

## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

*Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word*

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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 God's promises comfort and sustain you on your journey through life.

**SERVICE THEME** A Gift for the World

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** *Setting Two* | 172-187

**OPENING HYMN** *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* | 592

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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** Numbers 21:4-9

*Like the Israelites, we suffer the results of our sins even after we have seen the mercy of God; for we still murmur at times and complain often. In grace God sent a cure. Those who looked did so because God's Word created trust in their hearts, not because looking made any sense.*

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup>they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"

<sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke

against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

<sup>8</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ADULT CHOIR IN 8:00 SERVICE

*"Mercy"*

by Craig Courtney

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame. And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame.

Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity. Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with Your pardon, purity. Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In equal measure of Your love, You promise mercy, tender compassion to the one, who seeks Your face. A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit, together cry for Your forgiveness and Your grace.

Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in Your sight. Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight. Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL IN 10:30 SERVICE

*Lamb of God* | 550

### SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*Abraham provides an example of how salvation is not earned but received as a gift through faith.*

What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>If indeed Abraham had been justified by works, he would have had a reason to boast—but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to a person who works, his pay is not counted as a gift but as something owed. <sup>5</sup>But to the person who does not work but believes in the God who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited to him as righteousness. <sup>13</sup>Indeed, the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not given to Abraham or his descendants through the law, but through the righteousness that is by faith. <sup>14</sup>To be sure, if people are heirs by the law, faith is empty and the

promise is nullified. <sup>15</sup>For law brings wrath. (Where there is no law, there is no transgression.) <sup>16</sup>For this reason, the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace and may be guaranteed to all of Abraham's descendants—not only to the one who is a descendant by law, but also to the one who has the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup>As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION for LENT

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*Refrain: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.*

**The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.** *Refrain*

## GOSPEL (Sermon Text)

John 3:1-17

*By preaching the gospel of God's love for the world, Jesus gifted faith to a Pharisee, Nicodemus.*

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus at night and said to him,

**All: "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him."**

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him,

**"How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"**

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! <sup>6</sup>Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus asked,

**"How can these things be?"**

<sup>10</sup>"You are the teacher of Israel," Jesus answered, "and you do not know these things? <sup>11</sup>Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No

one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. <sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*God Loved the World So That He Gave* | 570

## "How Do You Give a Gift to a World that Doesn't Want It?"

*Pastor Boehringer*

## NICENE CREED & PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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## GATHERING OF OFFERING: 5-6 BELLS IN 10:30 SERVICE

*"I Come with Joy"*

by Brian Childers

## THE SACRAMENT

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord* | 661

*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here* | 648

## THANKSGIVING & BLESSING

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## CLOSING HYMN

*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* | 409



## ORGANIST

Erin Achey

## GREETERS

8:00 ~ Tracy & Eric Freiberg

10:30 ~ Jane Fell