

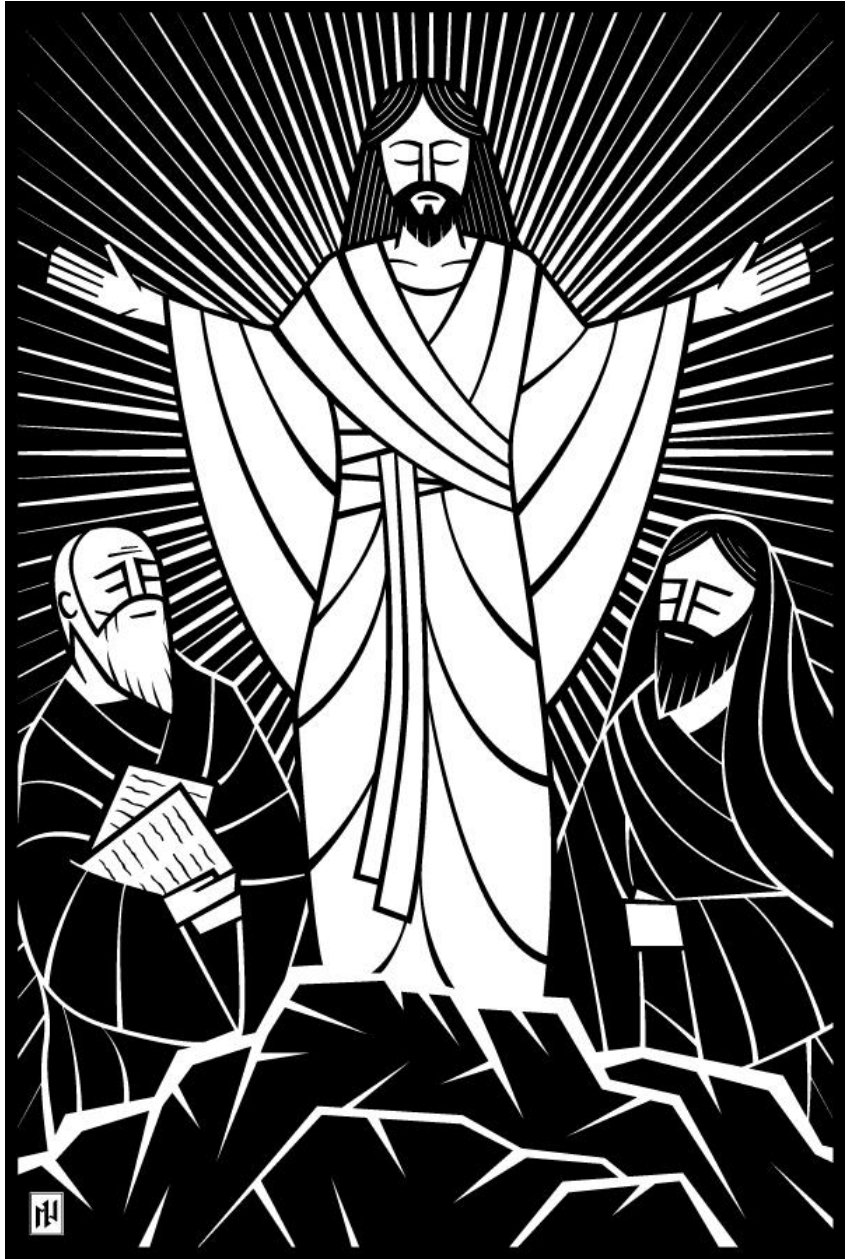
March 1/2, 2025

# St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

108 West Maple Street

Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

*Thank you for worshipping with us. May God bless your day!*



“This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

**Luke 9:35**

**We Exist to Share Christ!**

**TO OUR VISITORS:** Thank you for joining us for our worship today. It is a pleasure to have you with us and please come again soon. May God bless you through this celebration!

**IF YOUR CHILD** becomes restless during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Parenting Room which is located just off the front entryway to the church.

**HEARING LOOP** devices available or please set hearing aid to tele-coil.

**LARGE PRINT** Worship Folders (with entire liturgy) found in entryway to the church.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION** about St. Peter's and its activities, please speak with one of the pastors to arrange an appointment or call the church office at 920-743-4431 during the week.

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**Our Communion Practice:** (Personal preparation for Holy Communion: Hymnal pg. 295)



We practice "member" communion, also called "close" communion. If you are a guest and are not yet a member of our fellowship/congregation, we invite you to learn more about us *before* joining us at the communion table. To learn more about our faith and fellowship, **speak with either pastor**. If you are a member of St. Peter's or one of our sister congregations of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod and wish to commune, please make out a communion card from the pew and hand it to the usher at communion. Thank you!

**Worship Focus:** *Glory is Hidden in Order to Be Revealed*

Would you look directly at the sun? Only if you wanted to burn your retinas and have permanent blind spots. Would you like to look directly at God? It sounds wonderful in theory. Yet Scripture describes God's glory as being brighter than the sun. Moreover, one component of God's glory is his holiness. Being holy doesn't just mean God loves good; he also hates evil with burning intensity. And we sin every day. No wonder the Lord once told Moses, "No one may see me and live" (Exodus 33:20). Sinners would die of fear if they saw God in all his holy glory. So, how then can we possibly know God? How can we draw near to him without dying of terror? In our final epiphany moment of this season, God explains. God hides his glory in order to reveal himself. To carry out his good and glorious work of salvation, Jesus hid his glory and went to the cross. To allow sinners to stare at his glory without fear or harm, God hides it in the gospel. In the gospel, we see the glory of Christ's love, power, and salvation. The reality is that when God's glory is hidden, it is most on display.

**Order of Worship:** The Service: Setting Three, p.188

**Hymns:** 389; 388; 752:1; 522

**Psalm:** 2D



## Order of Service for Last Sunday after the Epiphany

### Opening Hymn

*389 How Good, Lord, to Be Here*

*Stand*

### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

### Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Glory to God in the Highest

1064 Gloria (Scan) - IN BABILONE

Tune: IN BABILONE



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he  
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our



loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple  
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed—



speak his grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your  
for your mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and



glo - ry, might-y Fa - ther, heav-en's King; hear our joy - ful  
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry



ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.  
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

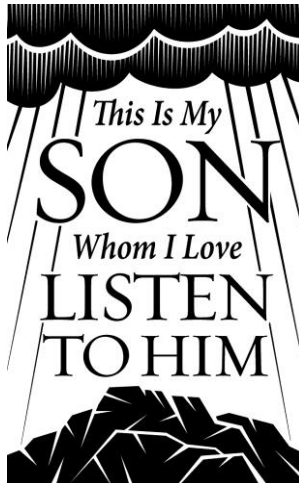
*Exodus 34:29-35*

*The glory of God was reflected in the two-sided covenant of the law which God established through Moses. It made people afraid. Through Christ God would establish a new and greater covenant which would remove all our fears.*

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the LORD. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. <sup>31</sup>Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward, all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup>But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. <sup>35</sup>Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD again.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm of the Day (5:00pm & 7:30am)

2D Great Are the Works of the LORD

### Refrain



Great are the works of the LORD. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

### Tone



Why do the nations / conspire  
and the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a- / gainst the LORD  
and against his A- / nointed. *Refrain*

The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;  
the Lord / scoffs at them.

He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, / saying,  
"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy / mountain." *Refrain*

I will proclaim the / LORD's decree:

He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your / Father."

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Long, Long ago, the prophets spoke to ancient generations.  
But in these days, God shows His ways and through the Son He's spoken.  
The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.

You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten.  
The heav'ns you made, your hand has laid the very earth's foundation.  
The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.  
The Son, your sins has lightened, He sits upon the right hand of pow'r and majesty.  
The first begotten One, this is my high and holy Son.

On earth on day, John, Peter, James followed Him up a mountain.  
Before their eyes, His face would shine with light as bright as morning.  
His garment shone and brightened. The disciples were so frightened, their faces on the ground.  
A bright cloud overwhelmed them, a voice came forth to tell them,  
Now listen to this one, for this is my beloved Son!

You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten.  
The heav'ns you made, your hand has laid the very earth's foundation.  
The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.  
The Son, your sins has lightened, He sits upon the right hand of pow'r and majesty.  
For this is my Son, for this is my beloved Son. This is my Son.

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

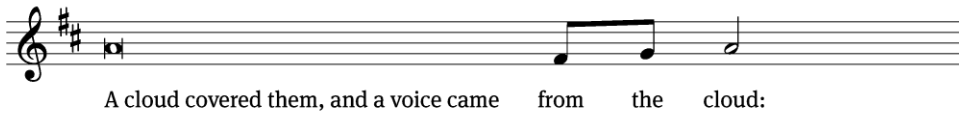
Gospel Acclamation - Setting 3



Refrain



Tone



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## **Gospel**

Luke 9:28-36

*The glory of God, hidden in Christ, shines through on the Mount of Transfiguration.*

About eight days after he said these words, Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Just then, two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him! <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were talking about his departure, which he was going to bring to fulfillment in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Peter and those with him were weighed down with sleep, but when they were completely awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup>As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let's make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not realize what he was saying. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them. They were afraid as they went into the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>After the voice had spoken, they found Jesus alone. They kept this secret and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Hymn of the Day**

*388 Down from the Mount of Glory*

## **Sermon**

Luke 9:28-36

### **Who's in Control?**

*Stand at conclusion of sermon*

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

*Offering plates are located in the entryways to the sanctuary. You may mail your gifts to our church office or securely contribute online through a link found on our website, [stpeterslutheran.net](http://stpeterslutheran.net), or with the QR code to the right.*

*Please sign the Friendship/Guestbook and pass it on to others in the same pew. Then pass the book back to its original position. Please leave the sheet attached in the booklet.*

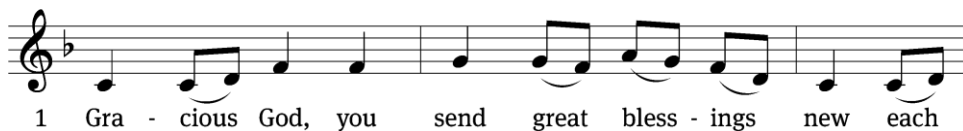


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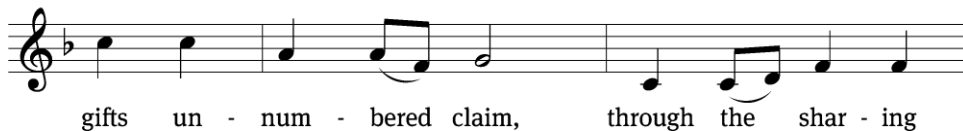
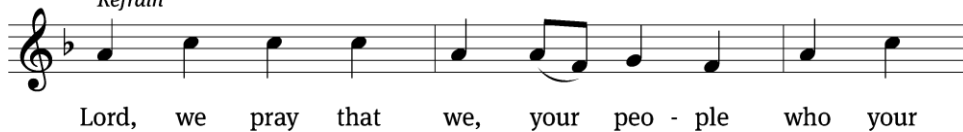
## Offering Hymn

752 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings sts. 1, Ref

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward to the altar)



### Refrain



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## The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



# Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in Heaven**

**Hallowed be Your name,**

**Your kingdom come,**

**Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\dagger$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

# Lamb of God

CW 202



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us, grant us peace.

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*Be seated*

## Distribution Hymn

522 *Beautiful Savior*

*Personal Prayers for before and after communion can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal.*

*Please Note: In the center of the tray are individual cups that are half wine/half water.*

*Stand*

## Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Farewell to Alleluia

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



## Closing Hymn

*Alleluia, Song of Triumph*



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that  
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
Trin - i - ty— as we look to your blest East - er,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; saints a - dorned in  
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, when we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.  
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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<b><u>Assistants in Worship</u></b> (March 1/2)	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
Preacher – Pastor Joel T. Sauer	Weekend Services: 333
Presiding Minister - Pastor Carl Schroeder	General: \$12,993
Organist – Emily Symons	Building: \$325
Broadcast – Chris Boyette	Missions: \$640

**The Worship Folder is sponsored** by John McCarty in celebration of his wife Elsa's 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Heaven.

**The Radio & Internet Broadcasts** are sponsored by Gary & Barb Duquaine in honor of their 58 Wedding Anniversary.

**Current Bible Studies:**

- Sunday: 8:45 – 9:45 am Sunday Morning Bible Class: Holy Week – A Lot can Happen in a Week (taught by Pastor Sauer)  
 8:45 – 9:45 am Sunday School for students in preschool through grade 5.
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- Wednesday: 6:30 – 7:00 am Breakfast Bible Study in St. Peter's Social Hall studying the Book of 1 Samuel (taught by Pastor Martin)

**This Week at St. Peter's**

Sunday (2)	Mon (3)	Tues (4)	Wed (5)	Thurs (6)	Fri (7)	Saturday (8)	Sunday (9)
<p><b>7:30 AM</b> Worship w/Comm</p> <p><b>8:45 AM Bible Study:</b> Holy Week: A Lot can Happen in a Week!</p> <p><b>8:45 AM</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>10:05 AM</b> Worship w/Comm. Broadcast Online / Radio</p> <p>11:00 AM Youth Group</p>	<p>5:30 PM Hand Chimes</p> <p>6:30 PM Adult Choir</p>		<p><b>6:30 AM</b> The Book of 1 Samuel Bible Study at St. Peter's Social Hall</p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Ash Wednesday Worship w/Comm.</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> PSC Confirmation Classes</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Worship w/Comm.</p>	<p>1:30 PM Faithful Hands</p> <p>5:00 PM Worship Team</p> <p>6:00 PM LES Meeting</p>		<p><b>5:00 PM</b> Worship</p> <p>6:15 Glow Night!</p>	<p><b>7:30 /10:05AM</b> Worship</p> <p><b>8:45 AM Bible Study:</b> Holy Week: A Lot can Happen in a Week!</p> <p><b>8:45 AM</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>10:05 AM</b> Worship Broadcast Online / Radio</p>

**Church News**

**In Memory** of our sister, Wilma Waterstreet, whom the Lord carried home on Friday, February 21, 2025, at the age of 93. Private family services will be conducted. Burial will be in Bayside Cemetery. *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. <sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish."* John 11:25-26

**Meditations devotional booklets** are available at both church entrances with a suggested donation of \$3.50 to cover our expenses for these devotionals.

**Faithful Hands** will have their next meeting **Thursday, March 6 at 1:30 pm** in the Social Room. All ladies are invited to join us. Hope to see you there.

**Daylight Savings** is next **Sunday, March 9**. If you attend services on Saturday, be sure to set your clock ahead one hour before bedtime. If you forget to change your clock, you will arrive at the end of the services on Sunday.

**Sit...Sit...Socialize Coffee Hour** will be hosted by the St. Peter's Outreach team immediately following the Wednesday morning Lenten Services. The dates are **March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9**. Please join us in the Social room for coffee, treats and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

**Bi-Annual Reports** are due in the church office by **Monday, March 17**. The annual meeting will be held Sunday, April 6. Please e-mail your reports to Ellen at [adminasst@stpeterssb.net](mailto:adminasst@stpeterssb.net).

**Thrivent Choice Reminder:** If you're a member of Thrivent Financial, you are able to direct 2024 Choice Dollars until **March 31, 2025**. Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of non-profit organizations, including St. Peter's Lutheran Church or School. Have you directed all of your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars? Please call Thrivent at (800)847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. Thank you very much!

**The LWMS National Convention** will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from **June 26 through June 29, 2025**. If you would like information on the convention, please visit the LWMS website.

**Sponsoring a bulletin, Radio or Internet Broadcast** If you would like to sponsor an upcoming worship folder, radio broadcast, or internet worship broadcast, please call the church office. Sponsoring helps to defray costs for printing bulletins, radio and internet broadcasting fees.

**Camp Bird** Registration began February 23 and spots are filling up fast! Lodging is provided. Foods, crafts, and a camp T-shirt will be taken care of as well. Camp Bird is located at N8395 Caldron Falls Rd Crivitz, WI 54114. They are located off of County W in northern Wisconsin, roughly halfway between Crivitz and Mountain.

**For:** Those entering grades 5-8

**Cost:** \$250 for first child

\$150 for each additional sibling

**Week 1** – 7/6-7/11

**Week 2** – 7/13-7/18

**Week 2** – 7/20-7/25

There are Application forms for Financial assistance through Camp Bird. Depending upon their continued availability of donations, you may be able to qualify for a 50% reduction in camp fees if your adjusted gross income falls below a certain level.

For more information on the camp and application forms, go to [www.campbird.org](http://www.campbird.org). Hurry, before they fill up!

### **School News**

**SLIME** - The kindergarten class won the Kids Heart Challenge, so they got to slime Miss K and Mr. Grambsch on Friday.

**Choral Fest** Our 5-8 Grade participated in Choral Fest at Manitowoc Lutheran, and it was a wonderful experience!

**Future Storm Day** We want to invite any **new families** considering coming to St. Peter's Lutheran School to come to our **Future Storm Day on Sunday, March 16 @ 2:00 pm**. Get a tour from a child, see the school, ask questions and talk to teachers. Learn about our Preschool & Kindergarten programs. We hope you will consider St. Peter's Lutheran School for your child(ren) preschool 3K and 4K programs and spread the word to others.

**Registration for 2025-26 School Year** Our goal is to have all returning families registered by the 2nd week in March! Help us reach that goal and encourage families to get their materials in.

**Jack and the Beanstalk - Save The Date** Our 5-8 Grade will be performing "Jack and the Beanstalk" on **Friday, May 16th at 6:30.**

Questions or Comments for our Principal? Contact Mr. Grambsch at [jgrambsch@stpeterssb.net](mailto:jgrambsch@stpeterssb.net)

# Sunday Bible Study

Sundays at 8:45 am

## Holy Week: A Lot can Happen in a Week!



Lent. It is a time of reflection. We reflect on our sins and reflect on our Savior Jesus. We know that Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins. We hear accounts of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday every year. Yet, too often we can miss the little details surrounding these events, details which bring us even more awe and comfort at what our Savior has done for us.

In this Bible study, we will go in-depth to study the accounts of Jesus' last week – Holy Week and see that a lot can happen in a week!

### What you will learn:

As we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter in April, this Bible Study will lead us to delve deeper into the events surrounding Jesus death and resurrection.

### What you will take home:

You will gain a deeper appreciation for how deep your Savior's love is for you. Your faith will be strengthened as you learn about the events surrounding Jesus' walk to the cross for you. And you will grow in your appreciation and joy as you prepare for Easter.

### Lessons:

**March 2** Sunday – Jesus' Triumphant Entry

**March 9** Tuesday – Jesus' Discourse on the Last Day

**March 16** Thursday – Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

**March 23** Thursday – Garden of Gethsemane

**March 30** Thursday – Peter's Denial

**April 6** Friday – Jesus' Death

**April 13** Sunday – Resurrection of our Lord

**Class starts on Sunday, March 2 at 8:45am in the Social Hall (*conveniently scheduled in between our Sunday morning worship.*) Drop off the kids at Sunday School or childcare, which meet at the same time, and join us.**



**Join Online:** If you are not able to attend class in-person, you can join and participate with the class by using Zoom. Sign up on your computer/phone by going to zoom.us and creating an account. Email Pastor Sauer and he will send you the password to join the meeting (please do so before Sunday mornings). Thank you!

## Midweek Lent – 2025



Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season begin March 5. In our midweek Lenten worship this year, various pastors from our Wisconsin Synod Door-Kewaunee churches will speak on the Theme – *Reflections on Repentance* looking at Psalm 51.

### Ash Wednesday

March 5                      10 am & 6:30 pm                      Realizing Our Need for Repentance (Pastor Sauer)

### Mid-Week Lenten Worship

March 12                      10 am & 6:30 pm                      Remembering God's Perfect Demands  
(Pastor Schroeder)

March 19                      10 am & 6:30 pm                      Relying on God's Grace (Pastor Martin)

March 26                      10 am & 6:30 pm                      Removing Our Guilt (Pastor Moll)

April 2                        10 am & 6:30 pm                      Recognizing Against Whom We Sin (Pastor Vertz)

April 9                        10 am & 6:30 pm                      Revealing Our Sinful Nature (Pastor Grube)

## Lenten Donation Opportunities 2025

The St. Peter's Outreach team is sponsoring two donation opportunities during this Lenten season. We thank the congregation for their generosity in the past several years. Feed My People, Lakeshore CAP and HELP of Door County, Inc. are very appreciative and thankful for the items they receive. The dates for both collections have been extended this year to include two weekend services.

### Food Donations: March 7 through March 17

We will be collecting nonperishable food items. These items will be donated to Feed My People and Lakeshore CAP. In addition, some of the items we collect will be used to stock the Blessings Box located on Maple Street in front of church. The Blessings Box is stocked as needed by Kary however, anyone is welcome to add temperature sensitive food and personal care items to the Blessings Box throughout the year. Suggested nonperishable food item donations include jams and jellies, crackers, tuna, rice mixes, miscellaneous soups, cake mixes, packaged dinners, box mixes like Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper, Ramen and other noodle types and other nonperishable food.

### Personal Care/Cleaning Product Donations: March 18 through March 31 (*More info to come*)

There are three different locations to drop off your donations:

**Table at the Maple Street entrance; Table near library; Table near Social Hall entrance**

*The Outreach Team prays the congregation continues to generously support these donation opportunities since the need is still great in our community.*

Ash Wednesday (from the Latin *Dies Cinerum*, meaning "Day of Ashes") is the first day of Lent. On this day, Christians focus intensely on their utter and complete sinfulness and the necessity of Christ's suffering and death to earn their salvation. Ashes are referred to many times in the Old Testament as a sign of sorrow, mourning, repentance, and mortality (see 2 Samuel 13:19; Job 42:6; and Jeremiah 6:26).



There is a mistaken impression that having ashes on Ash Wednesday is a "Catholic" thing. However, many Lutheran churches use ashes during Ash Wednesday worship as part of a rite called the *Imposition of Ashes*. According to this ancient custom, ashes (traditionally made by burning palm fronds used on Palm Sunday of the previous year) are mixed with a small amount of olive oil and applied to the forehead or hand of the worshipper.

### **Symbolism of receiving ashes on the forehead or hand:**

St. Peter's, at this time, does not make use of this ancient rite (possibly next year). But the rite has a great deal of symbolism that helps to focus our worship and attention on our Savior, Jesus.



In this ancient rite, the minister applies ashes in the sign of the cross on the forehead or hand while saying, "*Dust you are and to dust you shall return.*" This mark, in the sign of a cross, is a powerful reminder of our depraved and sinful nature and total dependence on God for forgiveness and salvation.

It is also a reminder of baptism. At your baptism, the minister made the sign of the cross on your forehead and said, "*Receive the sign of the holy cross to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.*" Even though the ashes represent our sin and our need for forgiveness, the sign of the cross reminds us that Jesus has died to forgive us and rose to give us life. His death, His resurrection, and His life were given to you at your baptism, as St. Paul writes, "*We were buried with Christ through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*" (**Romans 6:4**)

When you return home and wash off the ashes from your forehead or hand, this too is a powerful reminder of baptism. You are reminded of how, through water and the Word of God, you were given Jesus who washes your sins away, as St. Paul writes, "*God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.*" (**Titus 3:5-8**)



## Opening Hymn

389 How Good, Lord, to Be Here



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,  
3 Ful - fil - ler of the past, and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.

- 5 But you, Lord, do not stay.  
With mercy resolute  
you leave this glorious hill to die—  
our perfect substitute.
- 6 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
but since you bid us leave the mount,  
come with us to the plain.

*Text (sts. 1–4, 6): Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.; (st. 5): Bryan Gerlach, b. 1954*

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## Hymn of the Day

388 Down from the Mount of Glory



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry came Je - sus Christ, our Lord.  
2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, stood ra - dian - t in the light,  
3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the mount de - scend  
4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that is his fame  
5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry of Je - sus Christ, our Lord,



Re - call the won - drous sto - ry, rich gem in sa - cred Word.  
light found in God - head sole - ly, for hu - man eyes too bright.  
and, by the Fa - ther bid - den, his will - ing foot - steps bend  
our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed a mount—the hill of shame.  
and let the won - drous sto - ry full peace and joy af - ford!



A - gain your faith will view him in dou - ble glo - ry here;  
Then came a voice from heav - en, con - firmed what here we see;  
to seek hu - mil - i - a - tion in deep - est depths of woe,  
Up - on the cross he prof - ered him - self to ag - o - ny;  
The ho - ly mount ac - claims him the maj - es - ty di - vine;



the great - er hom - age due him will in your life ap - pear.  
the words “my Son” were giv - en to seal his de - i - ty.  
to suf - fer deg - ra - da - tion no mind can probe or know.  
his ho - ly soul he of - fered to set the guilt - y free.  
Mount Cal - va - ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er—yours and mine.

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## Distribution Hymn

522 Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood-lands, robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon-light, bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,  
spark - ling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



tru - ly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
Je - sus is pur - er, he makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels in the sky.  
praise, ad - o - ra - tion now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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