



Fourth Sunday IN LENT

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the peace of God which transcends all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

- 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 fill out a Visitor Card and hand it to an usher. 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.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP I, a sinner, come to you with a penitent confession. Savior, show me mercy, too; grant for all my sins remission. Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners does receive. Amen.

SERVICE THEME Our condemnation is crushed by God's grace.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting One | 154

HYMNS OF THE DAY

421, 576, 602, 583

PSALM OF THE DAY

I Turn to You, O Lord | 32

Pastor will introduce the refrain; the congregation will join in repeating the refrain. Pastor will sing the verses, & the congregation is asked to join in singing the refrains.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, you receive us as your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 12:1-6

God's grace turns the gloom of our condemnation into the joy of our salvation.

In that day you will say: I will give thanks to you, LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away, and you comfort me. ²Surely God is my salvation. I will trust him and will not be afraid, because Yah, the LORD, is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation. ³Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴In that day you will say: Give thanks to the LORD! Proclaim his name. Declare among the peoples what he has done. Proclaim that his name is exalted! ⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done amazing things! Let this be known in all the earth! ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

M: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INSPIRATION IN 10:30 SERVICE

"We Had a Share (in His Agony)"

By: Natalie Sleeth

You've heard of the Carpenter from Galilee, O Lord, a fearless prophet man was He, O Lord. You've heard of the Carpenter from Galilee; a fearless prophet man was He.

We had a share in His agony, O Lord.

They found him in Gethsemane, O Lord; They crucified Him on a tree, O Lord.
Found him in Gethsemane; They crucified Him on a tree. We had a share in His
agony, O Lord.

O high on a hill called Calvary, O Lord, He died on a cross to set us free, O Lord.
High on a hill called Calvary, He died on a cross to set us free. We had a share in His
agony, O Lord. We had a share in His agony, O yes, my Lord!

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:1-10

In Christ Jesus God has already condemned all sin. For us there is only grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, ⁴so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.

⁵To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. ⁶Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. ⁷For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL (Sermon Text)

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

How does God respond to those who object to or are angered by his grace? He responds with more grace.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. ²But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³He told them this parable: ¹¹"A certain man had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all that he had and traveled to a distant country. There he wasted his wealth with reckless living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He would have liked

to fill his stomach with the carob pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, and I am dying from hunger! ¹⁸I will get up, go to my father, and tell him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰"He got up and went to his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, hugged his son, and kissed him. ²¹The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick, bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴because this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.' Then they began to celebrate. ²⁵"His older son was in the field. As he approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. ²⁷The servant told him, 'Your brother is here! Your father killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸The older brother was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹He answered his father, 'Look, these many years I've been serving you, and I never disobeyed your command, but you never gave me even a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours arrived after wasting your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹"The father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. ³²But it was fitting to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.'"

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

"Marvel at Our Heavenly Father's Patience"

Pastor Zuberbier

1. He waits as we wander.
2. He welcomes when we return.
3. He warns against self-righteousness.

ORGANIST

Erin Achey

GREETERS

8:00 ~ Loren & Joan Voss

10:30 ~ Gib & Ann Trewin