



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Sunday, March 15, 2020 – 8:00am & 10:30am

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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We celebrate the Lord's Supper today. St. Peter's Lutheran Church teaches and believes that through the body and blood of Jesus Christ, offered under bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, God gives to His children the forgiveness of sins. Since this is a sacred meal, St. Peter's distributes the Lord's Supper to communicants who have been prepared to receive it. If you have not been confirmed or hold to a confession of faith that differs from this church and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we ask that you refrain until you have spoken with one of our pastors. *If you are communing with us today, please mark the "Communing" box when you sign the Ritual of Friendship.*

PRELUDE **"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"** **arr. Karl Osterland**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Prayer request cards are gathered during the opening hymn.)

OPENING HYMN **"Christ, the Life of All the Living"** **#420**
(Stanzas 1-4)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C **Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C **Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together:

C O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN FOR LENT

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#702

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE FOR LENT



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ 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. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ 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.) ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ 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?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ 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." ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a

prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ 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. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ 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.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,



me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain the light of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** O God, Your children in China dwell in a desert of faith, where few call you Lord. Stream to Your people the Word to slake their thirsting faith. Protect and start up new churches even amongst the many forced closures of these holy houses of worship. Provide for our brothers and sisters through the proclamation of the Gospel, and legal assistance for closings and arrests. Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** **Hear our prayer.**

P O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look with favor upon all who are ill, those battling cancer, suffering depression, grieving, or in any manner of distress. Assure them of Your mercy, deliver them from the temptations of the evil one, and grant them patience and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, look with favor on all in our family of faith who have cause to celebrate this week, including those who are observing anniversaries and birthdays. Grant that they may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen their trust in Your goodness and bless them with Your abiding love all the days of their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P These and whatever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. You bid Your people

cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”	#637
“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”	#849
“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”	#524
“O Living Bread from Heaven”	#642

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **“Christ, the Life of All the Living”** **#420**
(Stanzas 5-7)

MEET and GREET – Please take a moment to greet the people around you.

POSTLUDE **“Christ, the Life of All the Living”** **arr. J.C. Bach**

Elders (8:00)

Ryan Aldrich
Allen Tietz

Greeters (8:00)

Harold & Lee Ann Spranger
Jim & Joyce Rettig

Elders (10:30)

Greg Brown
Randy Hockemeyer

Greeters (10:30)

Jerry & Marilyn Goeglein
Louise Hartman

Kids of the Kingdom (10:30am – *Ages 3 through first grade are welcome.*) – Stephanie Bremer

Nursery – Our nursery is not currently staffed; however, if you need a quiet place to sit with your little one, it's available for use on the lower level, down the stairs to the immediate right.

Preparing for Worship next Weekend

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Praise Team will provide music at the Saturday & 10:30am Sunday services.

Holly Enustun will play the organ at the 8:00am Sunday service.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 42:14-21

Ephesians 5:8-14

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



Midweek Lenten Worship III – Wednesday, March 18, 12:00pm & 7:00pm
Three Words of Truth: “I Am He”

Midweek Lenten Worship IV – Wednesday, March 25, 12:00pm & 7:00pm
Three Words of Truth: “What is Truth?”
(Special Music: Junior Choir at the 7:00pm service)

Midweek Lenten Worship V – Wednesday, April 1, 12:00pm & 7:00pm
Three Words of Truth: “Take Him Away!”

Palm Sunday Weekend with Holy Communion –
April 4 5:00pm / April 5, 8:00am & 10:30am
Three Words of Truth: “Save Us Now!”
(Special Music: Adult Choir & Brass Choir at the 8:00am & 10:30am services)

Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion – April 9, 12:00pm & 7:00pm
Three Words of Truth: “Take and Eat; Take and Drink”
(Special Music: Junior Choir at the 12:00pm service)

Good Friday – April 10, 12:00pm & 7:00pm
Three Words of Truth: “It Is Finished!”
(Special Music: Adult Choir at the 7:00pm service)

The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Communion – Saturday, April 11, 5:00pm

Easter Sunday with Holy Communion – April 12, 6:30am, 8:00am, & 10:30am
Three Words of Truth: “He Is Risen!”
(Special Music: Adult Choir & Brass Choir at all services)