



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 worshipping 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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Psalm 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