

# St Peter Lutheran Church

## Order of Worship

*First Sunday in Lent, March 16, 2025*

### Welcome

#### Opening Song, LSB 672 Jerusalem the Golden

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| 1 Jerusalem the golden,<br>With milk and honey blest—<br>The promise of salvation,<br>The place of peace and rest—<br>We know not, oh, we know not<br>What joys await us there:<br>The radiancy of glory,<br>The bliss beyond compare!                             | 2 Within those walls of Zion<br>Sounds forth the joyful song,<br>As saints join with the angels<br>And all the martyr throng.<br>The Prince is ever with them;<br>The daylight is serene;<br>The city of the blessed<br>Shines bright with glorious sheen. |
| 3 Around the throne of David,<br>The saints, from care released,<br>Raise loud their songs of triumph<br>To celebrate the feast.<br>They sing to Christ their leader,<br>Who conquered in the fight,<br>Who won for them forever<br>Their gleaming robes of white. | △ 4 O sweet and blessed country,<br>The home of God's elect!<br>O sweet and blessed country<br>That faithful hearts expect!<br>In mercy, Jesus, bring us<br>To that eternal rest<br>With You and God the Father<br>And Spirit, ever blest.                 |

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*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Call to Worship

- P** The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?  
**C** **The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?**  
**P** We seek your face, O Lord. Do not hide your face from us!  
**C** **Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!**  
**P** Make us strong, and let our hearts take courage.  
**C** **We wait for the Lord. Let us worship God!**

### Confession and Absolution

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

**C** **God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

*(We pause for a moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)*

**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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Responsive Psalm Reading, Psalm 4**

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

**You have given me relief when I was in distress.**

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

**<sup>2</sup>O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?**

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

**<sup>3</sup>But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself;  
the Lord hears when I call to him.**

<sup>4</sup>Be angry, and do not sin;

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

**<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices,**

**and put your trust in the Lord.**

<sup>6</sup>There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"

**Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!"**

<sup>7</sup>You have put more joy in my heart

than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**<sup>8</sup>In peace I will both lie down and sleep;**

**for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

## **Salutation and Collect**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from

all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen** *(Please be seated)*

### **Old Testament Reading, Jeremiah 26:8–15**

When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?'" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God**

### **Epistle Reading, Philippians 3:17—4:1**

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord **C** **Thanks be to God**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **The Holy Gospel, Luke 13:31–35**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

## **G** Glory to You, O Lord

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord **G** Praise to You, O Christ!

*(Please be seated)*

## **Sermon**

### **Sermon Song, Jerusalem Jerusalem**

1 O'er Jerusalem He's crying  
In compassion, our dear Lord.  
Love divine, His dear heart sighing  
O'er His erring Isra'l poured,  
Crying out with bitter moan:  
"Chosen city, had you known  
This Your day of visitation,  
You would not reject salvation."

3 As the prophet Jeremiah,  
Spoke against Jerusalem,  
Boldly stating warnings dire  
Of God's judgment facing them.  
Though they threatened him with death,  
He would speak to dying breath  
"Change your ways and evil actions!  
Live as one and heal these factions.

5 Dearest Lord of my salvation, Grant my soul your blood-bought peace.  
By Your tears of lamentation Help my faith and love increase.  
Grant me strength to love Your Word, Strength to keep the message heard,  
Grace to own You as my Treasure, Grace to love You without measure.

2 "Oh, Jerusalem," He cries out,  
You who kill the prophets sent,  
How I long to hear you whisper  
Words that show Me you repent.  
I seek your true love that clings  
Like chicks 'neath their mother's wings  
But you spurn My invitation.  
Scorn my offer of salvation.

4 In Jerusalem, Paul stated,  
"Do not be Christ's enemies!  
Is your destiny destruction?  
Is your stomach what you please?  
Set your minds on things above  
Be transformed by Jesus' love.  
Standing firm with Christ beside us,  
Soon to Heaven He will guide us.

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.**

**Peace of the Lord** (Please greet the people around you with God's peace)

## **Offering**

### **Prayers of the Church**

After each petition respond: **P** Lord in your mercy **C** Hear our prayer

### **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.**

## **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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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**

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## **The Word of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

## Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

### St Peter's Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is a special gift given by Jesus Christ to all baptized believers in the community of faith. In preparing for the Lord's Supper, we are to reflect upon the following questions:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
2. Do I believe that, within this Sacrament, the bread and wine are Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life?
4. Do I confess and believe the same doctrines of faith as the church body with which I am about to commune?

If you are having difficulty in answering "yes" to any of the above questions, please follow the guide of Scripture and refrain from taking communion today. Our Pastor would be glad to visit with you after the service to answer any questions you may have about our Communion practice.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please signal to Pastor by holding up your index finger in front of you. Non-alcoholic white grape juice is available in the center of the tray, for those with alcohol sensitivities

## As For Me

Verse 1

Your love oh Lord is strength to my soul  
Hope for tomorrow it won't let go  
Your presence is the joy of my life  
To You I lift my eyes

Verse 2

Your word alone a lamp to my feet  
A light to my path as You're leading me  
Your ways oh Lord are higher than mine  
To You I lift my eyes

Chorus

**As for me and my house we will serve the  
Lord We will sing of Your love  
forevermore As for me and my house we  
will serve the Lord Serve the Lord**

Bridge

*Open up every door Write it on every wall  
Sing it in every room x2*

*Open up every door Write it on every wall  
Sing it in every room Jesus x2 (Final Chorus)*

## 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way,  
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

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2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—  
'Tis a delightful road—  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

## Christ Messiah

Verse 1

You're the Holy God who made Himself a man  
The mighty lion became humble as a lamb  
He gave it all to save His own The word of God  
in skin and bones

Chorus

**You are Christ Messiah Son of the Living God  
Our Hope our Savior We worship You**

Verse 2

You're the Holy One who made our hearts a  
home You came and died but didn't leave us on  
our own Holy Spirit here within Gave us power  
to live the way You did (Chorus)

Verse 3

When the questions come and I begin to stray  
I'll remember who I was is in the grave  
I'm not captive to the lies In this Gospel I am  
made alive (Chorus)

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## 684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

1 "Come unto Me, ye weary,  
And I will give you rest."  
O blessèd voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction,  
Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that hath no ending,  
Of love that cannot cease.

2 "Come unto Me, ye wand'ers,  
And I will give you light."  
O loving voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness,  
And we had lost our way;  
But Thou hast brought us gladness  
And songs at break of day.



3 "Come unto Me, ye fainting,  
And I will give you life."  
O cheering voice of Jesus,  
Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager,  
The fight is fierce and long;  
But Thou hast made us mighty  
And stronger than the strong.

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### **"There Is A Redeemer"**

1. There is a Redeemer  
Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God  
Messiah Holy One

2. Jesus my Redeemer  
name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God  
Messiah, Oh for sinners slain

#### **Chorus**

#### ***Instrumental Interlude***

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### **Nunc Dimittis**

**1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

4 "And whosoever cometh,  
I will not cast him out."  
O patient love of Jesus,  
Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy  
Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners  
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

#### Chorus

**Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done**

3. When I stand in glory I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place

#### Chorus

And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done

**2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

### **Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.**

**P** Go in peace! **C Serve the Lord**

**P** Let us bless the Lord **C Thanks be to God**

## **Closing Song – There Is Power**

### **Verse 1**

Where two or more are gathered in His name

He is there oh

For all who come who run to Him in faith

He is there

### **Verse 2**

No fear no lie can stand against us now

He is here whoa

The Word has come to silence ev'ry doubt

He is here

### **Chorus**

**There is power in the name of Jesus**

**There is power power in His name**

**There is power in the name of Jesus**

**There is power power in His name**

### **Bridge**

**One name one name can save**

**One name breaks ev'ry chain**

**One name always one name Jesus**

**One name one name remains**

**One name we will proclaim**

**One name always one name**

### **Ending**

**Oh there's power in His name**

**Oh there's power in His name**

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## **Announcements**

YOU'RE SAYING THAT  
JERUSALEM IS  
JESUS' *DESTINY*?

YES, IT'S  
HIS GOAL.

JESUS WILL BE  
*KILLED* BY THOSE  
HE CAME TO *SAVE*.

WAIT, JESUS CAME  
TO SAVE *ME*!



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