

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
*Full Service Bulletin*  
Pastor Erik Sorenson



**March 19, 2023**

**MEMBERS AND GUESTS:**

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service this evening.

If you are partaking of the Lord's Supper, please read and fill out one of the registration cards on the back of the pew. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.

To listen via radio, please tune to AM 750.

Communion Statement - The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are kindly asked first to speak with the pastor. In addition to this being our practice, we do not want our visitors to violate their own conscience or the public confession of faith that is made through their home Church membership. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing from the pastor. We thank you for respecting our practice. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.

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## Confession and Absolution

### 873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*Hymn of Invocation*



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.  
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra-dian-cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un-be-lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.  
Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day.

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## Invocation

*LSB 151*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly

deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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

### Introit

*Psalm 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15*

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;**

**I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

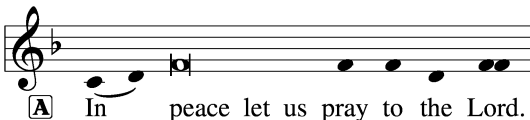
**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*





*Hymn of Praise - omitted during Lent*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*LSB 156*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 42:14–21 (p. 602, p. 766 LP)*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Hebrews 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Epistle**

*Ephesians 5:8–14 (p. 978, p. 1244 LP)*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Lent Verse**

*LSB 157*



**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

*John 9:1–41 (p. 895, p. 1139 LP)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

*LSB 158*

**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, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

*Hymn of the Day*



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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**Sermon**

*Lord, I Believe*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

## Offertory

LSB 159

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing 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 pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

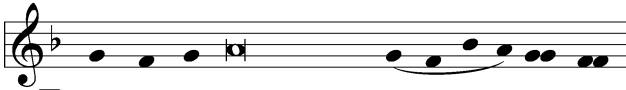
## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al - so 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.

## Proper Preface

**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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 161*



**C** Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en 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 who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.



# Agnus Dei

LSB 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution & Hymns

### 744 Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1-4): John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond  
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## 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our  
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the  
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.  
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.  
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.  
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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## 551 When to Our World the Savior Came



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and  
 2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple  
 3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened  
 4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for  
 5 His sov - reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness  
 thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from  
 ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could  
 us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver  
 pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -



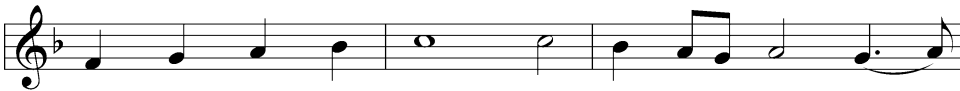
longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.  
 soul to soul, "The touch of Christ has made us whole!"  
 see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.  
 cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.  
 fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

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## 841 O Son of God, in Galilee



1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You  
 2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of  
 3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You  
 4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of  
 5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each



made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the  
 Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on  
 can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O  
 stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring  
 loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall



blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.  
 You their care; Your grace to them make known.  
 Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.  
 light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.  
 un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

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## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

*LSB 166*

**A** Let us pray.

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** A - men.

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

**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** A - men.

# 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

*Closing Hymn*



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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## Announcements for the Week of March 19, 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>3/19</b> 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible study & Sunday School 11:30 AM – Youth Catechesis 5:00 PM – Youth Group	<b>3/20</b>	<b>3/21</b>  7 PM – Handbell practice	<b>3/22</b>  6 PM – Lenten Supper 7 PM – Lent Midweek Worship Service	<b>3/23</b>  6 PM – Music Group	<b>3/24</b>	<b>3/25</b>

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

3/16: Samantha Jones  
 3/19: Rayleigh Acton

**Stewardship:**

**Budget per week:** \$3135  
**3/12 offerings:** \$1243  
**3/12 Synodical Fund:** \$10  
**Mortgage balance:** \$0  
**3/12 Building Fund:** \$310

*No altar flowers during Lent*

**Lent Suppers & Worship:** There is a sign-up sheet on the conference room door for our Lent suppers this year. If you would like to provide a part of our meal, please see the sheet or talk to Janice Acree. Lent midweeks begin with supper at 6 PM and worship at 7 PM.

**Youth Group:** Meeting tonight at 5 PM. We will be planning the Easter breakfast, so please plan to have at least one parent attend for about the first 15 minutes for this purpose.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. We will meet in the shelter house (weather permitting). Eggs will be available in the narthex to pick up and fill with individually wrapped candy beginning on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please have the eggs returned by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also, be sure to invite any children or grandchildren to be part of the hunt on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Easter Lilies:** Easter lily order forms are available in the narthex. There is a suggested donation of \$8 per lily, which you can include in the offering plate or give to Camden or Pastor. After services on Easter, you may pick up your ordered lily/lilies.

**Golf Outing:** The Youth Group will be hosting our annual Golf Outing on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Hickory Hills Golf Course in Brownstown. If you would like to play or be a sponsor for the outing, please speak to Pastor Sorenson. Additional information can be found on the flyers on the bulletin boards.

**Men’s Gathering:** This year’s Gathering will be held on April 13-16 at Lakeview. Registration is open and spots are filling up fast. For more information, go to [www.mensgathering.us](http://www.mensgathering.us).

**Prayer List:**

- Teresa Lucas** (shut-in)
- Ron Cox** (health issues)
- Luella Holle** (shut-in)
- Bekah Brown**
- Carolyn Trimpe** (health issues)
- Greg Trimpe** (health issues)
- Larry Phelps** (health issues)
- Pat** (Pegi Owens’ friend)

**Upcoming Acolytes:**

**3/22:** Rayleigh Acton                      **3/26:** Trevor Acree                      **3/29:** Abe Acton  
**4/2:** Rayleigh Acton, Trevor Acree (crucifer)



Below you will find a model you can use for your personal or family devotions that focuses you on the readings from the previous Sunday, while also preparing you for what you will hear the following Sunday. In modeling your devotions this way, you and your family can stay united to the church year and reinforce what you hear, sing, and pray every Sunday.

- Mon. 3/20: Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 42:14-21 – In His righteousness, God magnified the Law so we can see our sin and how it turns everything backwards, in order that we may see our need for Christ and rejoice in His salvation.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 571 – God Loved the World So That He Gave  
Pray the Collect of the Day: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Tues. 3/21: Read the Epistle lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14 – Walk as children of the Light, exposing the works of sin and illuminating the way to Christ and His salvation.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 571 – God Loved the World So That He Gave  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 3/20)
- Wed. 3/22: Read the Gospel lesson: John 9:1-41 – Christ, the Light of the world, has come to give sight to those who are blinded by sin. He opens our eyes so we may see Him.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 571 – God Loved the World So That He Gave  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 3/20)
- Thur. 3/23: Read the Old Testament lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14 – God will open our graves and give us the breath of life as He raises us from the dead to live in the new creation.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 430 – My Song Is Love Unknown  
Pray the Collect of the Day: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Fri. 3/24: Read the Epistle lesson: Romans 8:1-11 – The Holy Spirit dwells in us, so we do not live according to our sinful flesh but according to the ways of Christ.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 430 – My Song Is Love Unknown  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 3/23)
- Sat. 3/25: Read the Gospel lesson: John 11:1-45 (46-53) – As Jesus woke Lazarus from the sleep of death, so too does He promise us the resurrection of the dead because He is the resurrection and the life and we are joined to Him.  
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 430 – My Song Is Love Unknown  
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 3/23)