



**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
MARCH 3, 2024

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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**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

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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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 the pastor.*

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 or FM 100.7 Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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**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 **please speak with the pastor before communing** with us. Thank you.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for you! May our eyes be ever turning to behold your cross anew, till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side, graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified! Amen.

**SERVICE THEME***Rethinking Religion: Rethinking Trials, Tests and Temptations***ORDER OF WORSHIP***Setting One | 154-171***OPENING HYMN***Open, Lovely Doors | 912***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; 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**

Genesis 22:1-18

*God gives Abraham a test which will demonstrate who Abraham loves and trusts.*

Sometime later God tested Abraham. He called to him, "Abraham!" Abraham answered, "I am here." <sup>2</sup>God said, "Now take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains there, the one to which I direct you."

<sup>3</sup>Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, along with Isaac his son. Abraham split the wood for the burnt offering. Then he set out to go to the place that God had told him about. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

<sup>5</sup>Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go on over there. We will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and loaded it on Isaac his son. He took the firepot and the knife in his hand. The two of them went on together.

<sup>7</sup>Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father?" He said, "I am here, my son." He said, "Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

<sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup>They came to the place that God had told him about. Abraham built the altar there. He arranged the wood, tied up Isaac his son,

and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

<sup>11</sup>The Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!"

Abraham said, "I am here." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

<sup>13</sup>Abraham looked around and saw that behind him there was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>Abraham called the name of that place "The LORD Will Provide." So it is said to this day, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

<sup>15</sup>The Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "I have sworn by myself, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will bless you greatly, and I will multiply your descendants greatly, like the stars of the sky and like the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the city gates of their enemies. <sup>18</sup>In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ADULT CHOIR IN 8:00 SERVICE***"Who Is Jesus"*  
by Jeffrey Honore

Who is Jesus? Friend of sinners, whom in love the Father gave; born within a borrowed stable, laid within a borrowed grave, Son of God and son of Mary, Son of Man, to seek and save.

Who is Jesus? Man of sorrows! See his glory all put by. Prince of life and sinners' ransom stumbles forth to bleed and die. Lamb of God and Love immortal hangs upon the cross on high.

Who is Jesus? Risen Savior! to his Father's throne restored, firstborn of the new creation, sun and star and saints reward, Prince of glory, King of ages, Christ the ever living Lord!

**PreK & K IN 10:30 SERVICE***Lord, Have Mercy | 652*

**SECOND LESSON**

Romans 8:31-39

*The proof of God’s love is not that he removes all our trouble. The proof of God’s love is that he gave us his Son. If he did that, nothing can separate us from God’s love.*

What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring an accusation against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies! <sup>34</sup>Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God’s right hand and who is also interceding for us! <sup>35</sup>What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

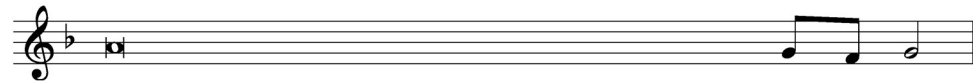
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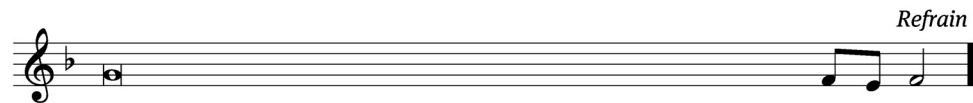


Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Jes - us Christ.

Tone



The reason the Son of God appeared



was to destroy the devil’s work.

**GOSPEL (Sermon Text)**

John 2:13-22

*How deeply committed is Jesus to his Father’s plan of salvation? Here we witness the passion with which Jesus goes about his mission of revealing the Father’s love for the world.*

<sup>13</sup>The Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and money changers sitting at tables. <sup>15</sup>He made a whip of cords and drove everyone out of the temple courts, along with the sheep and oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>To those selling doves he said, “Get these things out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a place of business!” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>So the Jews responded, “What sign are you going to show us to prove you can do these things?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple! And you are going to raise it in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and what Jesus had said.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want* | 555

**“Fix Your Eyes on Jesus, Man of Zeal”**

*Pastor Peter Kruschel*

**NICENE CREED & PRAYER**

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**GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING**

**7-8 BELL CHOIR IN 10:30 SERVICE**

*“The Lamb”*  
by John Behnke

**THE SACRAMENT**

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*The Law of God is Good and Wise | 637*

*My Song is Love Unknown | 399*

**THANKSGIVING & BLESSING**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

*Blessed Be the God of Israel | 954*

**ORGANIST**

Brent Nolte

**GREETERS**

8:00 ~ Jane Fell

10:30 ~ Judine Schicker