

LENT



The kingdom of God is at hand.

Mark 1:15

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Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pause for self-examination.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer...imploring your grace for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ.

C: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen

Opening Hymn

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

Insert

Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the Peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, 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

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Psalm 22: 22-30*

²²Praise the Lord, you that fear him;*

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

²³**For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;***

but when they cry to him he hears them.

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly;*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:***

"May your heart live forever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,*
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷**For kingship belongs to the Lord;***
he rules over the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;*
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹**My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;***
they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn*
the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

P: Please rise for the reading of the gospel.

C: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 8:27-38

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon—Rev. Vongdeuane Sengone

Sermon Song

“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

Insert

Apostles' Creed

P: Join me as we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Offering of Gifts
Prayers of the Faithful

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

We continue to pray for the following:

**Youth Ministry; 20s/30s Ministry; Adult Education Classes:
Adult Classes Sunday, Confession Class, Adult Bible Study 1**

Chuck Cederman	Harold Haseley	Lester Walck	Carol Harbart
Britt Gamache	Mark Lendway	Ralph DeVantier	
Lori Haseley (St. James)		Nancy Thorstad	Dan Wendt

Serving in the Military

Nate Allen	James Garavaglia	Jillian Kelkenberg	Phillip Messina
Seth Spitler	Ben Thorstad	Justin DeVantier	Jeremy Ditto

N.F. Air Base

Those in nursing homes and shut-ins

Edna Walck	Paul Greinert	Nora Hingle	Marge Kordzikowski
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The Lord's Prayer

P: We pray as Jesus taught us, Our Father,

C: who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

P: Now may the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

Insert

Postlude

**GO IN PEACE AND REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE.
WE SHALL REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE.**

WELCOME to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you join us to worship today. We invite you to join us each Sunday at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. If you would like to request a meeting or arrange a visit from Pastor Tom, please call the his office at 731-4433 or his cell phone 990-6244.

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Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ³⁴And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”