

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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EVEN AS THE SON OF MAN
— came not to be —
SERVED
— BUT TO — **SERVE** —
— and to give his **LIFE** —
AS A RANSOM FOR MANY.

matthew 20:28 (esv)

Sunday, March 26, 2017
The Fourth 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: #484 "Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"

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, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, 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: Hosea 5:15-6:3

¹⁵ I will return again to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

6 “Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³ Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 42-43

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



As the deer pants for streams of water,*
so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*
Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?*

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,*
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. **Refrain**

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;*

let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.*
I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

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: Romans 8:1-10

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the choir)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:17-28

⁷ And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸“See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death ¹⁹and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹ And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” ²² Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” ²³ He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” ²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus

called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



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: #486 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought
Us”**

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

OFFERING MUSIC (Handbells)

Fantasia on "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

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 HYMN: #311 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

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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Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choir: Handbell 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 Board of Elders Meeting
- 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 Changes Your Life."
(Luke 7:44-50)

- Thursday - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal
-7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Saturday - 8:00 AM – 4 PM Evangelism Workshop Using the
Preschool as an Outreach Tool – at Zion, Toledo
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- Door offering and temple talk regarding Lutherfest
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Arlette Stobbe
Ushering – Sunday (4/2) Team 2; Wednesday (4/5) Team 3

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jeff Schroeder, in memory of his mother Louise's birthday on March 29, and in honor of his wife Lori's birthday on March 24.

Divine Call - On Monday, March 21, the voter's assembly of St. Peter's issued a call to Pastor Jeremy Husby to serve as an Associate Pastor for our congregation. Pastor Husby is currently serving at Peace Lutheran Church in Hartford, Wisconsin. He is a graduate of Huron Valley Lutheran High School, Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Pastor Husby served as a vicar at Peace Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, before being called to serve at Peace Hartford in 2008. Pastor Husby has been blessed with one child and is the husband of the late Cassie Husby, daughter of Pastor Edward Zell of Darlington Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor. Please keep Pastor Husby in your prayers as he deliberates this call. Scott Beckerman and Pastor Schaefer are currently communicating with Pastor Husby and we ask that you let the congregational leadership be the voice of St. Peter's during the call process. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Schaefer or Scott Beckerman.

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Evangelism Workshop, April 1, Zion Toledo--Pastor Schaefer, Becky Lohrmann, and Chris Abbott will be attending a workshop presented by the WELS Commission on Evangelism. The director of the Commission on Evangelism, the director of the Commission on Lutheran Schools, and the national coordinator for Early Childhood Ministry have worked together to develop a workshop called ***Telling the Next Generation***. This workshop is designed to help congregations enhance their efforts of utilizing their schools and/or early childhood ministry for outreach.

Lutherfest500-- Many of our congregations in Southeast Michigan are hosting a celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation this October 28, 2017 at Huron Valley Lutheran High School (Westland). It is intended to be a fun event, but also an evangelism opportunity for our region. We will take a **door offering**

on April 2 and 9 to help defray expenses of this event. Watch for more information for opportunities to help and enjoy this "once in 500 years celebration!"

Lenten Meals: The March 29 Lenten meal will feature sloppy joes, sponsored by the St. Peter's Board of Education and Stewardship. 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 **today 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.

Lenten and Holy Week Vespers Schedule

Theme: Repent, Turn to Jesus...

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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