



cc Brian H.

First Sunday in Lent
A Capella Sunday
March 10, 2019 | 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Peter's Lutheran Church!

Welcome to our church family today as we celebrate the presence of the risen Jesus Christ in our lives and in our world. We pray that you will experience God—Father, Son, Holy Spirit—as you worship with us this morning. Welcome!

New to St. Peter's? We understand the challenges of worshiping in an unfamiliar setting. Here is some helpful information:

- Children are welcome in worship. A nursery is available in the Narthex by the south entrance.
- Children's bulletins and activity bags are available at the back of the sanctuary.
- An usher will be happy to provide you a large-print bulletin.
- Hearing devices can be found in the usher's cabinet at the back of the church. You may ask an usher for assistance.
- Restrooms are located in the hallways.
- Please enjoy coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Worship notes: Please sign the worship pad found in the pew and pass it to the other end of the pew. An asterisk (*) in the order of service directs you to stand as you are able. ELW refers to the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book, the red hymnal in the pews. When the number is preceded by a "p" (ELW p.151), it is referring you to a page in the liturgical section of the hymnal with page numbers on the bottom. A "#" (ELW #867) designates a hymn with page numbers at the top.



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Psalms 91:11

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*We believe that the holy act of singing together shapes faith,
heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

O Lord, throughout These 40 Days
ELW #319, verses 1, 3, 4

WITH THE
WORSHIP CHOIR

What Wondrous Love

What Wondrous Love is this, O my soul...
that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

Chorus: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.

WELCOME

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

C: Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery
verses 1-3 & Lent 1

ELW #334

* GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE

When We Are Tested and Wrestle Alone

SOLOIST:

1. When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when
the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by Your
word and Your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.

HIGHER VOICES:

2. When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked
by certain belief,
lift us to love You beyond sign and test,
trusting Your presence, our only true rest.

LOWER VOICES:

3. When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the
power to control,
teach us to worship and praise only You,
seeking Your will in the work that we do.

ALL:

4. When we have struggled and
searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the
wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

PSALM

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

²you will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my
stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."

⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the ser-
pent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my
name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and
honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

READING

ROMANS 10:8B-13

^{8b}"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Seek Ye First

VERSE

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2. Man shall not live by bread - a - lone
 3. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and His right eous - ness, and all these
 but by ev - ry word that pro -
 seek and ye shall find, knock and the

things shall be add ed un - to you -
 -ceeds from the mouth of God -
 door shall be o - pened un - to you -

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu ia!
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu ia!
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu ia!

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P: The holy gospel according to Luke

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Eagle's Wings
Congregation sings refrain,
Choir sings verses

ELW #787

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Quinn Madelynn Crase is the daughter of Matthew and Danielle Crase. Sponsors are Taylor & Dusti Sullivan and James Hammond. In honor of Quinn's baptism, she will receive a faith chest from St. Peter's. Inside is a baptismal blanket with a patch that says, Made with love from your St. Peter's Family.

HYMN

I'm Going on a Journey

ELW #446

* APOSTLES' CREED

ELW P. 105

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

* LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

* SENDING SONG

Abide with Me

ELW #629

* DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
verse 1

ELW #543

About Worship Today

A Capella Sunday: This Sunday we are celebrating the first Sunday of Lent. To mark the beginning of this important season of penitence and preparation, we are joining with congregations around the country in singing congregational songs a capella (without instrumental accompaniment). By singing a capella, we are offering to God our selves in its most basic form. Soli Deo Gloria. To God alone be the glory.

"A Capella Sunday" is a ministry of The Center for Congregational Song.
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Today's Worship Leaders

Pianist/Organist

Richard Collman

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Mark Albers

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Sheila Roehrick

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Announcements

Perfect Love Casts Out Fear • is the theme for our Lenten evening worship services on Wednesdays at 6:15 pm. Soup suppers at 5:30. *We still need one more group to take a soup supper on the last Wednesday, April 10. Please contact the church office if you're interested.

MN FoodShare Month • Bring non-perishable foods to our shopping cart in the narthex during March! Items will be donated to the Northfield CAC.

Study the Gospel of Luke • in the Fireside room during the education hour. Next week, the 17th will be week 3 of 6. Anyone is welcome.

Calling all Key Holders • If you have been issued a key for St. Peter's and no longer need it, please return it to the office at your convenience. Thank you!

Future Faith Book Study • Pastor David is hosting a course on the book, "Future Faith: 10 Challenges Reshaping Christianity in the 21st Century." This is a 10-week course on Wednesdays at 11:00 am in the Fireside Room, February 13-April 17. Extra copies of the book are available at the Welcome Center.

40-Day Journey • What do life's contradictions have to teach us? This is one of the questions explored in a 40-Day Journey with Parker Palmer. If you would like to enrich and examine your own spiritual journey, please consider joining this book discussion group. For the first meeting we will become familiar with the book layout and process by going through each step together. Each day includes readings, questions to ponder, prayer and journaling. Group discussions will be on Monday evenings for five consecutive weeks beginning on March 11. The meeting time is 6:30 and books are available at the Welcome Center. Please contact Pastor David or Beth Vivant (952-250-6879) with any questions. All are welcome!

Prayer Ministry

Please remember these people
and their families in prayer.

Al Croone, Merlin Bauer, Sharon Bauer,
Tom Brodin, Sebastian Burset (friend
of Richard DeBeau & Doris Welke), **Paula**
Closson Behm (daughter of Judy Closson),
Marcia Dellersted, Mark Dorn, Mark
Ekeren, Bonnie Eliason (sister of Jean
Spittle), **Vangie Hall, Marcia Huber,**
Sharon Hruza (co-worker of Carmen
Sevcik), **Mary Kohrs** (friend of Sandra
Bremer), **Ruth Meliza, Sherry Meliza,**
Barbara Johnson, Regan Nordling (great-
granddaughter of Dolly Roush), **Frank**
Santos (brother-in-law of Bergemanns),
Shirley Shaft, and Mary Stein.

*If you would like a visit from Pastor Weeks,
please contact the Church
Office at 645-8252.*

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This Week

Sunday, March 10

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: SPRING FORWARD!

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship
10:10 am Sunday School

Monday, March 11

10:00 am New Spirit Circle
12:15 pm SOLOS
6:00 pm BeFriends training
6:30 pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday, March 12

9:00 am Staff Meeting
9:00 am Hannah Circle
7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, March 13

7:45 am Breakfast Club
11:00 am Future Faith book study, Fireside room
12:00 pm Lenten Worship
4:30 pm Jubilee Bells
5:30 pm Soup Supper
5:45 pm Worship Band
6:15 pm Lenten Worship
6:45 pm SPY/Confirmation
7:00 pm Worship Choir

Thursday, March 14

7:00 am Table Talk, The Tavern

Friday, March 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

8:00 am Women's Fellowship, The Tavern
8:30 am LUV Quilters

Sunday, March 17

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

7:30 am Sharing & Caring Hands
9:00 am Worship, Sunday School Children Sing
10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship
10:10 am Gospel of Luke study 3 of 6, Fireside Room
10:10 am Sunday School