of the congregation to carry palm branches and sing the “**Palm Sunday Processional.**” The words are printed below. All children who wish to join us carrying palm branches and singing should meet in the church basement no later than 9:25am. Following the service, a congregational-wide fellowship is planned in the gym. Please plan to attend!

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the Son of David,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the King of Kings.  
Blessed is He who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna,  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

**CALL MEETING TODAY:** After Divine Service for Associate Pastor

**2025 Evening Lenten and Holy Week Services:  
“Reflections on Repentance”**

Date	Sermon Text	Sermon Theme	Officiant
April 9	Psalm 51:7	‘Relying on God’s Grace’	Pastor Schaefer
April 17	Psalm 51:10-13	‘Renewed Through the Gospel’	Pastor Schaefer
April 18	Psalm 51:14-17	‘Restored by His Sacrifice’	Pastor Schaefer
April 19	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	Pastor Schaefer
April 20 E	Luke 24:1-2	“ <i>The Resurrection of Our Lord</i> ”	Pastor Schaefer
April 20 L	Psalm 51:18-19	‘Rejoicing in Resurrection Hope’	Pastor Schaefer

E = Early; L = Late

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
 -10:45 AM Call Meeting, Sunday School
- Wednesday - 9:30 Online Bible Class  
 - 7:00 PM Lenten Vespers
- Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
 - 10:45 AM Reception in Gymnasium. All are welcome

**Serving Apr 13: Altar Guild:** Diane Wendland; **Ushers:** #4

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

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