

Lent 3 (March 3rd, 2024)
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Opening Hymn: 824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P 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.

Introit

For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,*

and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;*

let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters.

Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me up,*

or the pit close its mouth | over me.

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good;*

according to your abundant mercy, | turn to me.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

For zeal for your house has consumed me,*
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1–17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 2:13–22

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and

oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That our jealous God would save the third and fourth generations who will come after us from His punishment, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For zeal this Lent, that following Christ we may cast every idol from our hearts and be devoted to Him alone, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the continued proclamation of the cross's power, that from this life-giving tree we would receive the gifts that preserve faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That our heavenly Father would preserve and bless all Christian households; that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other; that fathers and mothers would diligently bring up their children in the fear of the Lord; and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord of the perfect Law would preserve President Biden, Governor Holcomb and all who govern us; that He would make them wise in His ways and uphold justice; and that He would help us serve and obey them in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)

Bob Hegerfeld

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Cheryl Caffee

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

Jim Thieme

Glen Deatruck for healing from a fall

Alton Thieme (Father of Erin and Amber Franz)

Laurie Blythe (sister of Dan DeLong)

all who suffer in our midst, that the flood may not sweep over them nor the pit close its mouth on them; and that God would deliver them in His steadfast love, granting them healing, comfort and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That our Redeemer would declare us innocent in Christ of all hidden faults and keep us back from presumptuous sins, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who come before the Lord's presence to eat Christ's body and blood on this holy day, that we would boast not of ourselves but of Christ alone, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That our God, whose true temple was destroyed by wicked men yet raised up again after three days, would grant us and all the saints to share in the glory of His Son's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

728 How Firm a Foundation

865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name
resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

Hymn to Depart: 645 Built on the Rock

In His Service Today:

Preacher/Celebrant: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Adam Thiel

Organist: Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

Deacons: Nathan Scherer (Head), Louie Fuelling, Dan DeLong, Joe Werling

Elders: John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Fred D. Fuelling, Steve Fuelling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS :February 25th- Home purpose: \$3,723.56, Building fund: \$150.00, Missions: \$90.00, SPI: \$120.00, Vanco: \$44.78. ***NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.***



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

CHURCH CHOIR: The adult choir will rehearse in the church balcony every Wednesday, starting promptly at 7:30 pm. Please join us as we prepare music for the Festivals of the Church year!

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for MARCH and APRIL - "SAUCES": During the months of March and April we will be collecting "Sauces" for the Seminary Food Co-op. Items will be delivered the first of May just in time for grilling season. Suggestions are but not limited to: ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, soy sauce, marinades, salad dressing, buffalo/wing sauce. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. The Food Coop is also stocked with freezers and refrigerators. Freezers are stocked with frozen beef, pork, and chicken donated by some of our local farmers, processed and packaged for the Seminary by Manley Meats. All donations are greatly appreciated and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Thank you for all your donations.

LOST & FOUND: There are several items that have been left accidentally here at church. Please look through the Lost & Found box in the Narthex to see if anything may be yours. Thank you!

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES will begin with Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 14th, and will continue every Wednesday evening at 7pm through Wednesday, March 20th. A soup supper will take place at 5:30pm before each midweek service.

SAVE THESE LWML DATES:

Spring Rally is Saturday, April 27 at St. John Flatrock
Fall Rally is Saturday, September 14 at St Peter Fuelling
Fall Workshop is Saturday, October 5 at St Paul Preble

2023 Annual Reports are now available in the Narthex.

St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School: Kindergarten and Preschool Round-Up for 2024-2025 School Year is on Tuesday March 5th from 5:30-7:00pm. Those who visit can meet the teachers, tour the school, and receive information. Program features: Christ centered education, play-based learning, and developmentally appropriate curriculum. Tell your family and friends; please help spread the word.

SPI Trustees: are accepting bids for mowing the lawn at school. This is for the 2024 mowing season April - October and is to be bid per each time the lawn is mowed. Sealed bids are due by March 17, 2024 to Ben Franz (SP) or Ralph Thieme (I) or the school office. Any questions can be directed to Ben Franz at 260-341-2642.

Calling all Fuelling Aces: Year #2 Decatur Circuit Fastpitch Softball Reunion at the Hayloft on Sunday, March 10, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Same as in 2023 and look forward to seeing you. If there are questions, please contact Jim Hoffman at (260) 413-3767.

Zion Lutheran Church Friedheim: Soup & Sandwich Dinner Sunday, March 10, 2024, Serving 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Zion Friedheim's, Dahling Family Life Center 10653 North 550 West, Decatur, Indiana. Joyful Voices Choir & Instrumentalists Directed by Allison Ulmer will be featured from 11:30am-12:30pm. Carryout will be available & custom dessert boxes will be available for purchase. Plan to shop at the craft sale. Pulled Pork & Sloppy Joe Mix provided by Smok'n T's BBQ Pit - Tyson Burkhart, Owner. Menu: Homemade Chicken Noodle & Ham and Bean Soups, Pulled Pork, Sloppy Joe, & Hot Dog Sandwiches, Variety of Salads & Pies(Dine-In), & Drinks. Free Will Offering. Proceeds towards debt reduction.

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF March 3rd, 2024

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Midweek Service
	7:30 pm	Church Choir meets in St. Peter balcony
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service

St. John Lutheran Church- Bingen: Annual Fish & Tenderloin Dinner on March 17th, serving from 10:30am-1:00pm at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. All you can eat- Adults \$14.00, Children (6-12) \$10.00, 5& under Free. All proceeds go to the Family Assistance Fund. Drive thru & carry out available. Fried by Dan's Fry Service, Huntington. Questions, please call (260)-639-6178.

St. John Lutheran Church- Flatrock: Spring Rummage Sale at 12912 Franke Road, Monroeville, IN in the gymnasium. Friday March 22nd, 8:00am-5:00pm, Saturday March 23rd, 8:00am-NOON. Bag sale on Saturday. Priced items not included in bag sale. Priced items half price on Saturday. Proceeds go towards missions & church projects.

Looking for another way to help support SPI school, try the PaperGator! What is that you ask? Why it is a simple way to not only help the school, but also the environment. There is a green dumpster at SPI school on the east side of the property. The items that can be collected are: school/office paper, newspaper, junk mail, hard & soft cover books, magazines, shredded paper(bagged in clear plastic), paperboard(cereal boxes, butter boxes, etc.), Cardboard(12x12 or smaller, & NOT Corrugated), & wrapping paper(no foil or sparkles). When you have a pile of the approved items, take them to the school and put them into the PaperGator dumpster. It is that easy. The proceeds are going towards the 7th & 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C.

Reminder: Sunday March 10th- Daylight Savings Time begins. Please set your clocks ahead one hour.

Daily Devotionals: There are daily devotionals available on the table in the Narthex.