

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, March 3, 2024
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 worship preparation are in the hymnal pages 10 and 11. 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: #532 God is Here! As We His People"

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God Is Here! As We His People



1 God is here! As we his peo - ple Meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of Church and King - dom, In an age of



praise and prayer, May we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace. Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; Here, as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



What it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
 Here the cross has cen - tral place. Here, in hon - es - ty of
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
 Help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -



round us, All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the
 preach - ing, Here, in si - lence as in speech, Here, in
 Ser - vant Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it
 ca - tion, All we have to give, re - ceive; We who



com - ing of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 means in dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.
 can - not live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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Tune: IN BABILONE (87 87 D) *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse . . . Contradansen*, Amsterdam, c. 1710.

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*)

Two staves of musical notation in C major with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eight notes: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), and E4 (quarter). The lyrics 'C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.' are written below the staves.

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.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17

20 And God spoke all these words, saying,

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 19 Refrain Tune: Richard Proulx. © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted and podcast with permission under One License #A722670. All rights reserved.

Refrain

Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone *

The heavens declare the glory of God;*
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Their voice goes out into all the earth,*
their words to the ends of the world. **Refrain**

The law of the LORD is perfect,*
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,*
giving light to the eyes.

They are more precious than gold;*
they are sweeter than honey.

By them is your servant taught;*
in keeping them there is great reward. ***Refrain***

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart*
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

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: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

VERSE OF THE DAY (cantor sings)

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 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.

¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



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: #456 “Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I
Go”**

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Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go



1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly
 2 Oh, let me cheer - ful - ly ful - fill The task your
 3 May I find you at my right hand; Your eyes see
 4 Give me to bear your eas - y yoke And ev - 'ry
 5 For you I joy - ous - ly em - ploy What - ev - er



la - bor to pur - sue, De - ter - mined on - ly
 wis - dom has as - signed And do your good and
 tru - ly what I do. I la - bor on at
 mo - ment watch and pray And still to things e -
 you in grace have giv'n; I run my dai - ly



you to know In all I think or speak or do.
 per - fect will— In all my works your pres - ence find!
 your com - mand And of - fer all my works to you.
 ter - nal look And has - ten to your glo - rious day.
 course with joy And close - ly walk with you to heav'n.

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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

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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.

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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.



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."

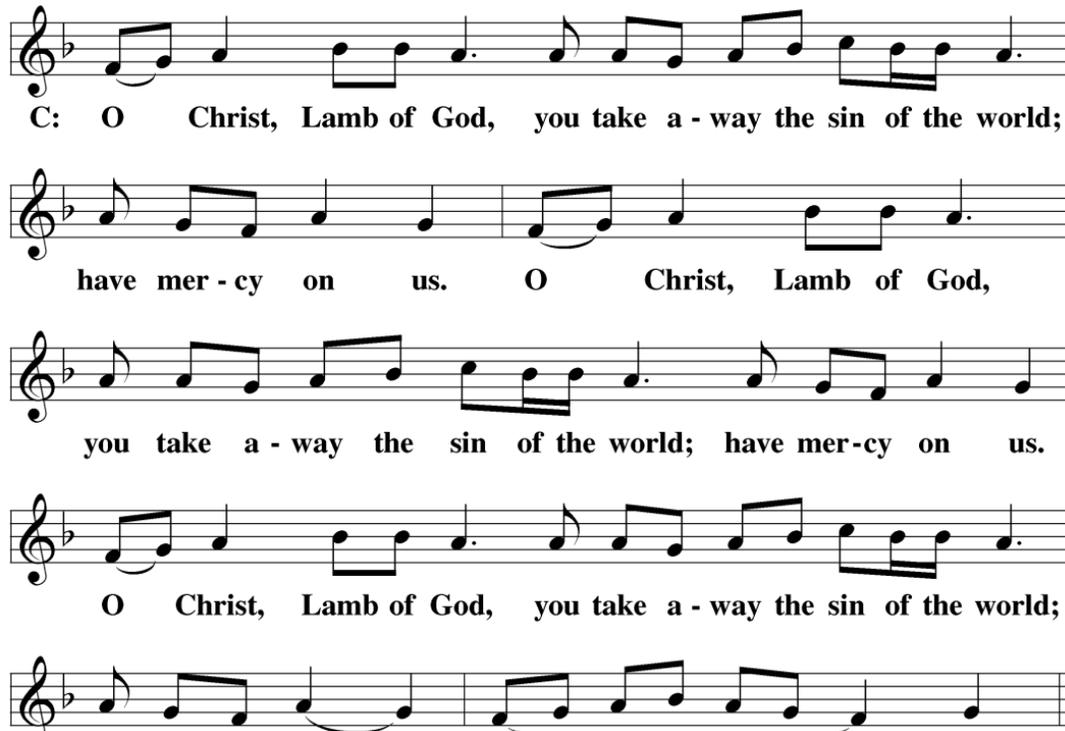
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: "Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

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1 Church of God, elect and glorious,
Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God's own special people,
Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling.
Show to all his mighty deeds;

Tell of love that knows no limits,
Grace that meets all human needs.

2 God has called you out of darkness
Into his most marv'lous light,
Brought his truth to life within you,
Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
That God's name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose
In Christ Jesus crucified.

3 Once you were an alien people,
Strangers to God's heart of love;
But he brought you home in mercy,
Citizens of heav'n above.
Let his love flow out to others;
Let them feel a Father's care;
That they too may know his welcome
And his countless blessings share.

4 Church of God, elect and holy, Be the people he intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer
Each command your master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling
Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service—
Sing his praise, his love declare.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#531 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

#533 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752–1817, abr., alt.

CHURCH

531 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful All the gifts
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon -



and cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
of hosts, and stay; Come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
they ask to gain, What they gain from you for - ev - er
or to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one, Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear your peo - ple as they pray, And your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
Ev - er Three and ev - er One, One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Speak with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry Ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY (87 87 87) Henry Purcell, 1659–95, adapt.

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord



1 I love your king - dom, Lord, The place
 2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize
 3 I love your Church, O God, Your saints
 4 For them my tears shall fall; For them
 5 Sure as your truth shall last, To Zi -



of your a - bode, The Church our blest Re -
 its heav'n - ly ways, Its sweet com - mun - ion,
 in ev - 'ry land, Dear as the ap - ple
 my prayers as - cend; For them my cares and
 on shall be giv'n The bright - est glo - ries



deem - er saved With his own pre - cious blood.
 sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
 of your eye And grav - en on your hand.
 toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
 earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817, abr., alt.
 Tune: ST. THOMAS (SM) Aaron Williams, 1731-76.

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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OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistant: TBD

Organist: Julie Webber; Soloist: Scott Beckerman

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 All Boards except Elders
 - 8:00 PM Church Council
- Wednesday
 - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
 - 6:00 PM Pre-Service Meal
 - 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek Service: "God on Trial: Misconceptions"
- Thursday
 - 7:00 PM Senior Choir
- Sunday
 - 9:30 AM Divine Service
 - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

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

Serving March 10: Altar Guild – Margaret Seppanen; Ushers: Team 4

Serving March 13: Altar – None, no communion; Ushers: Team 1

Lenten Schedule of Wednesday Services: God on Trial

Date	Sermon Text	Sermon Theme	Celebrant
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

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**

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

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