THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024

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 Since we have a great High Priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

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 Graciously my faith renew; help me bear my crosses, learning humbleness from you, peace mid pain and losses. May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior, that I may in heaven above sing your praise forever. Amen.

SERVICE THEME

Rethinking Religion: Rethinking Trials, Tests and Temptations

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting One | 154-171

OPENING HYMN

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle | 419

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally 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. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON (Sermon Text)

Zechariah 13:7-9

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man who is my associate, declares the LORD of Armies. Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones. ⁸This will take place in the whole land, declares the LORD: Two thirds of those who remain in it will be cut off and perish, but one third will be left in it. ⁹I will put that third into the fire, and I will refine them as silver is refined, and I will test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, "This is my people." And they will say, "The LORD is my God."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

INSPIRATION IN 8:00 SERVICE

There Is a Fountain | 401

Congregation please join in for verse 5.

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 5:7-9

Because he was truly human Jesus did not relish having to suffer for our salvation. Yet he submitted to the cross out of his devoted commitment to us.

In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him.

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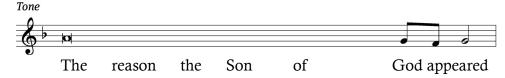
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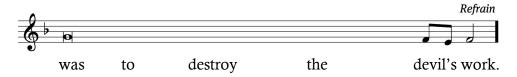
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Refrain



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





GOSPEL John 12:20-33

Though the thought of the cross troubled his soul, Jesus was committed to glorifying his Father's name by winning eternal life for us.

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." ²²Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world will hold on to it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, this is the reason I came to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name!"

A voice came from heaven: "I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again."

²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him. ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice was not for my sake but for yours.

³¹"Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, O Lord of Heaven & Earth | 571

Choir will sing verses 1-2, congregation please join in verses 3-4.

"It's Not Always Easy Being a Sheep"

Pastor David Haag

1. When your shepherd is cut down.

2. When your flock is scattered.

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GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

He Will Hold Me Fast | 813

Drawn to the Cross | 808

THANKSGIVING & BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart | 942

ORGANIST:

Brent Nolte

GREETERS:

8:00~ Barbara Krug 10:30~ Sue Repp