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6 p.m. Sat., March 26 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., March 27, 2022  
Sermon: "Following Christ to The Cross: Peter  
John 18:12-27"



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(6 p.m. Sat., March 26 & 8:15 a.m. Sun., March 27, 2022)

### **Servants of God's House**

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE:** Grace Wolfgram

**Organists:** 6 p.m. Sat., Joyce Seymour; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Doris Hill

**Usher:** Nick Gunn

**Missionaries:** Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,  
Rev. Paul Flo, Rev. Charles Cortwright

**Readers:** 6 p.m. Sat., Grace Wolfgram; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Jim Winckler

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**WELCOME!** We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

**AS WE GATHER** Simon Peter witnessed much of Christ's ministry on earth. He is featured in many highlights of the four Gospels, but today we see Peter at his lowest point, as he denies Jesus three times. The result of Peter's denial is a massive amount of guilt. Each of us can relate to that unwanted flood of self-disgust that comes when we remember past sin. But guilt is not the final word for Peter, and it is not the final word for us. After His resurrection, Jesus restores and forgives Peter. Jesus offered Peter grace. Jesus also gives us grace, forgiveness, and restoration at the cross.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** 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. Amen.

(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold**.)

### **The Ringing of the Bells**

### **The Wave of Fellowship**

Hymn of Invocation "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 611

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation and Opening Sentences *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: As we continue our Lenten journey, we witness Peter's denial of Jesus.

C: **Three times Peter denies his Lord.**

P: When the rooster crows and Peter realizes what he has done,

C: **he is overwhelmed with guilt.**

P: Yet when Jesus is raised from the dead, He restores Peter.

C: **Three times Jesus tells Peter to feed His sheep.**

P: Though Peter had sinned and was filled with guilt,

C: **Jesus forgives and fills Peter with grace.**



P: Like Peter, we have all experienced the pain and guilt of past sins. We know that we have been far from perfect. Though we follow Jesus, our thoughts, words, and actions have been poor representations of Christ to the world. Yet, in His infinite mercy, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him for forgiveness and restoration.

C: **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You. We have denied You in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. We have failed to trust You in all things. Lord, forgive us, restore us, and remove our guilt.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. On account of Jesus, all of your sin has been forgiven—all of the guilt you feel has been made powerless by God's grace. 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. We are forgiven and restored by God's abundant grace.**

#### Psalm *Psalm 130*

P: Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!

C: **O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

P: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

P: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;

C: **my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**

P: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.

C: **And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

**All: 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.**

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Holy God, mighty Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. Your own Son has triumphed over sin and the grave and opened to us the gates of everlasting life. Purify our hearts in Him that we may be granted a share in His glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

The First Reading      Zechariah 12:10–14



<sup>10</sup>“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on Me, on Him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over Him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

<sup>11</sup>On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the

mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. <sup>12</sup>The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;

<sup>13</sup>the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves; <sup>14</sup>and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual      We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

C: **O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## The Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7–10



<sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated.

<sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But He said to me, “My

grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

<sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

(Stand as you are able for the Verse the Gospel)

## The Verse Matthew 26:35

**C: Peter said to Jesus, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.**

## The Holy Gospel John 18:12–27

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

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

## Gospel Reading

<sup>12</sup>So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. <sup>13</sup>First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup>It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the C.

<sup>15</sup>Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, <sup>16</sup>but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup>The

servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.”

<sup>18</sup>Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

<sup>19</sup>The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. <sup>20</sup>Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup>Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said.” <sup>22</sup>When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying,

"Is that how You answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?"

<sup>4</sup>Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. <sup>25</sup>Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself.

So they said to him, "You also are not one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup>One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" <sup>27</sup>Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Apostles' Creed (8:15 am)

(Please be seated)

The Children's Message

Baptisms: (6 pm only)

Arya Mae Beck

Elliana Kristine Nichols

Hymn of the Day

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 575

**TODAY'S SERMON**



"Following Christ to The Cross: Peter  
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Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

**St. Paul's members** have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings. Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

**To our guest:** Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.



*Psalm 23:1-3a—"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me besides quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake."*

Offertory Hymn "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

LSB 570 vs. 1,3,5

(stand as you are able)



**PRAYERS**  
*of the*  
**CHURCH**

**P:** Let us pray to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who hears our prayers and helps us in our afflictions.

Lord, encourage all those who struggle with lingering guilt from past sins. Remind them that by Your death and resurrection, You have conquered sin and removed their guilt forever. O my Savior, help afford,

**C: by Your Spirit and Your Word.**

**P:** Lord, shield all those who suffer the attacks of Satan. Clothe them with Your full armor so that they might believe Your Word rather than the lies of Satan. O my Savior, help afford,

**C: by Your Spirit and Your Word.**

**P:** Lord, grant seasonable weather upon the earth that will nourish Your good creation. Protect us from fire, storm, and flood. Teach us how to better love, appreciate, and care for Your creation. O my Savior, help afford,

**C: by Your Spirit and Your Word.**

**P:** Lord, thank You for the gifts of community and friendship. Thank You for all the joy and laughter You have placed into our lives. Help us always to recognize these as Your good gifts. O my Savior, help afford,

**C: by Your Spirit and Your Word.**

**P:** Lord, comfort all those who worry about family and friends who have wandered from the faith. Give us patience, knowing that You continually pursue Your sheep. Help us welcome them back into Your fold with grace and love. O my Savior, help afford,

**C: by Your Spirit and Your Word.**

**P:** Lord, bring healing and patience to those who suffer illness and injury, especially Frieda Lehr, Ivy Winckler, Bill Pratt, Carolyn Stuhr, Suzy Awe, Sharon Sparr, Patsy White, and Ron Will. O my Savior, help afford,

**C: by Your Spirit and Your Word.**

**P:** Lord, we pray for the leaders of all the nations throughout the world, that Your wisdom would be upon them for the health and welfare of all people. We pray also for the people in Ukraine and Russia that You would bring peace to them. O my Savior, help afford,

**C: by Your Spirit and Your Word.**

**P:** Lord, we seek Your guidance in the search for a new school principal that You have prepared for us. O my Savior, help afford,

**C: by Your Spirit and Your Word.**

P: Lord, for those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Clarence Anderson, Tim Black, Tony Figge, Matthew Lee, Nathalia Young, Carl Domsch, Matthew Ferry, Megan Beck, Tyler Mc Bride, and Pat Berger-Conlon, O my Savior, help afford,

**C: by Your Spirit and Your Word.**

P 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.

**C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (8:15 am)

Benediction +

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Closing Hymn

"I Know My Faith Is Founded"

LSB 587 vs. 1,3

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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