

**Lenten Midweek 3 (March 6th, 2024)
St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS)
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Opening Hymn: 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Stand

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
- 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.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalm 22

- ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- ²**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.**
- ³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴**In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- ⁵To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- ⁶**But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**
- ⁷All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- ⁸**“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**
- ⁹Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.
- ¹⁰**On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.**
- ¹¹Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
- ¹²**Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**
- ¹³they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

**¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;**

¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

**¹⁶For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—**

¹⁷I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;

**¹⁸they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

**²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!**

²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

**²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

**²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

**²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰**Posterity shall serve him;**

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

Sit

Office Hymn: 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 13

¹“On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

²“And on that day, declares the LORD of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more. And also I will remove from the land the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness. ³And if anyone again prophesies, his father and mother who bore him will say to him, ‘You shall not live, for you speak lies in the name of the LORD.’ And his father and mother who bore him shall pierce him through when he prophesies.

⁴“On that day every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies. He will not put on a hairy cloak in order to deceive, ⁵but he will say, ‘I am no prophet, I am a worker of the soil, for a man sold me in my youth.’ ⁶And if one asks him, ‘What are these wounds on your back?’ he will say, ‘The wounds I received in the house of my friends.’

⁷“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
against the man who stands next to me,”
declares the LORD of hosts.

“Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered;
I will turn my hand against the little ones.

⁸In the whole land, declares the LORD,
two thirds shall be cut off and perish,
and one third shall be left alive.

⁹And I will put this third into the fire,
and refine them as one refines silver,
and test them as gold is tested.

They will call upon my name,
and I will answer them.

I will say, ‘They are my people’;
and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 4:23–31

²³When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

““Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’—

²⁷for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:26–50

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ ²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ²⁹Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” ³⁰And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same.

³²And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” ³⁵And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” ³⁷And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

⁴³And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him. ⁴⁶And they laid hands on him and seized him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰And they all left him and fled.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent)

LSB 231

- L** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
- L** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
- C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
- L** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
- C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

Hymn of the Day: 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

sts. 1–5

Sermon

Stand

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C** **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Magnificat: 934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

Sit

Offering

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

LSB 233

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

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.

Collects

L O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P 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.

The Litany

L O Lord,
C have mercy.
L O Christ,
C have mercy.
L O Lord,
C have mercy.
L O Christ,
C hear us.
L God the Father in heaven,
C have mercy.
L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C have mercy.
L God the Holy Spirit,
C have mercy.
L Be gracious to us.

C Spare us, good Lord.

L Be gracious to us.

C Help us, good Lord.

L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

C Good Lord, deliver us.

L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C Help us, good Lord.

L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C Help us, good Lord.

L We poor sinners implore You

C to hear us, O Lord.

L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

- L** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- C** **we implore You to hear us.**
- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** **have mercy.**
- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** **have mercy.**
- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** **grant us Your peace.**
- L** O Christ,
- C** **hear us.**
- L** O Lord,
- C** **have mercy.**
- L** O Christ,
- C** **have mercy.**
- L** O Lord,
- C** **have mercy. Amen.**

Collect for Peace

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Stand

Benedicamus

LSB 234

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 234

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart: 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

sts. 6–10

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Organist: Mrs. Kris Bischoff

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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.

The 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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Thank you to those who signed up to prepare soup for the suppers prior to the midweek Lenten services!

Additional Lenten Worship Opportunities

Wednesday March 13th- Soup Supper starting at 5:30pm. Divine Service at 7:00pm.

Wednesday March 20th- Soup Supper starting at 5:30pm. Divine Service at 7:00pm.

Sunday March 24th- Palm Sunday Divine Service with Holy Communion at 9:00am.

Thursday March 28th- Soup Supper starting at 5:30pm. Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at 7:00pm.

Friday March 29th- Good Friday Service with Holy Communion at 12:00pm.

Friday March 29th- Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers Service at 7:00pm.

Sunday March 31st- Easter Sunday Sunrise Matins Service at 7:00am. Festival Divine Service with Holy Communion at 9:00am.

Flowers for Easter: Below is the order form to order flowers for Easter. Thank you!

The Grainery Greenhouse
221 North First St.
Decatur, IN 46733

Phone 260-724-3709

2024 Easter Flower List

Easter Lilies 6" 1 stem (5+ blooms) _____ \$15.00

Easter Lilies 8" 2 stem (9+ blooms) _____ \$25.00

Easter Lilies 10" 3 stem (14+ blooms) _____ \$35.00

Hydrangea 6"- 3 bloom _____ \$30.00 Colors: Assorted

Daffodils 6" _____ \$12.00 Colors: Yellow only

Tulips 6" _____ \$12.00 Colors: Assorted

Hyacinths 6" _____ \$12.00 Colors: Assorted

Azaleas 6" _____ \$30.00 Colors: Pink shades

Mums 6" _____ \$15.00 Colors: Spring Colors

Foil Pot Covers Included

Orders must be placed by March 21.