

**Lent 1 (March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**  
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## Opening Hymn: 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

*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

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;\*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

**With long life I will sat- | isfy him\***

**and show him my sal- | vation.**

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*

the Most High, who is my | refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\***

**no plague come | near your tent.**

For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\*

to guard you in | all your ways.

**On their hands they will | bear you up,\***

**lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*

the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

**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.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;\*

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## Kyrie

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

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 26:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ <sup>4</sup>Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup>“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the

LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.”**

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup>**He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup>**nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
**but it will not come near you.**

<sup>8</sup>**You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—

<sup>10</sup>**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.**

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

## Epistle

*Romans 10:8b–13*

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 4:1–13*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup>for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup>And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,  
and him only shall you serve.”

<sup>9</sup>And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,’

<sup>11</sup>and

“On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>13</sup>And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

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

## 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.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken**

**Sermon**

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For deliverance, that the Lord Most High would be our dwelling place and refuge against every evil and plague, and that by the work of the Holy Spirit we may be satisfied with His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For missionaries, that the God of all nations would protect and provide for them as they proclaim the Word of faith and bring it near to all who will hear, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For parents, that God would bless them with all wisdom as they teach their children His ways, bestowing His riches in His Word, that all may confess Jesus as Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the governing authorities, that God would protect them from every temptation of the devil, who falsely claims sovereignty over them, and equip them to curb what is evil and promote what is good, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those in need of healing and restoration, including:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)

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

Keith and Suzy Scherer

Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)

Harriet DeLong (Wife of Dan DeLong)

that God would answer their prayers, be with them in trouble and rescue them according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For a proper stewardship of abundance, that the Lord who gives us all good things would grant us thankful hearts to declare His goodness and gladly support what He wills, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### 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.

### Collect for the Word

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### 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: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**In His Service Today:**

**Preacher:** The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

**Organist:** Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

**Deacons:** Joe Werling (Head), Dan DeLong, Mitch Billington, Nathan Scherer

**Elders:** Fred D. Fuelling (Head), Steve Fuelling, Matt Braun, Rodney Busick

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Offerings: February 23<sup>rd</sup>- Home Purpose: \$4,066.00, Missions: \$390.00, Building Fund: \$150.00, Thrivent: \$153.00, Vanco: \$130.63

March 2<sup>nd</sup>- Home Purpose: \$6,233.00, Missions: \$20.00, Vanco: \$135.68.

**\*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.

The mission total as of the end of February is \$820.00 out of our \$12,000.00 budget.

*“Thank you St. Peter congregation for all the birthday wishes and cards that I received this week as I celebrated my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.” - Judy Witte*

**April Newsletter Information:** is due Friday March 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

**SPI Fry Pie Fundraiser:** Orders will need to be turned in to Pastor Tanksley by next Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> or be sent into SPI School office by Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
MONDAY	7:00 pm	SPI School Board
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Elder’s Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Midweek Service
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion