

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, March 19, 2017
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 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: #586 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

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, 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.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:14-21

For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,

and dry up the pools.
¹⁶ And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.
¹⁷ They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”
¹⁸ Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
²⁰ He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
²¹ The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 143

The choir will sing “Lord, Hear My Prayer and To My Cry.”

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Lord, hear my prayer and to my cry
Thy wonted audience lend;
In thy accustomed faith and truth a gracious answer send.

Nor at thy strict tribunal bring thy servant to be tried.
For in thy sight no living man can e'er be justified.

To thee my hands in humble prayer I fervently stretch out.
My soul for thy refreshment thirsts,
Like land oppressed with drought. Hear me with speed;
My spirit fails; Thy face no longer hide,
Lest I be some forlorn, like them that in the grave reside.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the choir)

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 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

9 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud⁷ and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they said again

to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

³⁴ They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”



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: “Heavenly Light”

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine!
May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light.
Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation.
All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar.
Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love. Show us the way unto our God, we pray.
Thou our beacon and guide shalt be.
Light Divine, we praise thee!

HYMN OF THE DAY: #343 "Christ is the World's Light"

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.



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 HYMNS:

#471 "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

#569 "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

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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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
- 1-3 PM Baby Shower for Pregnancy Counseling Center
- 4:00 PM Lovell Baptism |
| Monday | - 7:00 PM Special Voters Assembly: Call Meeting for Second Pastor |
| Tuesday | - 7:00 – 8:30 PM Plymouth Interaction Committee |
| Wednesday | - 9:00 AM Bible Class
- 6:00 – 6:45 PM Lenten Meal in church basement
- 7:00 PM Lenten Vespers Service:
“Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Longs to Forgive You.”
(Luke 23:32-34) |
| Thursday | - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal
-7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal |

Sunday - 7:30 PM Martin Luther film at AMC 20 Livonia
- 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
Serving next week: Altar Guild – Lois Bude
Ushering – Sunday (3/26) Team 4; Wednesday (3/29) Team 1

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Evelyn LeFever by Nena Ash.

Call Meeting – On March 12, the St. Peter’s Voters’ Assembly voted to call a second pastor to St. Peter’s to expand the ministry of our congregation. The meeting was recessed until we could schedule a date with President Seifert, who will administer the first call meeting. Accordingly, the call meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 20 at 7:00 PM.

Plymouth Interaction Committee – The Plymouth Interaction Committee will meet to formalize plans for its upcoming activities, especially concerning 1) The 25th Anniversary Celebration of St. Peter’s Preschool on June 3; 2) How to be involved in Plymouth “runs” and festivals; 3) Updates on social networking activities. All are welcome, and help is needed!

Lenten Meals: The March 22 Lenten meal will feature pizza and salad, sponsored by the St. Peter’s Music Department. 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.

St. Peter’s is hosting a **Baby Shower** for our local **Pregnancy Counseling Center** today, 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.

Lenten and Holy Week Vespers Schedule

Theme: Repent, Turn to Jesus...

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	He Holds the Key to Heaven Luke 23:35-43	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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