

Fourth Sunday in Lent (March 27th, 2022)

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Opening Hymn: 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

Holy Baptism of Clarke Kaye Schultz

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.
L Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

LSB 220

- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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.

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Sit

Office Hymn: 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12

- L** A reading from Isaiah, chapter 12.
¹You will say in that day:
“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,

your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

²“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:
“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

L A reading from 2 Corinthians, chapter 5.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

L A reading from Luke, chapter 15.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

LSB 222

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

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

L Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

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

L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

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

Hymn of the Day: 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Sermon

Stand

Creedal Hymn: 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

Kyrie

LSB 227

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the educational institutions of our synod: for our preschools, our day schools and high schools, our colleges and universities, and for our seminaries, that those who teach and those who learn in them would be transformed by the wisdom of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life and have a foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts, and sciences, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities and valued service through their vocations, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all the faithful, that the Spirit would lead them to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty the Lord provides, to support the Church and to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who are sick especially:

Charlie Crosby

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews) for strength as she receives therapy

Cathy Runyon (Sister of Brenda Wolf and Becky Fuelling)

Helene Hegerfeld (Mother of Brenda Scherer)

Joyce Kenny (Cousin of Brenda Wolf and Becky Fuelling)

Ron Franz for strength and healing

Marshall Scheumann

Della Hormann (Mother of Karen Franz)

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Andy Buuck (Nephew of Suzann Rekeweg)

Jim and Becky Fuelling

Andy Wolf as he recovers from knee surgery

Tammy Dahling (wife of the Rev. D. Dahling) as she undergoes chemotherapy

Shirley Buuck (sister-in-law- to Suzann Rekeweg) for strength and healing

Nancy Koeneman as she undergoes surgery for breast cancer

that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who mourn that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who rejoice in the rich blessings of God, that they may always remember the Giver of every gift and give Him heartfelt thanks, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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 228

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 228

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: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Michael Speckhard

Organist: Mrs. Vickie Hammond

Deacons: Bruce Scherer (Head), Joe Werling, Matt Braun, Fred M. Fuelling

Elders: John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Rod Busick, Jim Fuelling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS: Home Purpose- \$8,806.00; Missions- \$300.00; Building Fund- \$20.00; Total Offerings- \$9,126.00.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST this morning is Clarke Kaye Schultz, infant daughter of Zeke and Kari (Scherer) Schultz. Baptismal sponsors are Haley Chaires and Taylor Rhymer. Maternal grandparents are Bruce and Brenda Scherer.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES will continue every Wednesday evening at 7pm through Wednesday, April 6th. A soup supper will take place at 5:30pm before each midweek service.

ORGAN RECITAL: St. Peter Fuelling Ev. Lutheran Church will be hosting an Organ Recital on May 22, 2022. Mark the date on your calendars- more details will follow.

5TH/6TH GRADE TEACHER NEEDED: St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School in Decatur is searching for a 5th/6th grade teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Please submit a resume with references and a cover letter by March 31. Applicants who are members of an LCMS church and who have an Indiana teaching license are preferred. Please contact Mr. Becker, Principal, for inquiries about this position. principal@spilutheran.org, 260-623-6115.

SCHOOL SECRETARY NEEDED: St. Peter Immanuel Lutheran School is accepting applications for school secretary for the 2022-23 school year. This is a 10-month position: 29 hours per week. Wages commensurate with experience. Please apply before March 31. Contact Mr. Becker, Principal, for an application and any inquiries about the position. principal@spilutheran.org, 260-623-6115.

SEARCHING FOR 3RD/4TH TEACHER: Zion Lutheran School is seeking a ¾ grade teacher for the 2022-2023 academic year. Individuals who have LCMS synodical and theological training, as well as an Indiana teaching license, are preferred. Those interested are asked to submit a resume and cover letter. For additional information, please contact Jessica Heckler at 260-728-9995 or jheckler@ziondecatur.com.

ORGAN AND BRASS CONCERT: On Sunday, March 27, at 3 p.m., organist Michael Hollman and the Zion Lutheran Brass Choir, directed by Bryen Warfield, will present an organ and brass concert at Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 South Hanna Street. The concert will include works by Michel Richard Delalande (Musique Royale), J.S. Bach (Toccatina, Adagio, and Fugue in C major - BWV 564), Richard Webster (Hymn Setting on "Ride On! Ride On In Majesty"), Leo Sowerby (Prelude on "Capel"), Morten Lauridsen ("O Nata Lux" from the motet, "Lux Aeterna"), César Franck (Chorale in b minor), and Marcel Dupré (Poème héroïque). Admission is free and the recital is open to the public. A reception will follow the program.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 27th, 2022

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
	-----	Bible Study/Sunday School
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Midweek Service
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Quilting
	9:30 am	Pastor's Study Group at Bingen
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
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