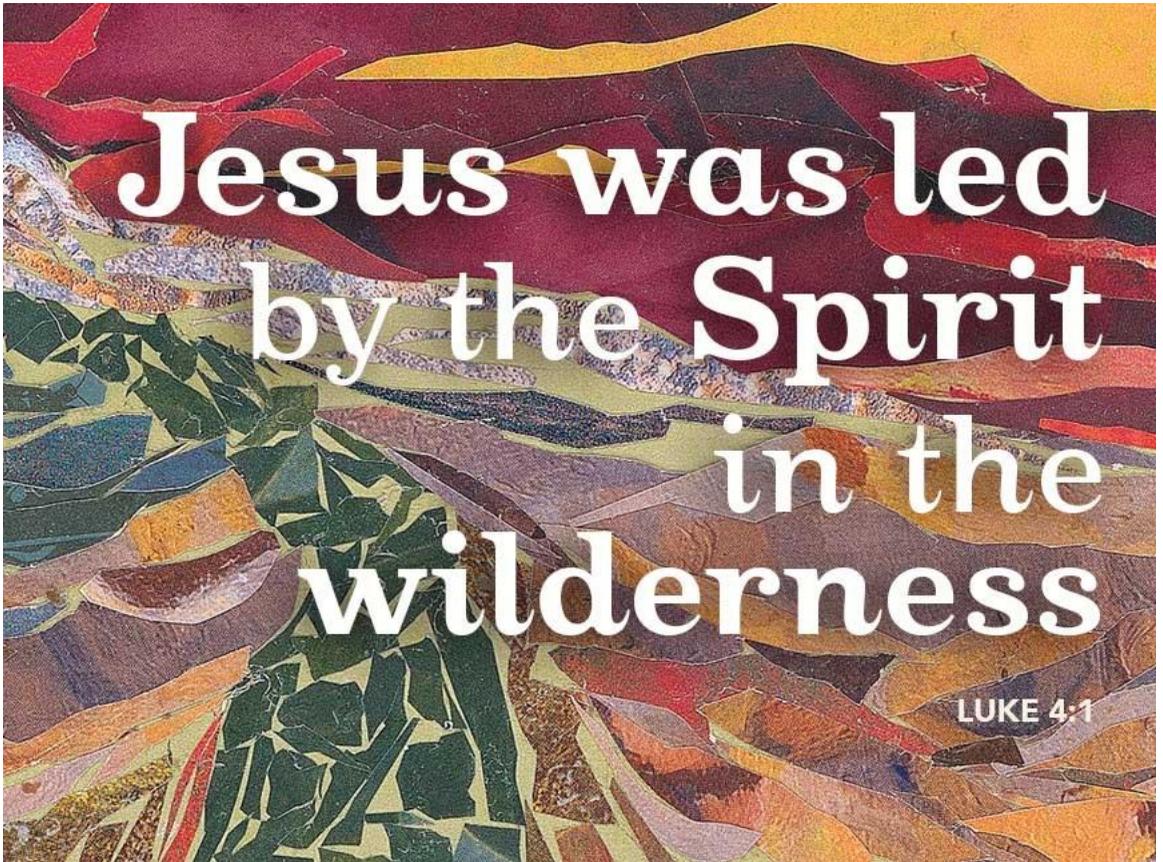


First Sunday in Lent



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 10, 2019

Service of the Word

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* **ELW 319**

GREETING

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make

this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
²**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust."**
⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**
¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**
¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
¹⁴**I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**
¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b}“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that
Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be
saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the
mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to
shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of
all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the
Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Return to the Lord, your God*

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GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness.
Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be
called “the Son of God.”*

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the
wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all
during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If
you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus
answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.
⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has
been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it
will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,
saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is
written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their
hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the
devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

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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.

Holy and steadfast God, keep your word near to us, planting it in our hearts and communities. Make it blossom and grow so that all people would receive your good news. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the creator of all things and have given us the earth as our home. Help us to share the land with all living things and to care for all that you have made. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As you give your Spirit freely, so also give bread that sustains every living thing. Graciously feed hungry souls and hungry stomachs with your bountiful provision. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Stir up courage among your people to resist oppression and to lead people into freedom as you did through Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, whom we commemorate today. Shine the light of your justice through their work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Hold tightly those who grow weary in their struggle with addiction, temptation, depression, grief, or illness. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. By your strength bear them up to live fully in your presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Teach us the stories of our faith and help us to share these stories with others. As you accompanied our ancestors in their uncertainty, so guide us confidently into the future. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When we struggle and are tested, redeem us by the endurance of Christ. Give us steadfast faith to strive for your glory until we witness its fullness. 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 *I Saw The Light* Scott Bell, Rol Troike, Gary Gauthier, Nancy Diebold

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OFFERING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* **ELW 618**

DISMISSAL

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Lou Wegmeyer; Ushers: Tim Evans & Bryan Neiman;
Scripture Reader: Krista Rickel; Projectionist: Mark Fisher; Acolyte: Courtney Green

MONEY COUNTERS: Karen Boden & Bob Coffey

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 22; Sunday 89

ANNIVERSARY: 3/11 Connie & Ron Felstow 42 years

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Prayer 9:30 am Bible Study 10 am Confirmation 6 pm Youth Group Lenten Service 7 pm Choir, Youth 7:30 pm	Cantata practice 6 pm	Pastors' day off	1 st Communion class 10 am Youth Service, Communion 5 pm	Sunday School, Youth Service, 1 st Communion, 9:30 am Tim Horton's 10:30 am

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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.

Alaina Mirine McWain was baptized at Saturday's worship service. Alaina's parents are Eric and Patricia McWain and her sponsors are Jessica Ellis and Steve Kerszykopwski. We welcome Alaina into the fellowship of St. Peter's.

Midweek Lenten services continue every Wednesday at 7 pm. The theme for March 13 is "Cultivating Gratitude."

Following worship on Sunday, we will be having a congregation wide talent/ variety show! Bring your jokes, songs, dances, tricks, and anything else that you would like to share! Anyone is welcome! The Fellowship Outreach Committee has organized a luncheon for after the show. Please stay and enjoy the fun!

Any youth who would like to sing with the choir on Sunday, March 17 for the youth led service are invited to choir practice on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30 pm. This will be a short rehearsal of 15-20 minutes. We welcome anyone grade 3 and up.

Pastors Ken and Joyce will be teaching First Communion class on Saturday, March 16 from 10 am -2 pm. First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, March 17. Children in 2nd grade and older are invited to receive their First Communion. If you would like your son or daughter to participate, please let Pastor Ken or Pastor Joyce know.

You are invited to join Pastor Ken for a study of *A Clearing Season: Reflections for Lent*. This book shows us how to clear space in our lives for God, identify obstacles that keep us from God, and choose a Lenten practice to help us remove those obstructions. This six-week study begins on Wednesday, March 13 at 10:00 am. Cost of the book is \$11. There is a signup sheet outside of Pastor Ken's office if you are interested. There is a separate signup sheet for anyone who would like to read the book but cannot attend the Wednesday morning study.

The next Ladies' Lunch will be on March 13 at noon at Murphy's Inn. Sign up in the lobby if you would like to attend.

The April newsletter deadline is March 15. Please turn in any news of upcoming events to the office.

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 26. 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.

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.

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, Kenneth Eisen, Connie Felstow, Linda Leist, George Eisen, Alan Freed, Jack & Char Boulier, family of Todd Schwehofer . (Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)