



## **St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School**

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March 22, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

## PRELUDE

“My Song is Love Unknown”

arr. Karl Osterland

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” #819

*(We rise.)*

## INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES

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

**C** Amen.

**P** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** The name of the Lord is to be praised.

**P** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**C** Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

**P** Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

**C** Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

**P** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

**C** He was bruised for our iniquities.

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** The name of the Lord is to be praised.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**KYRIE**

**LSB #944**



1 Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.      Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.  
2 Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.      Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.  
3 Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.      Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - - cy.  
Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - - cy.  
Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - - cy.

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*(We are seated.)*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones

are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

## Psalm 130

**P** Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!  
O Lord, hear my voice!

**C** **Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

**P** If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.**

**P** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

**C** **my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.**

**P** O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.

**C** **And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.**

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**C** **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:1-11

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(We rise.)*

## HOLY GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-45

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the

day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” <sup>11</sup>After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” <sup>13</sup>Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup>and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup>So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” <sup>17</sup>Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup>She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” <sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?” <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came

out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” <sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## RESPONSORY FOR LENT

**P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

**P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

**P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

## 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.

## SONGS BY ST. PETER'S PRESCHOOL STUDENTS *(10:30)*

“1, 2, 3, Jesus Loves Me”

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

“The Lord’s Prayer”

*(10:30 – During the Hymn of the Day, 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.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“My Song is Love Unknown”**

**#430**

*(St. Peter’s Day School March 2026 Hymn of the Month.)*

**SERMON**

**“The Last Word”**

Text: John 11:1-45 – Pastor Danny Eggold

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and  
GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS**

**VOLUNTARY**

“My Song is Love Unknown”

arr. Wilbur Held

**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.)*

## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray together:

**C** 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.

## PRAYERS

**P** Almighty God, breathe new life into your Church's worship and witness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** Merciful Father, be with all those around the world preparing for confirmation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** Sovereign Lord, guide the leaders of nations, that they may seek the life and dignity of all people. Bring to the people of Iran. Protect those who serve our country. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** God of all comfort, comfort those who weep over the loss of loved ones, and all whose lives are marked by despair, addiction, abuse, or illness (*especially those we have named and those we name in our hearts*), that they may be filled with hope. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** Faithful Father, renew us through our Lenten journey, that our faith in the promise of resurrection and new life may be strengthened. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

**P** Eternal God, we give you thanks for all the saints who rest in Christ. Keep us steadfast in the faith until you bring us from death to the eternal life of Easter. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** Hear our prayers, O merciful God, as we eagerly await the day of resurrection and rebirth; through 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.

## **LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER**

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve You.

**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.)*

**CLOSING HYMN**      **“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**      **#425**

## POSTLUDE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Carl Schalk