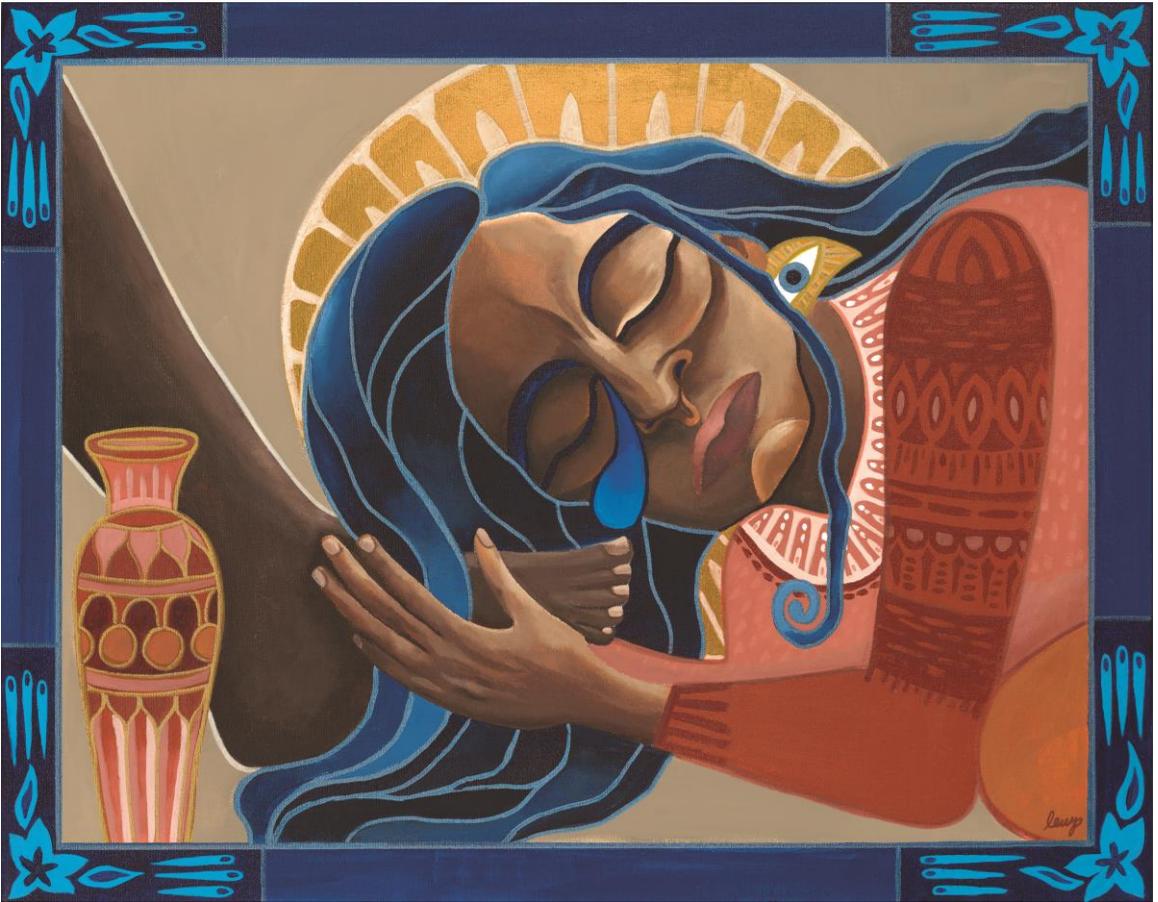


Fifth Sunday in Lent



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 7, 2019

Holy Communion

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Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

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GREETING

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago the Lord performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, the Lord is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new exodus.

- ¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,

or consider the things of old.

¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for
them.”**

³The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.
⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing

Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *God Loved the World*

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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.

God of resurrection and new life, inspire your church to trust in your extravagant grace. Help us to put aside anything that keeps us from sharing the surpassing value of knowing you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Wherever destruction by flood, famine, or fire has devastated land and lives, cause green shoots to spring up, giving hope and vision for your promised future, especially in states affected by recent flooding. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Where nations are embroiled in chaos and unrest, cut a clear path for your people to follow. Lead us in ways of reconciliation, and foretell the new things you prepare. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Wipe away the tears of those who weep under the burdens of illness or grief, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Restore them, and bring them into the joy of your presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Permeate this world with the sweet perfume of Christ's anointing. Fill your people with such gratitude that it spills over into service of those who are poor or in any need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany those for whom death draws near. Bring us with all your saints to receive the abundance of heavenly glory through the covenant Christ sealed in his death and resurrection. 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

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

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PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

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COMMUNION

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING OF COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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DISMISSAL

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Karen Boden; Ushers: Scott Bell & Carl Eisen; Acolyte: Kallen Paul; Scripture Reader: Lauren Maier; Communion Assistant: Mark Fisher; Projectionist: Chris Ritter; Money Counters: Jim & Sandy Shafran

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 20; Sunday 67

BIRTHDAY: 4/7 Doris Mrosewske 83 years

ANNIVERSARY: 4/11 Jeanne & Julian Sullivan 60 years

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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 or Pastor Joyce. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

Midweek Lenten services continue every Wednesday at 7 pm. The theme for April 3 is *"Cultivating a Transformed Heart."*

We are taking orders for lilies and mums that will decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Envelopes are in your mailboxes and on the table in the lobby. The cost is \$8. The last day for ordering will be next Sunday, April 14.

The April Ladies' Luncheon will be on Wednesday, April 10 at Anita's Riverfront Grille in Marine City. Meet at the church at 11:30 if you want to car pool. There is a signup sheet in the lobby.

After worship on Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday) the Sunday school will be hosting a pancake breakfast. The tickets cost \$7 for adults, \$5 for ages 3-14, and free for ages 2 and under. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or that day. All proceeds will benefit the Sunday school.

During the next two weekends, April 14 and 21, we will be collecting memorial donations to send to Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, in memory of former St. Peter's pastor, Paul Reyelts. The family requested memorials be sent to Wartburg, which was Pastor Reyelts' alma mater.

The scholarship committee reminds 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.

Nerf War! After a long winter we are all eager to get outside. On Sunday, April 28 bring your nerf guns and we'll spend some time outside playing. Don't worry about nerf darts, we have those. However, please bring \$5 per person to pay for pizza.

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. The committee will be meeting every Monday at 9 am to organize items. Any questions, please call Jennifer at 329-9656.

Pastor David Vickers of Holy Family Episcopal has written an Easter cantata, *You Are My Witness* that will be performed on Saturday, April 20 at 5 pm at their newly remodeled church. The St. Clair Ecumenical Choir and Bell Choir have been rehearsing for the past few weeks to prepare for this concert. We hope everyone will be able to come and enjoy this musical offering as part of your Easter celebration.

Youth group night: on April 24, middle school and high school students and their parents are invited to Young's Funeral Home. This is a required event for confirmation students. If you have any questions see Pastors Ken or Joyce.

Renee Evans has been faithfully serving St. Peter's as church secretary, but has decided it is time to retire. (She will continue playing organ and directing choir). As a result, St. Peter's is now seeking applicants for an office administrator. A job description and application are available in the office. For additional information, please see Katy Emerich or Pastor Ken.

The St. Clair Singers' Spring Concert will be on Sunday, May 5 at 4 pm at First Congregational UCC. Admission is free.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, 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 Boulrier, Len Rose, Dennis Angus. (Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mutual Ministries 7:30 pm	Prayer 9:30 am Bible Study 10 am Confirmation 6 pm Lenten Service 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm	Cantata rehearsal at Holy Family 6 pm	Pastors' day off	Worship, communion, 5 pm	Worship, Communion, 9:30 am Palm Sunday Breakfast 10:30 am