



# St. Peter Lutheran Church

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## To Our Guests and Visitors

We *welcome* all our friends in Christ who have come to worship with us. If you are a guest, please feel at home with us, sign our guest register, and worship with us whenever you are able. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our church family.

## Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, guests who are not confirmed members of a LCMS congregation and have not previously communed at this altar, are asked to first speak with our pastor. If you are unable to do so before the service, it is out of Christian love and care for your souls that we ask you to refrain from communing this morning. For further study, please see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. If you desire to receive a blessing for yourself or your children, please approach during communion, cross your arms over your chest and bow your head as you kneel at the altar rail.

## + IMPOSITION OF ASHES +

(See insert)

## + CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** I will go to the altar of God,

**C to God my exceeding joy.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

*Sit*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us.

For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**C Amen.**

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*Stand*

**C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**C Amen.**

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**C Yes.**

P Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

**C Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**HYMN** “Christ, the Life of All the Living” *LSB 420*, (Vs. 1-3)

### **KYRIE**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind,  
For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all,  
For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth,  
For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel,  
For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them,  
For these and for all our needs of body and soul,  
Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

### **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:12–19

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### GRADUAL

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,\*  
**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,\*

**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

#### EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### VERSE

P: Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C: Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

#### NICENE CREED

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*Sit*

**HYMN** “**Christ, the Life of All the Living**” (*LSB 420, Vs. 4-7*)

**SERMON**

*Stand*

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, grant that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, may be renewed by Your Holy Spirit to live in righteousness and true holiness;

Lord, in Your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

God of love, through Your Son You have commanded us to love one another. By the guidance of Your Word and Spirit, deliver us from impenitence and teach us the truth that we might confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and be reconciled to one another;

Lord, in Your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

O God, you resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant us true humility after the likeness of Your only Son that we may never be arrogant and prideful and thus provoke Your wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Your grace;

Lord, in Your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

**P:** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## OFFERING

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### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

#### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. On the tree of the cross You gave salvation, that where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who by a tree once overcame likewise by a tree might be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### SANCTUS

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### PAX DOMINI

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

**C: Amen.**

#### AGNUS DEI

**C: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

*Sit*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** “Just As I Am, without One Plea” (*LSB* 570)  
“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” (*LSB* 611)  
“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” (*LSB* 609)  
“Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness” (*LSB* 563)

*Stand*

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P:** Let us pray.  
Loving God, You have reconciled us to Yourself through Your Son, Jesus Christ. In this body and blood may we, your children, stand before You righteous in this day of salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

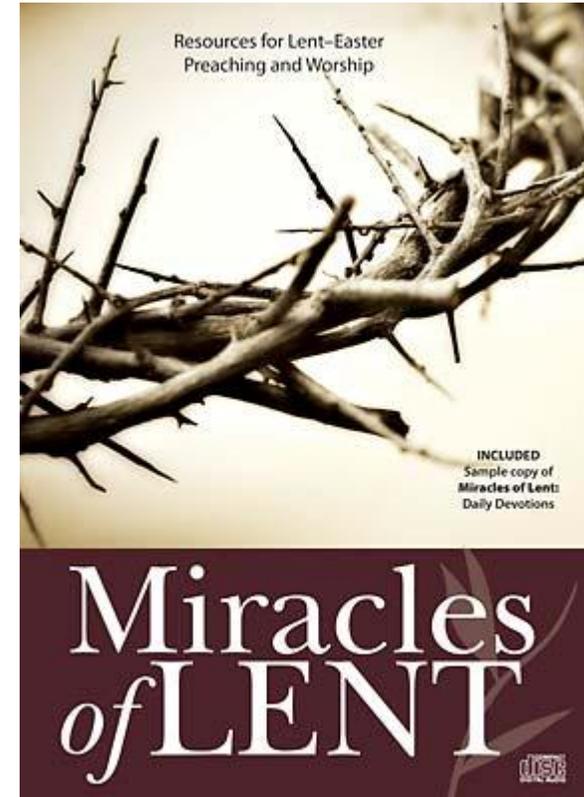
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN** “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” (*LSB* 423)

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### **Second Wednesday in Lent:**

The Miraculous Tearing of the Temple Curtain Matthew 27:51a

### **Third Wednesday in Lent:**

The Miraculous Earthquake Matthew 27:51b

### **Fourth Wednesday in Lent:**

The Miracle of the Splitting Rocks Matthew 27:51c

### **Fifth Wednesday in Lent:**

The Miraculous Raising of the Saints from Death Matthew 27:52,53

### **Sixth Wednesday in Lent:**

The Miraculous Faith of the Roman Soldiers Matthew 27:54

### **Maundy Thursday:**

The Miraculous in Holy Communion 1 Cor. 11:23–26

### **Good Friday:**

The Miracle of Good Friday 1 Peter 3:18

### **Easter Sunday:**

The Miracle of Easter Matthew 28:1–10