



**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
*in*  
**Lent**

St. Peter's. Ev. Lutheran Church  
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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- Family restrooms are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.
- A parent's room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available.
- Listening devices and six large print hymnals are available, please ask an usher.
- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of the pastors before communing with us. We remind you to be sure to fill out a communion registration card and place it in the offering plate. For your personal preparation before communing, turn to pages 156 and 11 in the front of the hymnal. Thank you.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

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**SERVICE THEME** When God's forgiveness in Christ is rejected by one group of people, the Lord will take it from them and graciously bestow it upon others.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The Common Service* on page 15 in the front of the hymnal

**OPENING HYMN**

**"Oh, Come, My Soul"**  
*Hymn 99*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: ♪Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what**

**is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

♪ **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**M:** God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** ♪ **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** ♪ **And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪ **Amen.**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 43:16-21

*During Old Testament times, God's forgiving mercy was met with rejection by his people.*

<sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD says, who makes a road through the sea and a path through mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out the chariot and the horses, the army and the strong warrior. They will all lie down together. They will not get up. They are extinguished. Like a wick they go out. <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things. Do not keep thinking about ancient things. <sup>19</sup>Watch, I am about to do a new thing. Now it will spring up.

Don't you know about it? Indeed I will make a road in the wilderness. In the wasteland I will make rivers. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals, the jackals and ostriches, will honor me, because I am providing water in the wilderness, rivers in a parched wasteland, to provide water for my chosen people to drink. <sup>21</sup>This people that I formed for myself will declare my praise.

### **GRADES 2-3 IN 10:30 SERVICE**

**“God Will Save”**  
*by Mary Dorn Lippert*

God has loved you with an everlasting love.

Long before you were created it was there.

So he gives this promise just for you, and for all your children too.

He will clothe you in his perfect righteousness; he will show you just how very much he cares! On your own, you can't come to him  
So he comes to you. God will save!

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him, shall not perish but have eternal life!

God has loved you with an everlasting love.

Long before you were created it was there.

So he gives this promise just for you, and for all your children too.

Till the Savior in his glory comes again, May each generation pass the promise on;  
Bringing hope to all nations with these words:  
God will save! God will save!

### **SECOND LESSON**

Romans 11:11-21

*The rejection of God's grace and mercy by some means the salvation of others.*

<sup>11</sup>So I ask, “Did they stumble in order to fall permanently?” Absolutely not! Rather, by their trespass, salvation came to the Gentiles to make the Israelites jealous. <sup>12</sup>Now if their trespass meant riches for the world, and their failure meant riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fullness mean! <sup>13</sup>I am speaking to you Gentiles. For as long as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I am going to speak highly of my ministry. <sup>14</sup>Perhaps I may make my own people jealous, and so save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, what does their acceptance mean other than the dead coming to life? <sup>16</sup>If the part offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole batch. And if the root is holy, so are the branches. <sup>17</sup>But if some of the branches were broken off, and you—a wild olive branch—were grafted

in among them and share in the rich sap from the root of the olive tree, <sup>18</sup>do not boast that you are better than the branches. If you do boast, remember that you are not supporting the root, but the root is supporting you. <sup>19</sup>Then you will say: “Branches were broken off so that I am grafted in.” <sup>20</sup>That is true—but remember that they were broken off because of unbelief, and you remain in place by faith. Do not be conceited, but stand in awe. <sup>21</sup>For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you.

### NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### HYMN OF THE DAY

**“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”**  
*Hymn 108*

M: The Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 20.

C: **♪Glory be to you, O Lord!**

### GOSPEL

Luke 20:9-19

*Throughout their history, many of the Children of Israel rejected God’s prophets, until at last they murdered the great Prophet, Jesus Christ. Their rejection brought salvation to the nations.*

<sup>9</sup>He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenant farmers, and went away on a journey for a long time. <sup>10</sup>When it was the right time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>The man went ahead and sent yet another servant, but they also beat him, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>He then sent yet a third. They also wounded him and threw him out. <sup>13</sup>The owner of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love. Perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>“But when the tenant farmers saw him, they talked it over with one another. They said, ‘This is the heir. Let’s kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. So what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “May it never be!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked at them and said, “Then what about this that is written: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone? <sup>18</sup>“Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush the one on whom it falls.” <sup>19</sup>That very hour the chief priests and the experts in the law began looking for a way to lay hands on him, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **♪Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**“The Vineyard Remains With Those Who Produce Fruit”**

*Pastor Zuberbier*

1. God’s messengers are rejected.
2. Those who reject are rejected.

### CREATE IN ME

**♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your**

**Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy**

**of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

## GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **♪We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **♪It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he,  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **♪Amen.**

### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

**♪ O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin  
of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**"From Eternity, O God"**  
*Hymn 461*

**"Christ, the Life of All the Living"**  
*Hymn 114*

### SONG OF SIMEON

**♪ Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace  
according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **♪And his mercy endures forever.**

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪Amen.

### **BLESSING**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: ♪Amen. Amen. Amen.

### **CLOSING HYMN**

**“Lord of the Living Harvest”**  
*Hymn 559*

### **ORGANIST**

David Koepsell

### **GREETERS**

7:45 ~ Ken & Jo Wendorff

10:30 ~ Jerry & Diane Fricken