



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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February 21, 2026 – 5:00pm
February 22, 2026 – 10:30am

Rev. Danny Eggold, Senior Pastor
Rev. Adam McDowell, Associate Pastor
Rev. Nathan Widener, Associate Pastor & Director of Community of Care
Rev. James Sharp, Missionary to Puerto Rico
Tim Degen, Director of Music & Organist
Chris Brune, Principal
Barb Christian, Preschool Director

THE FIRST WEEKEND IN LENT

February 21, 2026 – 5:00pm

February 22, 2026 – 10:30am

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness; opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted; glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created; all for love's sake became poor.

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
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So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

“Lord, Have Mercy”

(Praise Team)

Refrain: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on me. *(Repeat)*

(All)

Refrain: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on me. *(Repeat)*

(Solo)

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken;
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.

(All)

Refrain: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on me. *(Repeat)*

(Solo)

I have built an altar where I worship things of man.
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing.
Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again.

(All)

Refrain: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on me. *(Repeat)*

(Solo)

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence.
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

(All)

Refrain: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on me. *(Repeat)*

(We rise.)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Before God, who so loved the world as to send a Savior, let us confess our sin with a contrite heart.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P Almighty God,
C We confess that we are a broken people who put ourselves before others. Too often, we have not shared bread with the hungry, given the homeless a home, clothed the naked, and worked for justice among all peoples. We cry from the depths of our sin, O Lord, even as we put our trust in Your word. Heal us by your grace, and take from us all that would separate us from Your love. Amen.

P With the Lord there is mercy and full redemption. We are refreshed and renewed in the living water of Christ. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for You and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all Your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

KYRIE *(Spoken)*

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.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together:

C **O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(We are seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:1-21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for

food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” ¹⁶To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” ¹⁷And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” ²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:12-19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died

through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE "Jesus, You Are My Life"

(Praise Team)

You are my life, O precious Christ.
You made for me the perfect Sacrifice.
Your love for me will never die.
Jesus, You are my life.

I come to You, I run to You.
There's no greater joy than knowing You.

(All)

You are my life, O precious Christ.
You made for me the perfect Sacrifice.
Your love for me will never die.
Jesus, You are my life.

I come to You, I run to You.
There's no greater joy than knowing You.

O Holy Fire, Love's purest light,
Burn all desires till You are my one delight.
Your love for me will never die.

Jesus, You are my life.
I come to You, I run to You.
There's no greater joy than knowing You.

O conqu'ring King, conquer my heart,
And make of me a pleasing gift to God.
Your love for me will never die.
Jesus, You are my life. Jesus, You are my life.

(We rise.)

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(10:30 – During the Song of Response, children age 3 through first grade are invited to attend "Kids of the Kingdom" children's church. They will return following the sermon.)

(We are seated.)

SONG OF RESPONSE

“The Battle Belongs to the Lord”

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land, the battle belongs to the Lord.
No weapon that's fashioned against us shall stand, the battle belongs to the Lord.
We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.
We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord!

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood, the battle belongs to the Lord.
He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood, the battle belongs to the Lord.
We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.
We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord!

When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear, the battle belongs to the Lord.
Take courage, my friend, your redemption is near, the battle belongs to the Lord.
We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.
We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord!

SERMON

“You Will Be Like Man”

Texts: Genesis 3:5 & Matthew 4:1-11 – Pastor Adam McDowell

(We rise.)

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

(We are seated.)

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG

“No Sacrifice”

(Solo)

To You I give my life, not just the parts I want to.
To You I sacrifice these dreams that I hold on to.

(Praise Team)

Your thoughts are higher than mine.
Your words are deeper than mine.
Your love is stronger than mine.
This is no sacrifice.
Here's my life.

(Solo)

To You I give the gifts Your love has given me.
How can I hoard the treasures that You've designed for free?

(All)

**Your thoughts are higher than mine.
Your words are deeper than mine.
Your love is stronger than mine.
This is no sacrifice.
Here's my life.**

(Solo)

To You I give my future as long as it may last.

To You I give my present, to You I give my past.

(All)

Your thoughts are higher than mine.

Your words are deeper than mine.

Your thoughts are higher than mine.

Your words are deeper than mine.

Your love is stronger than mine . . .

This is no sacrifice.

Here's my life. Here's my life.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful God,

C You bless us with gifts that sustain our lives; You transform us with the priceless gift of grace. Receive us and these signs of your blessings, and may our fasting, prayer, and works of love be an offering of thanksgiving for all that You have done for us in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(We rise.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we pray for all nations torn by war, poverty, or internal strife, that they may know your peace and harmony. Lord in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the church, that with Christ we may turn from evil and be obedient to your Word. Lord in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for all those struggling in the wilderness of loneliness, despair, or sickness, that you nourish them with the bread of life. Lord in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** We pray for this community, that we offer you not only the words of worship, but also deeds of justice and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

- P** We give You thanks for all the faithful ones who have journeyed through the wilderness and now dwell in your paradise. Bring us with them to the eternal Easter feast of joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Hear our prayers, O merciful Father, as we eagerly await the day of resurrection and rebirth, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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.**

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

P Goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We are seated.)

SENDING SONG

“It Is Well with My Soul”

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives— oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

(We rise.)

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

“It Is Well with My Soul”