

**St Peter Lutheran Church**  
**Order of Worship**  
*Third Sunday in Lent    March 8, 2026*

**Welcome**

**Opening Song, LSB 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
    With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
    Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
    Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
    With the very Bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children  
    With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
    With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
    To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
    Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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*(Please stand, as you are able)*

**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



## Salutation and Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** 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** *(Please be seated)*

## Old Testament Reading, Exodus 17:1–7

All 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. <sup>2</sup>Therefore 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?" <sup>3</sup>But 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?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And 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. <sup>6</sup>Behold, 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. <sup>7</sup>And 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?"

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

## Epistle Reading, Romans 5:1–8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through 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. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and 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.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **The Holy Gospel, John 4:5–26**

[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>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.) <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>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? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>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."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet." <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

**℣** This is the Gospel of the Lord **☩ Praise to You, O Christ!**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Sermon**

## Sermon Song, Jesus and the Woman at the Well John 4:5-26 Tune: Kingsfold

1. In the midday heat the outcast  
came to draw water from the well.  
She could feel contempt from neighbor's eyes,  
saying more than words could tell.  
But as she drew near, she saw a man  
that she'd not seen in the past,  
And he had the nerve to speak to her,  
shocking her with what he asked.

3. "If you understood this gift of God,  
and Who asked to quench His thirst,  
You would ask Him for the drink He gives,  
and our roles would be reversed.  
For the Living water that I give  
means you'll never thirst again,  
As a spring of Life swells up within,  
and on this you can depend.

5. Like this lowly outcast at the well we need what Christ freely bestows:  
Living water that renews our souls and the Way to heaven shows.  
And just like that woman at the well now we live to spread His name  
To our friends and neighbors, all the world, our Messiah we proclaim!

Lyrics by Linda Noble Lemond

2. "Will you give me drink?" the Stranger  
asked,  
and His tone was kind and mild.  
"How can you ask this?" the woman said.  
"Would you not feel sore defiled?  
For our people do not associate;  
I'm Samaritan; you: Jew."  
"You would understand," the Stranger said,  
"if you knew who's asking you."

4. "Yet the time will come to all who drink  
and believe with sincerity  
When all true believers will worship God  
in truth and purity.  
All will worship God the Father  
then in Spirit and in truth."  
She replied, "I know that the Christ will come  
that I've heard of since my youth."

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### 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,  
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.**

## **Peace of the Lord**

## **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.**

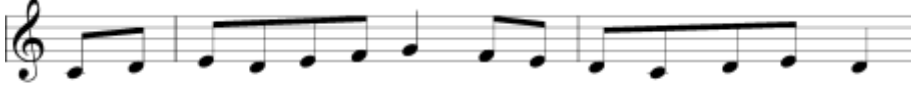
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

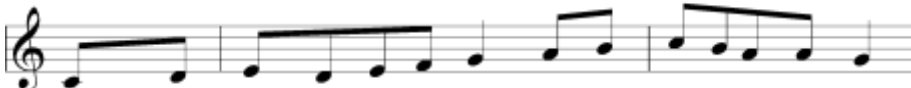
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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** 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!

## 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

**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.

## Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

### St Peter's Communion Statement

At St. Peter Lutheran Church, we confess that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar (Communion) in, with, and under the bread and wine. (See Matt 26:26-28 and 1 Cor. 11:23-28) In this gift we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and strengthening of faith. Those who share our confession of faith as members of the LCMS may receive Communion here. Anyone else is still welcome to

come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor during Communion. We ask anyone desiring a blessing to cross their arms over their chest at the railing, and the pastor will bless you.

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

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 doctrine of faith as the church body with which I am about to commune

### **"Blessed Assurance"**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood,

**Chorus** This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

### **Chorus**

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior, am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

### **Chorus**

**Final Tag** – Praising my Savior all the day long  
Praising my Savior all the day long

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## **761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

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4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

### **Someone Else Living in You**

Drink, drink, drink of His Spirit; drink, drink, drink of His Word.  
Hold, hold, hold to His teaching, and show that you really have heard.  
Keep, Keep, keep His commandments; live, live, live in His grace.  
Love, love, love as he first love you, and run for the prize in the race.

**Chorus 1:** For there is Someone else living in you.

For there is Someone else dwelling in you.

For there is Someone else building His kingdom in you, yes in you.

For there is Someone else living in you.

For there is Someone else dwelling in you.

For there is Someone else building His kingdom in you.

Drink, drink, drink of His Spirit; drink, drink, drink of His Word.  
Hold, hold, hold to His teaching, and show that you really have heard.  
Thank, thank, thank Him for daily bread; Thank, thank, thank Him for love.  
Praise, praise, praise Him for Jesus' blood; salvation's a gift from above.

**Chorus 2:** And there's a new day waiting for you.

And there's a new day of healing for you.

And there's a new day; Jesus will come back for you, yes for you.

And there's a new day waiting for you.

And there's a new day of healing for you.

And there's a new day; Jesus will come back for you

Drink, drink, drink of His Spirit; drink, drink, drink of His Word.  
Hold, hold, hold to His teaching, and show that you really have heard.  
Sing, sing, sing with your heart on fire; Sing, sing, sing with your mind.  
Pray, pray, pray in the Spirit, and love Him with heart, soul and mind. **(Chorus 1)**

**Final Tag:** Building His kingdom in you.

## 580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

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| <p>1 The Gospel shows the Father's grace,<br/>Who sent His Son to save our race,<br/>Proclaims how Jesus lived and died<br/>That we might thus be justified.</p>          | <p>2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,<br/>Who made the atoning sacrifice,<br/>And calls the souls with guilt oppressed<br/>To come and find eternal rest.</p>        |
| <p>3 It brings the Savior's righteousness<br/>To robe our souls in royal dress;<br/>From all our guilt it brings release<br/>And gives the troubled conscience peace.</p> | <p>4 It is the pow'r of God to save<br/>From sin and Satan and the grave;<br/>It works the faith which firmly clings<br/>To all the treasures which it brings.</p>    |
| <p>5 It bears to all the tidings glad<br/>And bids their hearts no more be sad;<br/>The weary, burdened souls it cheers<br/>And banishes their guilty fears.</p>          | <p>6 May we in faith its message learn<br/>Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;<br/>May we in faith its truth confess<br/>And praise the Lord, our righteousness.</p> |

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## Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### Post-Communion Collect

**P** 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.

### 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 Song, "Come and Fill Me Up" (Brian Doerksen)

I can feel You, flowin' through me.

Holy Spirit, come and fill me up, come and fill me up.

Love and mercy, fill my senses.

I am thirsty, for Your presence, Lord; come and fill me up.

**Chorus:** Lord, let Your mercy wash away all of my sin.

Fill me completely with Your love once again.

I need You. I want You. I love Your presence.

I need You. I want You. I love Your presence.

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