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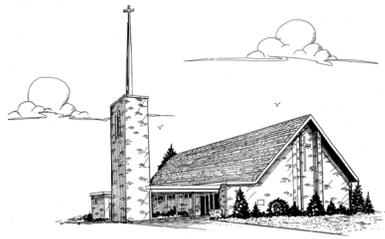
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PRAYERS:

Before Worship:

Unto You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; let me never be ashamed; Let no one who waits on You be ashamed. Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths, for You are the God of my salvation. Amen. (Ps. 25)

After Worship:

Lord, I have loved Your house, the place where Your presence is promised to me. Here before Your altar I have proclaimed my thanksgiving with my voice, now go with me as I live from all Your wonderful words. Amen. (Ps. 26)

Before Holy Communion:

O Lord, I am not worthy for you to come to Me, but say the Word, and Your servant will Be healed. Amen. (Matt. 8:8)

After Holy Communion:

What can I give to You O Lord, in return for All Your benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. Amen. (Ps. 116)

The additional prayers found on pp. 305ff are in the Lutheran Service Book

Sunday: March 22nd, 2026

Acolytes: Maya and Hayley

9:00AM Divine Worship Service

10:15AM Sunday School

10:15AM Bible Study

Wednesday: March 25th, 2026

6:00PM: Lent Supper

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7:00PM: Wednesday Service

At St. Peter Church

Sunday: March 29th, 2026 Palm Sunday

Acolytes: Vicki and Debbie

9:00AM: Divine Worship Service

10:15AM: Sunday School

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Monday—Wednesday Morning

7:30AM: Prayer, Private Confession/
Absolution

Salutation and Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-19

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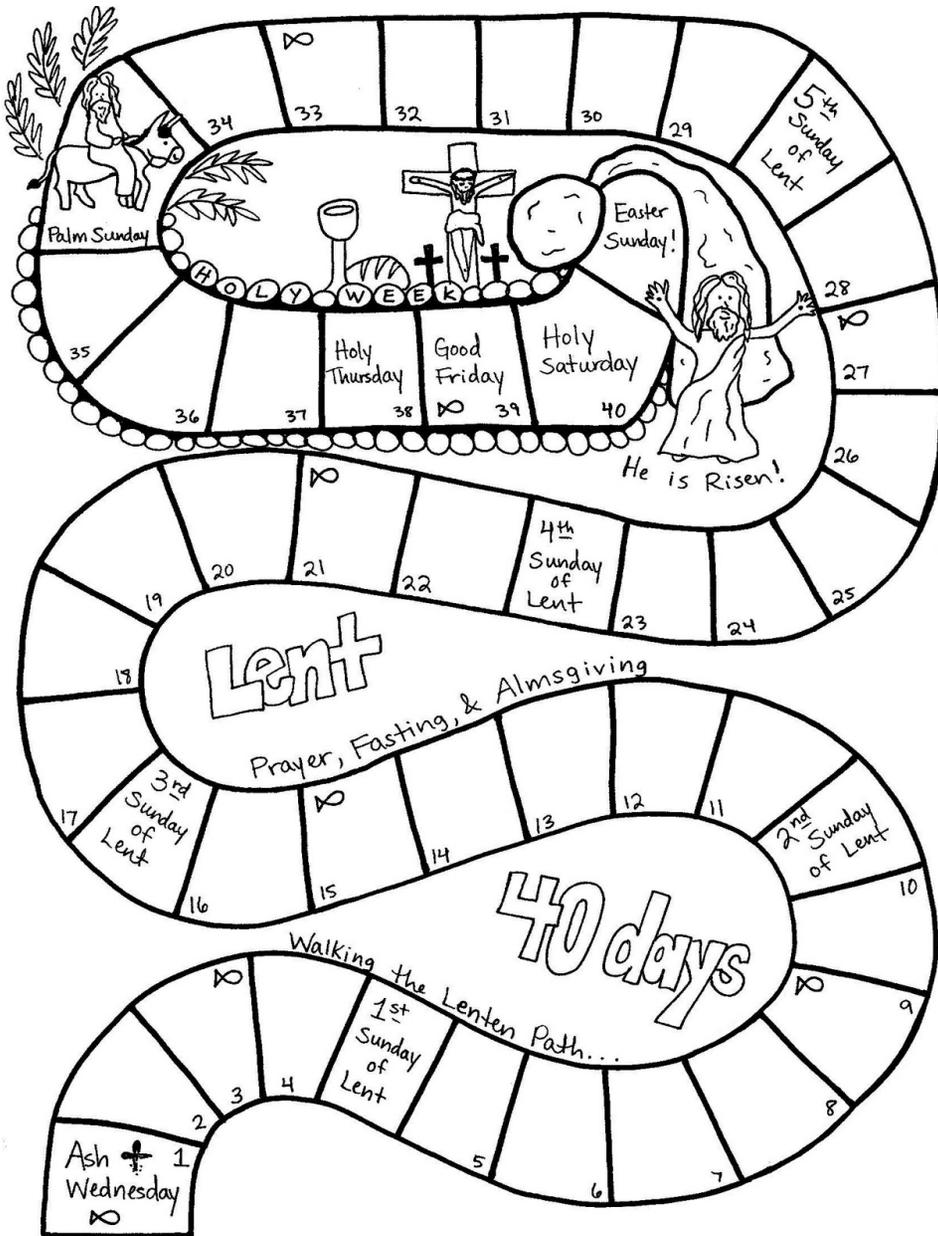
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Divine Service: SETTING THREE Beginning on LSB p.184
Jesus Suffered the Enmity of Unbelievers

Processional Hymn: 440 "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Rise

Invocation:

Confession and Absolution p.184

Introit: Ps. 43:3-5; antiphon: Ps. 43:1-2a

Vindicate me, O God,

and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
 from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

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Childrens

Bulletin

March 22nd 2026

The Congregation at Prayer

This guide is provided as a reminder to be used throughout the week. The Lord says, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." (Psalm 50:15). Jesus tells us to pray with faith in His name, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." (John 16:23). St. Paul tells us, "Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

This week, please pray for:

- ◆ *Our brothers and sisters at St. Peter*
- ◆ *All the homebound members and those receiving long-term care. Please pray for Jane Gebhardt.*
- ◆ *Comfort and continued healing for all in need. Especially, we pray for eff Wolberg, Travis Loeslie, Elmira's Student, Andy Birkholz, Rowan Kern, and Aspen Kern.*
- ◆ *Missionaries: Rev. David & Jenny Preus and their family (Eurasia, Primarily in Romania).*
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- ◆ *Our president and governor and nation, including our civic leaders*
- ◆ *Sister congregations in our area, including St. Mark Lutheran - New Germany*
- ◆ *Guidance and direction for those struggling in their vocations and God's calling in their life, giving us faith to go out with good courage not knowing where we go but that Your hand is leading us*

God the Holy Spirit prays with us and for us: "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words" (Romans 8:26).

Out Reach For Our Church

In an effort to support those in need, we are inviting anyone who feels called to help provide meals for members of our church and community who are sick or facing challenging times. Whether you'd like to cook a meal or assist with delivery, your contribution would be greatly appreciated. If you're interested, please sign up at the back of the church or contact Pastor. Your kindness can make a real difference in sharing Christ's love! If you know of someone who could benefit from a meal during a difficult time, please let Pastor know so we can organize a meal for them

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Apostles' Creed: p. 192

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 431 "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

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

C: Amen

Sermon:

P: The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen

Rise

Offertory

Offering/Choir Anthem: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Prayer of the Church:

Lord's Prayer:

Concluding Collect:

Salutation and Benedicamus:

Benediction:

Be Seated

Closing Hymn: 453 *"Upon the Cross Extended"*

Kids Message:

Announcements for the week of March 22nd, 2026

Lent Service: Please join us this Wednesday March 25th for our evening Lent Service starting at 7:00pm, right here at St. Peter's Church.

Lent Supper: Everyone is welcome to join March 25th for supper at 6pm in the church Basement.

There is a sign up sheet on the Narthex table to bring desserts, bars, cookies, or cupcakes. We need 4 donations. Thank you for helping!

Food Shelf: March is food shelf Month, as a church we will be collecting food for the food shelf, please bring in your donated items and put in the grocery cart. Thank you!

Sunday School: Next Sunday the kids will be walking into church with palms, please have your child/children to church by 8:45 to be ready, Thank you!

February Financial Summary

Receipts:	\$5,701.60
Disbursements:	\$9,734.13
Balance:	\$4,032.53
January Balance:	\$10,073.75
February Balance:	\$6,041.22

Looking at the Church budget we need \$2,168 weekly to cover our expenses.

Sunday March 1 received	\$2,679	Sunday March 15 received	\$560
Need to meet budget	\$2,168	Need to meet Budget	\$2,168
Balance	\$511	Balance	\$1,608

Mark your Calendars for the following meetings/actives happening at Church:

- ◆ Wednesday Services @ 7pm
- ◆ April 2nd Maundy Thursday Service @ 7pm
- ◆ April 3rd Good Friday Service @ 7pm

Have A Blessed Week!

Congregation at Prayer: A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Week 35: March 23-27

Catechetical Theme: The Lord's Prayer – Forgiveness

About the 5th Petition, "And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," Luther writes the following in the Large Catechism: "It is, therefore, the intent of this petition that God would not regard our sins and hold up to us what we daily deserve. But we pray that He would deal graciously with us and forgive, as He has promised, and so grant us a joyful and confident conscience to stand before Him in prayer [Hebrews 10:22]." As God's own dear children, we are those who are freely forgiven for the sake of Christ. And being the recipient of such free grace, we have the privilege of freely extending it to those who sin against us. This is the theme of this week's devotional material. God bless your time in His Word!

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer—The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Readings for the Week

March 24: Monday How Many Times – Matthew 6:14-15; 18:21-22
 March 25: Tuesday e Receive Forgiveness – Psalm 19:12; 51:1-2; 130:3-4
 March 26: Wednesday (Chapel) The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant – Matthew 18:23-35
 March 27: Thursday We Are Not Worthy – Genesis 32:10 & Psalm 32:5
 March 28: Friday Forgive Others/Confession & Absolution – Psalm 32:5 & 1 John 1:8-9

Questions to Discuss in the Home and Classroom

Mon – Sat: Use the following questions to initiate discussion about each day's reading: In what, or in whom, is sin revealed? What does the sinner receive? What is the source of the forgiveness? Is the forgiveness ever earned? What in the passage(s) reveals our own sin? What in the passage(s) reveals God's promises?

Verse of the Week: Psalm 130:3-4

If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Hymn of the Season (Lent):

Upon the Cross Extended (LSB 453)