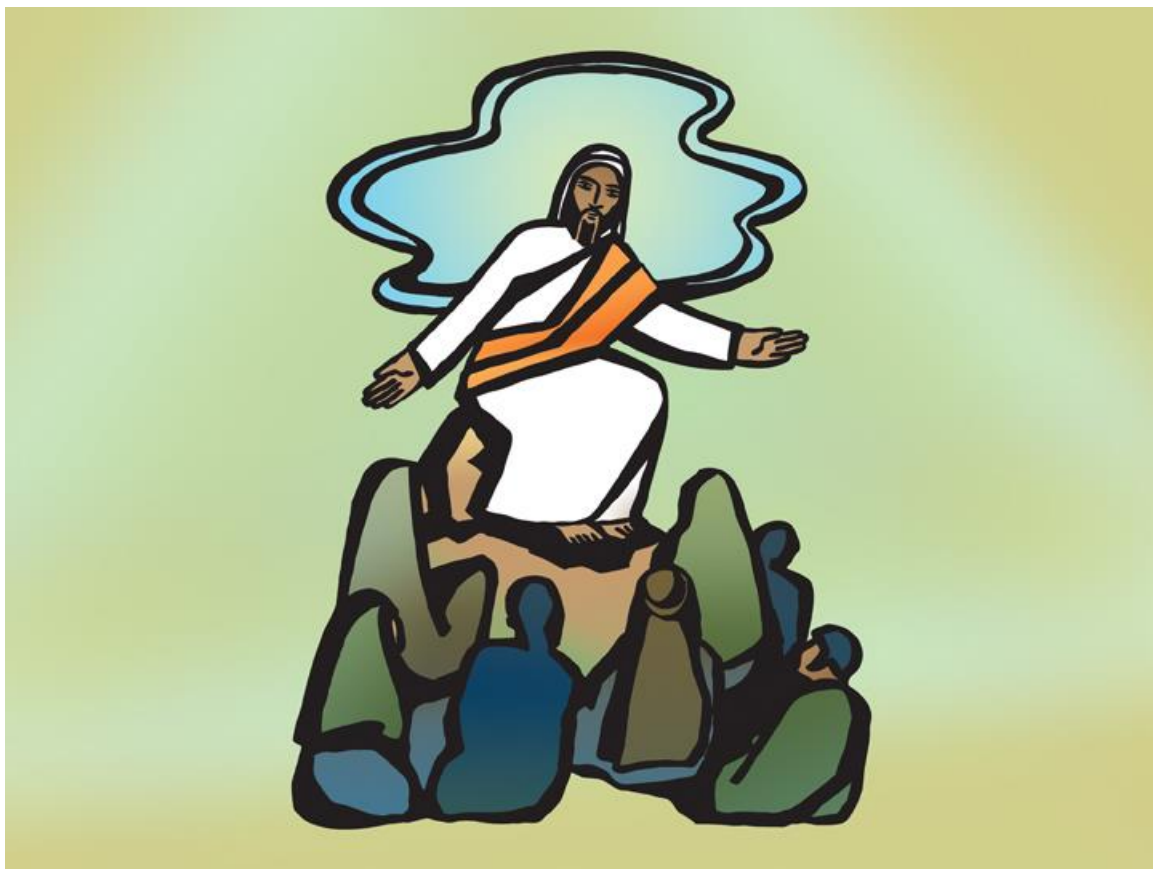


Second Sunday in Lent



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 16 & 17, 2019

Holy Communion

Youth Service

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.
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Marilyn Tackaberry, Renee Evans, pianists

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG *God Is Here!*

ELW 526

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM (Sunday)

Light of Mine
Youth Choir & Megan Green, flute

Choplin

CHILDREN'S SERMON / BLESSING OF BIBLES (Sunday)

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,

and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG *Micah 6:8*

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hold Us Together*

CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

God, you have called us to be your children. Be with your church as we share love and kindness with all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, you created everything and called it good. As we embark on the season of spring we think of you and how you created everything. Be with us as we prepare for this new season. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, you care for those who are persecuted. Be with those who are fleeing their homes and seeking safety. Give them hope and strength. Help us all to be peacemakers. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, you care for the hungry and thirsty. Be with those who are hungry, have no home or who lack clean water. Work through us to meet their needs. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, you care for those who are hurting. Heal those who are sick and comfort those who mourn. We pray especially for those on our prayer list, and those we name before you in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, you give gifts to your people for ministry. Be with the congregations of our community as we answer your call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Help us to find ways to work together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, we give you thanks for all the faithful who have died and are now at rest. Encourage us as we wait for the day when we, with all your saints, will see you face to face. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING *Chain Breaker*

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION *For Everyone Born* (Sunday)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING *Benny*

SENDING SONG *We Are Called*

ELW 720

DISMISSAL

SERVING SATURDAY: Greeter: Jared Kramp; Usher: Eliza Neiman; Scripture Reader: Ruby Neiman; Communion Assistant: Isabelle Furtah; Projectionist: Lauren Kramp.

SERVING SUNDAY: Greeter: Olivia Jones & Isabelle Furtah; Ushers: Eliza Neiman, David Alley, Courtney Green, Ruby Neiman, Jon Jones; Scripture Reader: Ashley Mathews; Communion Assistant: Emily Mathews,; Projectionist: Chloe Furtah & Carter Stevens; Acolyte: Zach Mathews.

MONEY COUNTERS: Karen Boden & Bob Coffey

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 34; Sunday 84

ANNIVERSARY: 3/22 Margaret & Bill Danneels 67 years!

IN NEED OF PRAYER Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Paul & Ruth Reyelts, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand, Connie Felstow, Linda Leist, George Eisen, Alan Freed, Jack & Char Boulier, family of Todd Schwehofer, family of Kenneth Eisen. (Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Prayer 9:30 am Bible Study 10 am Confirmation 6 pm Lenten Service 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm	Cantata practice 6 pm	Pastors' day off Jr. High <i>Charge</i>	Worship, Communion 5 pm	Worship 9:30 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

DVD copies of the 9:30 a.m. worship service can be produced for those who are shut-in or others who would like a copy. Let us know in advance if there is a service that you would like recorded.

Midweek Lenten services continue every Wednesday at 7 pm. The theme for March 20 is *Letting Go of Fear*.

We are taking orders for lilies and mums that will decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Envelopes are in your mailboxes today. The cost is \$8.

The weekend worship services on March 30 and 31 will feature the Service of Oils and Healing. As a part of this service, the Oils of Healing are placed on the foreheads of worshippers as a reminder that all healing, physical, spiritual and emotional, comes from God and is exemplified in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. You are encouraged to attend these special healing services and to invite family and friends who may welcome the healing power of God.

The scholarship committee would like to remind the congregation that scholarship funds are available for college, post-graduate and trade schools. The application form is in the office. The scholarship amount is \$500 for members and \$200 for non-members. The deadline for applications is April 30th. If you have any questions contact one of the committee members: Mike Morenko, Dawn Lambrecht, and Nancy Green.

Tickets for the May 19 baseball game at Jimmy John's Field are on sale and will be sold until April 28. Tickets are \$35 each for people ages 4 and up. Included in your ticket price is \$10 coming back to St. Peter Youth Group, a buffet of hot dogs, BBQ pulled pork, grilled chicken breasts, potato chips, fruit salad, pasta salad and cookies, unlimited soda, lemonade, ice tea and water, two drink tickets per adult for beer or wine, a group photo on the field, autographs from the players, "Chalk talk" with a team coach or player, a greeting on Scoreboard, a meet & greet with the mascots, kids run the bases after the game, an opportunity to participate in holding a 30' x 60' American flag on the field during the National Anthem, an opportunity to throw an Honorary 1st Pitch, and free parking. We will be seated close to the kids' zone and whiffle ball field. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Joyce. There is a signup sheet in the lobby.

Sunday School and Youth parents: It's time to sign up for the Palm Sunday Pancake breakfast, which will be on April 14. We need food donations and ticket sellers. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board in the hall.

Sunday School Pancake breakfast tickets are on sale now. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for ages 3 -14, , and free for ages2 and under.

The annual St. Peter's Attic and Bake Sale will be held on May 17th and 18th this year. If anyone wishes to donate, please put items in the large room in the church basement. Items must be clean and saleable; please no computer equipment or large appliances. Anyone who wishes to help with the sale in any capacity is welcomed. Any questions, please call Jennifer at 329-9656.

The Fellowship/Outreach committee will meet Sunday, April 7 after church. We will discuss the Easter baskets we plan to donate to our Outreach families with funds left from our Christmas baskets. Thank you to our generous church family! We will also talk about the June 9 picnic at Greig Park.

Christian sympathy is extended to George Eisen and family on the passing of George's son, Kenneth. May God comfort those who mourn with the promise of the Resurrection.

VBS is scheduled for July 15-17, 9:30 a.m. – 12. We are looking for volunteers. If you are interested, we need to know by April1 to decide whether to move forward with planning. Any questions see Pastor Joyce.