

Saved by Grace - Solid in the Word - Here to Serve

Welcome! *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42*



Holy Communion

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of our Lord Jesus Christ's true body and true blood. Reception of the Lord's Supper expresses not only fellowship with the Lord, but also fellowship and agreement with the teaching of the pastor and congregation. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that out of care for each person and a desire to be faithful to God's Word we follow the biblical practice of closed communion. **All guests are kindly asked to please speak with Pastor Gaunt before communing at our altar.** Normally, people from churches in fellowship with the LCMS, are welcome to partake. Those not communing, who so desire, may come to the altar to receive a blessing. So that the pastor knows you desire a blessing please cross your arms over your chest. Please pray with us that we might all be truly united in the teaching of our Lord's precious word. (For further study: 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 6:26-29.)

Prayers of the Church

Circuit Congregation St. Paul's, Lowell **Health Issues** + Jon Botsch + Janelle Ham + Norma Bosle + Lisa Novak + June Rose + Donna Merkel + Kara Nissen + Don Nissen + Karen Bauman + Jerry Hinrichs + Rose Witt + Walt Irmer + Zach Witt + Dee Janssen **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Micah Gaunt
Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt
Altar Guild: April: Dianne Botsch
Elders: Dale Grotelueschen, Dustin Russell
Acolyte: Isaac Russell

The Lord's Week

Sunday	Apr.	3	9:00am	Divine Service
			10:30am	Children's Sunday School, Bible Study
			4:00pm	First Communion Class
Monday	Apr.	4	4:00pm	L.W.M.L. Executive Board
Tuesday	Apr.	5	9:30am	Bible Study
Wed.	Apr.	6	5:30pm	Meal -Houses Melchizedek, Barnabas
			6:10pm	Midweek Classes
			7:00pm	Lenten Worship
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Today we begin the final phase of our Lenten Journey, often referred to as "Passiontide". We have already refrained from singing the Gloria in Excelsis and the Alleluias. Today we silence the Gloria Patri. Likewise, after we hear in the gospel lesson that "Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple" we veil the images of Christ on the cross. This is all in anticipation of the joyful revelation of Christ's Resurrection and celebration beginning at the Easter Vigil.

Jesus Is Our Redemption

In the temple Jesus said, "If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death" (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11-15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1-14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.



Prelude & Ringing of Bells	
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Confession & Absolution	p. 151
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Kyrie	
Salutation and Collect	
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Gradual	
Epistle Reading	
Tract	
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Sermon	John 8:46-59
Apostles' Creed	
Prayer of the Church	
<i>Be seated as the altar is prepared for Holy Communion.</i>	
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<i>Note that we do not sing the "Glory be to the Father..."</i>	
Benediction	
Hymn	#427
Postlude	

News and Notes of Interest

Divine Service: Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M.
10:30 A.M. Children's Sunday School, Bible Study

Adult Bible Class. The Sunday Morning adult bible class during Lent is entitled "Following Jesus". We will be looking at the book of 1 John and talking about what it means to be a member of the church. The class will go from March 6th - April 10th. This class will provide us opportunities for good discussion. Hope to see you there!

Preservice Prayer. During the season of Lent we will be meeting in the west wing (old narthex) for a time of prayer before the service. This will be an opportunity to pray for God's blessing upon the word and all who participate in the worship service. We will meet at 8:30. Welcome all.

April 6th, Midweek Lenten Service at 7 pm. This year's theme is "They Will See His Face: Worship and Healing". Meal provided at 5:30pm.

Birthdays 4/06 Jay Jay Morgan, 4/07 Don Baker
4/08 Michaela Novak 4/09 Rick Latta **Baptismal**
4/09 Donna Bond, Carol Hansel
Wedding Anniversary 4/04 Rodney & June Rose

Lifequote "You and I are God's workmanship as well. In and of ourselves we have nothing to offer God. But He gave us His Son, eternal life, forgiveness of sins, as well as the grace to serve Him. By God's tender-mercies we are qualified to serve Him now and forevermore!"

• lutheransforlife.org.

Peace Members 7:30 a.m. Easter Morning Breakfast Plans are to Announce and Welcome our new Members who have recently joined and all new members from this past year to our Family of Faith at Peace Lutheran Church. Names to be announced soon!

Lily - donations will be excepted until Sunday, April 10th, please give to Diane Gundlach or the Church Office. Lily's purchased may go home after the Easter Worship Service.

The Congregation at Prayer

Speak aloud as much of this order of prayer as you are able.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Verse of the Week: "The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore." Psalm 121:7-8

*The 10 Commandments
The Apostles Creed
The Lord's Prayer*

Catechism: 4th and 5th Petitions of the Lord's Prayer

Other Readings for the Week: *The Gospel Lesson on Monday, The Gospel Verse on Tuesday, The Epistle Lesson on Wednesday, The Gradual Verse on Thursday, The First Lesson on Friday & The Introit on Saturday.*

For Meditation: What has the Holy Spirit been teaching you lately in His word? Where has He given you a word of correction? Where has He given you a word of comfort? What is something the Holy Spirit is leading you to pray about?

Pray in response to the Catechism and/or Readings for the Week. *What is God teaching you to **thank** Him for? What sin is He teaching you to **confess**? What is God teaching you to **ask** for? You may also pray this week's Collect, as well as for the prayers of the church (found in the bulletin).*

Hymn- #430 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

May the almighty and most merciful God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. Amen.

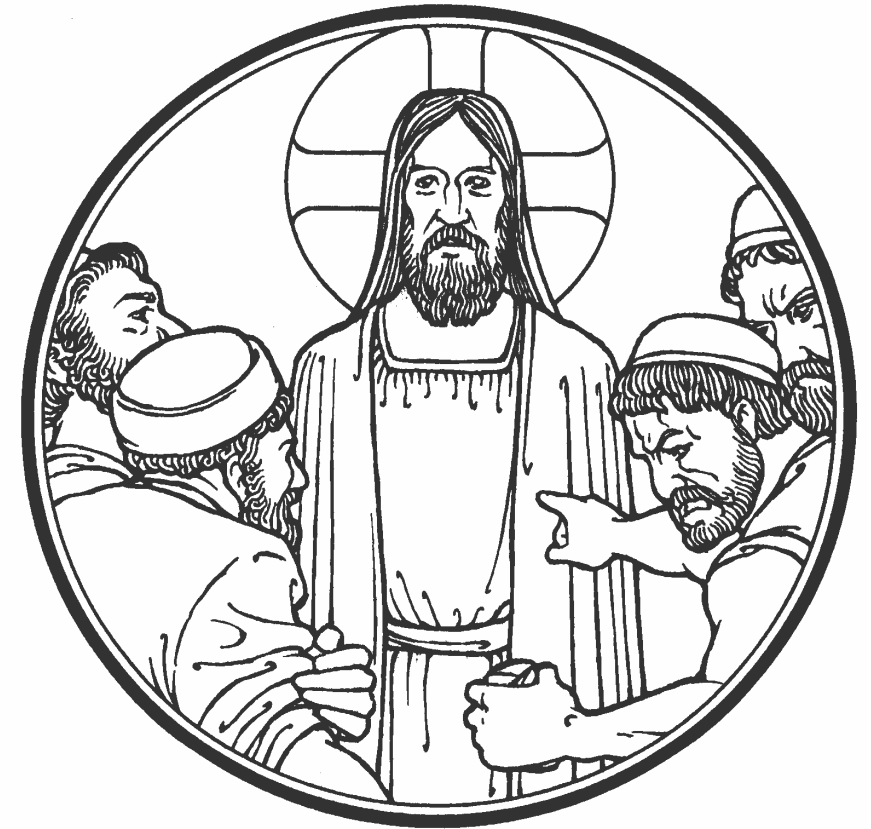
Next Week's Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:1-27, 66

What is something you heard in worship that you want to hold on to this week?

Who is someone with whom you can share it?

5th Sunday in Lent
Divine Service Setting 1

April 3rd
9:00am



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