

Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church
The 3rd Midweek Service in Lent, Wednesday, March 11th, 2026
In-Person Worship: St Peter at 7:00 pm
Facebook Live, 7:00 pm at St Peter Lutheran Church” and
You Tube (Live) at “St Peters Lutheran Church Rockwell, IA”

Call to Worship (Please stand)

We stand in the need of the presence of God.

Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own greed.

But the Lord has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey.

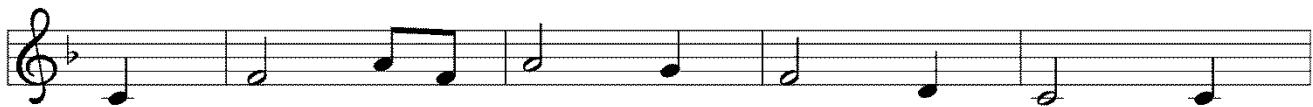
Lord, guide our steps.

Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

Let us open our hearts to the healing and restoring love of God. Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW #779 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

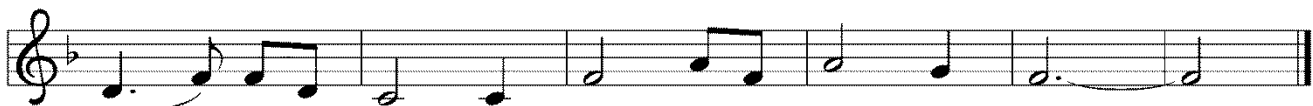
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Prayer of the Day

Glorious Lord, you come to all who are eager to know you. You place yourself into human life through Christ Jesus who suffered as we do. Give us courage and strength like Jesus so that we remain faithful to his love. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. (Please be seated.)

First Reading: Lamentations 3:1-6; 16-25

Most of the book of Lamentations is about mourning. But right at the center of it we find the prophet Jeremiah telling us what he has learned about God: that we have a God who is eternally faithful and merciful to us.

¹ I am the one who has seen the afflictions that come from the rod of the LORD's anger.

² He has led me into darkness, shutting out all light.

³ He has turned his hand against me again and again, all day long.

⁴ He has made my skin and flesh grow old. He has broken my bones.

⁵ He has besieged and surrounded me with anguish and distress.

⁶ He has buried me in a dark place, like those long dead.

¹⁶ He has made me chew on gravel. He has rolled me in the dust.

¹⁷ Peace has been stripped away, and I have forgotten what prosperity is.

¹⁸ I cry out, "My splendor is gone! Everything I had hoped for from the LORD is lost!"

¹⁹ The thought of my suffering and homelessness is bitter beyond words.

²⁰ I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss.

²¹ Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this:

²² The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease.

²³ Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

²⁴ I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 84:1-5; 8-12

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

² **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—a place near your altar,
LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴ **Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.**

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

⁸ **Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.**

⁹ Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.

¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

¹² LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14 (Please remain seated.)

Leaving his heavenly home, Jesus put on human flesh to bring us God's good news of salvation. One might say that the Son of God exiled himself, to rescue us all from an exile of sin and darkness.

The Holy Gospel According to John, the 1st Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

² The Word was with God in the beginning.

³ Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being ⁴ through the Word was life and the life was the light for all people.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

⁶ A man named John was sent from God. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. ⁸ He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

⁹ The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world.

¹⁰ The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light.

¹¹ The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him.

¹² But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he authorized to become God's children, ¹³ born not from blood nor from human desire or passion, but born from God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his home among us.

We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message:

Prayers

Let us pray.

Gracious God, who has named and claimed us, calling us your beloved children, you know the secrets of our hearts. When we sin and stray from your paths, you astound us with your saving grace.

For this Word of life,
we give you thanks.

Loving Jesus, living Word, in you the Kingdom of God has come near;
through you all that was lost has been found. Help us to boldly follow wherever you
may lead, trusting your promise that we need not fear, for you are with us.

For this Word of life,
we give you thanks.

Holy Spirit, the mystery in which we dwell, into our scarcity, your abundance flows.
Enliven all communities with your good news. Guide us to love and serve Jesus,
giving ourselves away for the sake of the world.

For this Word of life,
we give you thanks.

All glory to you, holy God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer (Please stand)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace.

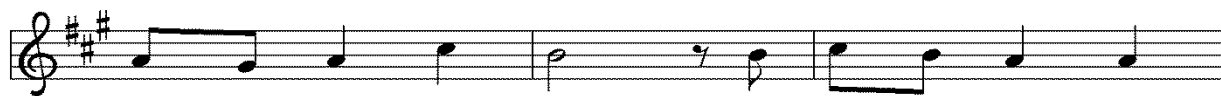
Amen.

Closing Hymn: ELW #635 We Walk by Faith"

We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Lent 3

Living water of salvation,
be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation,
Flow in us and make us whole.
Flow in us and make us whole.

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Dismissal: Go in peace, Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God!

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