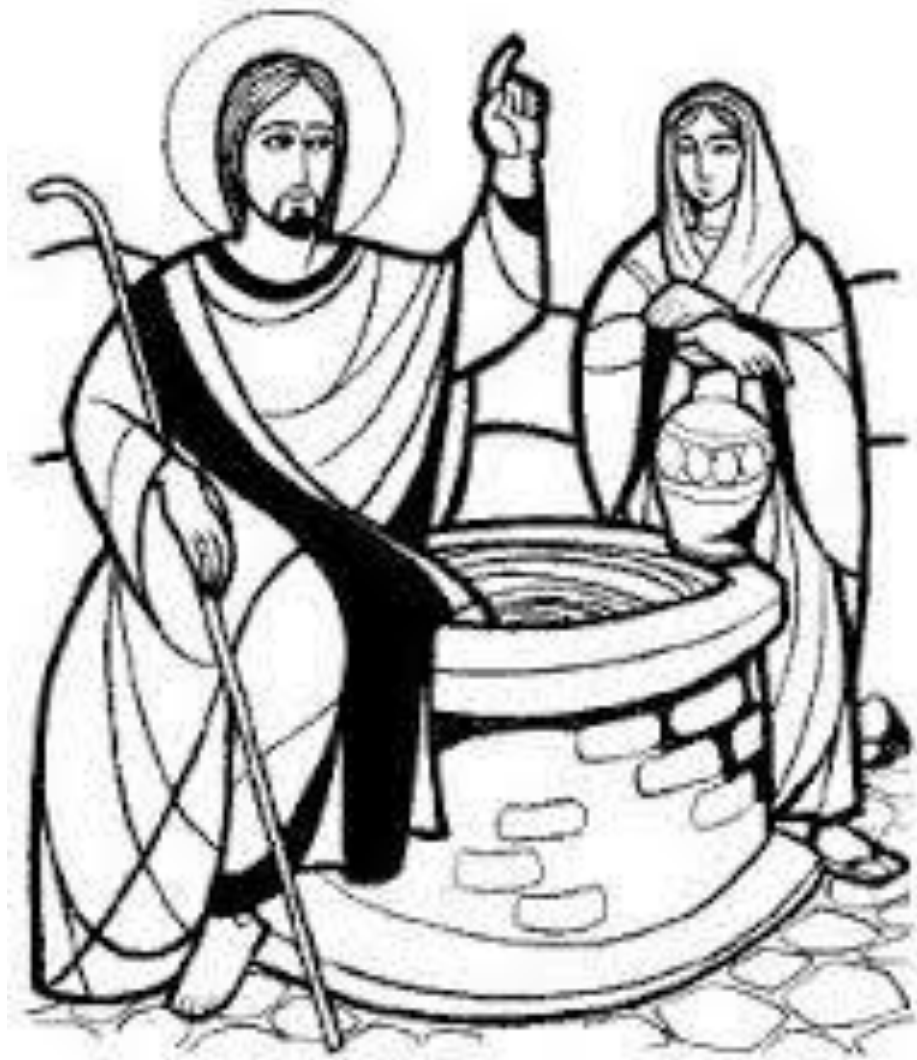


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*Sunday, March 12, 2017*  
*The Second Sunday in Lent*

**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.

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

*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*)

Two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are written below the 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.

A single staff of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time, showing the melody for the word 'Amen'. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, and G4, with a slur under the first four notes.

**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, 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



**C:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON:** Genesis 12:1-8

**12** Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will

show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 121**

The soloist will sing “Psalm 121.”

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(Refrain) The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out, from this time forth and even forevermore.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. (Refrain)

He will not let your foot be moved, and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. (Refrain)

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. (Refrain)

## **SECOND LESSON:** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**4** What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? **2** For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. **3** For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." **4** Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. **5** And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

**13** For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. **14** For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. **15** For the law brings wrath,

but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

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

### **STAND**

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



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

### **GOSPEL:** John 4:5-26

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet."<sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father."<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not



know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”



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: “Peace I Leave with You”**

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Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives peace do I give my peace to you.

Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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

## 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.



**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:

#108 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

#338 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

## 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 Assistants: Larry Roller and James Cutler

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Mark Castellese

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

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| Today     | - 9:30 AM Divine Service<br>- 10:45 AM Voters' Meeting with Bible Class afterwards   |
| Wednesday | - 9:00 AM Bible Class<br>- 6:00 – 6:45 PM Lenten Meal in church basement<br>- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Divine Service:<br>"Repent: Turn to Jesus; He holds the Key to Heaven."<br>(Luke 23:35-43) |
| Thursday  | - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal<br>- 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal   |
| Saturday  | - 9:00 AM Youth Catechism  |
| Sunday    | - 9:30 AM Divine Service<br>- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class<br>- 1-3 PM Baby Shower for Pregnancy Counseling Center   |

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Doris Tomlin  
Ushering – Sunday (3/19) Team 2; Wednesday (3/22) Team 3

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ryan Cording's birthday by Richard and Deborah Cording.

**Lenten Meals:** The March 15 Lenten meal will feature chili and hot dogs, sponsored by the St. Peter's Board of Elders. The dinners will be in the church basement from 6:00-6:45 PM. Please sign the attendance sheet so the servers can plan the meal.

**Mite boxes:** Please have your mite box money deposited in the large mite box in the narthex no later than **Sunday, March 26. Checks should be made out to "St. Peter's Lutheran Church Ladies' Guild"**. If you don't have a mite box, they are available in the narthex.

The Church Council has called a **special voters' meeting** following the Divine Service today, March 12. The purpose of the meeting is to decide whether to call a second pastor for St. Peter's. Please plan on attending this important meeting. Bible class will follow the meeting if time allows. If the decision is made to call, then a special call meeting will be scheduled because it is necessary to coordinate with District President Seifert's schedule. He will conduct the first Divine Call meeting.

St. Peter's is hosting a **Baby Shower** for our local **Pregnancy Counseling Center** on Sunday, March 19, from 1 to 3 PM. All are invited. Please bring a wrapped gift. The Center is in need of diapers, clothing up to 4T, any type of baby formula, and other baby items. If you are unable to attend but would still like to support this service of love, you may drop off your gift (wrapped or unwrapped) in the school or church by Sunday, March 19. Please RSVP to the church/school office (734-453-0460) by Thursday, March 16, or sign up in the narthex or the school hallway.

Don't miss this special event: a one-time showing of the new  
**Martin Luther film at:**

**AMC 20 Livonia on Thursday, March 23 at 7:30 pm**  
(19500 Haggerty Road: near the corner at 7-Mile)

This special screening is the perfect outreach opportunity... a chance to invite friends and neighbors to an event in a community setting. This entertaining new film follows the great adventure story of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, secret hideouts, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life, including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?"

It's a must-see for any lifelong Lutheran, and a chance to share the message of your Lutheran heritage with others. And the only place you can see the film is in the theater on the night of our church's special event.

This is the first time in more than 60 years that Lutherans have made a feature-length film about Martin Luther and the Reformation. Filmed in historic locations across Europe, this movie brings Luther's story to life with exquisite attention to detail. It's a chance to strengthen your faith by revisiting the birth of Protestant Reformation, and to share that experience with others.

**IMPORTANT:** All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at a special web site set up for the screening:

[www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-rvo](http://www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-rvo)

A minimum of 100 tickets must be sold in order for this event to take place.

## **Lenten and Holy Week Vespers Schedule**

Theme: Repent, Turn to Jesus...

March 15	He Holds the Key to Heaven Luke 23:35-43	Rev. Thomas Schroeder
March 22	He Longs to Forgive You Luke 23:32-34	Rev. Paul Schaefer
March 29	He Changes Your Life Luke 7:44-50	Rev. James Frey
April 5	When You Face Temptations Mark 14:32-38	Rev. Thomas Schroeder
April 13 Maundy Thursday	Receive a Special Assurance of Your Forgiveness John 13:1-15, 34	Rev. Paul Schaefer
April 14 Good Friday	He and He Alone Finished Your Salvation John 18:1-19:42	Rev. Paul Schaefer

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

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