



The Key to St. Peter

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The Parson's Pen...

By Pastor Larry Knobloch

Lenten/Easter Greetings!

We still have a few more weeks of Lent to go through. Yes, go through. It may seem like a chore, but it is good for us to acknowledge the reason that Jesus went to the cross, as He did it for you. More on that in a moment.

As we continue to get settled into our new worship facility there are a few changes taking place. Over the past few months, we have been printing all the liturgy in the bulletin so that visitors would have an easier time following our services. The Voter's assembly has questioned whether this is good stewardship of our resources. In the near future, we will be printing a limited number of these bulletins and reserve them for visitors. If you would prefer to use this "complete" bulletin please let the church office know so that we can have enough of these available.

Please take note of the upcoming services during Holy Week and Easter morning. They are listed on the calendar as well as elsewhere in the newsletter. We will be celebrating Holy Communion at both Easter morning services. There will also be a breakfast between the services. The Youth will be serving breakfast and asking for donations to cover the cost of the breakfast. The remainder of the funds will go towards their trip to the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio this summer.

Finally, I ask for your patience, as we are going through changes in our office. Lana has accepted a full time position in Jacksboro so that she can provide insurance for her family. We are grateful for her faithful service to our congregation and ask God's blessings for Lana and her family as well as God's guidance as we look for her replacement.

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The following is something that I read in an article years ago and as we continue in our Lenten journey, it seemed like a good time to share it with you.

"For me!" cries the young child, opening a present from Grandma or Grandpa. "For me!" says the employee when a promotion or bonus comes unexpectedly. There are few times in life when we receive something unexpected and undeserved and are able to use those words.

Yet this month, that expression "For Me!" belongs in our hearts and on our lips because, as the days of the Lenten season come to a close on the awesome events of Holy Week, we will stand again in spirit beneath Jesus' cross on Calvary. The apostle Paul expressed it this way in Romans 5:8 "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" and in Galatians 2:20 "I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Our heavenly Father's great Easter gift is just what we needed and yet something we could never ask for or deserve on our own merit. The Creed sums up Christ's word. "He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead;" All this the Savior did for me, in spite of my unworthiness.

What held Jesus to the cross? It was not the rope that bound His hands at His arrest in Gethsemane; it was not Pilate's giving in to the mobs wishes, it was not even the nails that pierced His hands and feet. It was Love! God's Love decreed that His Son would be sacrificed on the cross, to save a lost and condemned people.

For me! Christ's hands were pierced in payment for my hands that committed sinful acts. His feet were scarred because of my feet walking in sinful ways. His head was marred by thorns in ransom for my selfish thoughts.

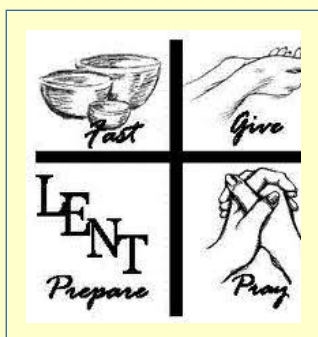
For me! The full fury of God's righteous anger against sin washed over Jesus as He hung on the cross, bearing our sins. Then with His death came the full payment for our sins. "It is finished." (John 19:30) Jesus cried out, not in defeat, but in victory! His work of redemption was concluded and He committed His spirit into the hands of His heavenly Father.

***FOR ME!** Even though death still buzzes around us like an angry bee, it cannot harm us because has removed its sting. His death is my death; His payment for sin covers me; His resurrection is my resurrection.*

All of this Jesus did for you! We can all echo those words, saying He did it all **"For me!"** In that we rejoice as we prepare for another Easter season of joy and thanksgiving.

Pastor K

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Confirmation of Faith



On February 3, nine students made their confirmation of faith at St. Peter. Mary Atkinson, Lauren Gill, Hattie Hammer, Shelby Horton, Degan Kurz, Maddie Kurz, Marli Moeller, Alecia Wilson and Amanda Wilson.

Lenten/Holy Week/Easter Services

The remainder of Lent, we will continue to listen to the Lion as He rumbles in His jungle, pointing out our complacency, duplicity and sin, But, and thank God for this, the ferocious Lion is also the bleeding Lamb. Gathering under the cross, we will all the more be amazed when the roaring Lion defeats His greatest enemies, the devil, hell and the power of death.

Lent 3 – March 6 at 7 p.m. Amos 6:6 “Grieving for Joseph”

Lent 4 – March 13 at 7 p.m. Amos 7:1–6 “Locusts Seem to Be Everywhere”

Lent 5 – March 20 at 7 p.m. Amos 7:10–17 “Lion Alert!”

Maunder Thursday – March 28 at 7 p.m. w/Holy Communion
Amos 8:11–14 “The Taste Test”

Good Friday – March 29 at 7 p.m. Tenebrae Service
Amos 9:1–6 “Buried!”

Easter Sunrise – March 31 at 7 a.m. w/Holy Communion

Easter Celebration – March 31 at 10 a.m. w/Holy Communion
Amos 9:11–15 “Come to the Feast”



Serving in God's House in March

Elder - Darren Gill

Counters - Darren Gill, Rich Lee, Monty Moeller

Altar Guild - Cholly Richards & Donna Roth

Altar Care - Maci Ferguson, Jana Gillmore, Kristen Henry, Monica Mayfield

Nursery 3/3 - Kelly Roth/Emily Roth
 3/10 - Katie Jones / Shelby Horton
 3/17 - Rebecca Pickett/Rebecca Horton
 3/24 - Aubrey Gill / Lauren Gill
 3/31 - Hattie Hammer / Marli Moeller

Lay Readers

3/3 Bob Aune
 3/10 William Pickett
 3/17 Bryan Roth
 3/24 Monty Moeller
 3/31 Arn Anderson
 3/3 Hattie Hammer/Shelby Horton
 3/10 Will Jones / Joshua Knobloch
 3/17 Dalton Fechtler/Travis Fechtler
 3/24 Aubrey Gill / Jessie Roth
 3/31 Katie Jones / Will Jones

Acolytes

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The next LWML Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Bible study topic will be "Guilt and Grace". All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

We are now offering babysitting for anyone who would like to attend our meetings. Please contact Jeannine Yowell at 366-3998 or Jo Kleinhans at 872-4208 and let us know so it will be available.

The ladies are finishing up quilts for World Relief and will begin working on the annual fundraiser lunch to be held April 14 after worship.

LWML Motto:

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Psalm 100:2

St. Peter Youth

The youth of St. Peter will be providing an Easter Egg Hunt for the younger children on Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall.

They also will be serving an Easter Breakfast between the services Easter morning. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the breakfast. Extra monies will be used toward the National Youth Gathering.

Watch your bulletin for more information on these and other activities.

