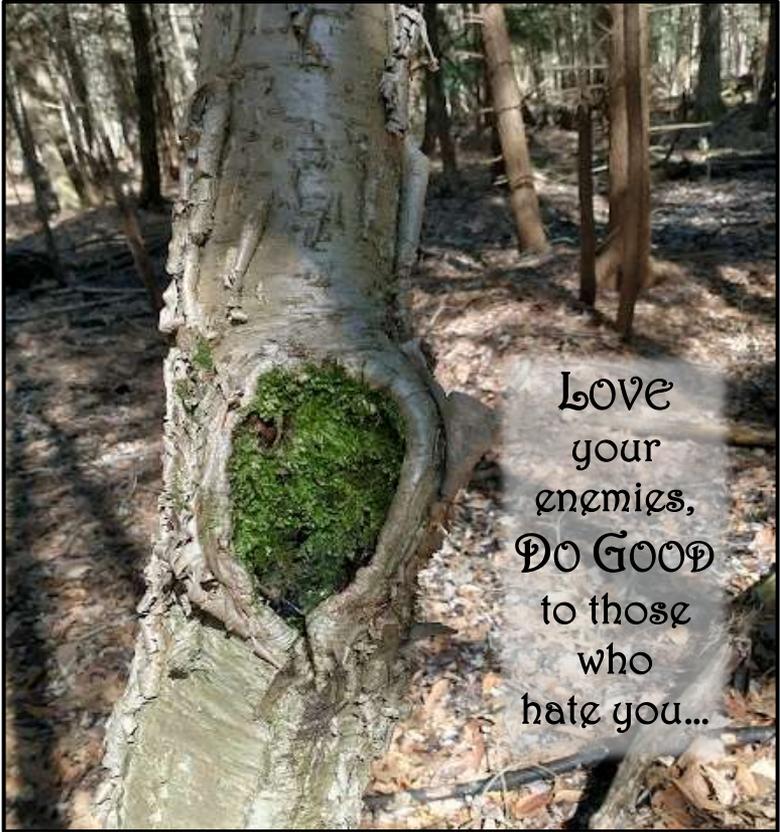


Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Love
your
enemies,
Do GOOD
to those
who
hate you...

Night Prayer with Communion

March 24, 2022

7 pm Lent Worship Service

Pastor Brandon Johns

OPENING DIALOGUE

Almighty God, Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. **Amen.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

to herald your love in the morning,
your truth at the close of the day.

By day, O God,

you grant your steadfast love,

and at night your song is with me,

a prayer to the God of my life.

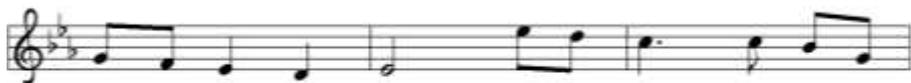
EVENING HYMN: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race, Now as eve - ning falls a -
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new,
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed.
I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Almighty and merciful God

grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

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Psalm 134

¹ Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

² Lift up your hands to the holy place,
and bless the Lord.

³ May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth,
bless you from Zion.

Silence for reflection

Let us pray. Lord God, where two or three gather in your name, you promise to be with them. Look upon your family gathered in your name, and graciously pour out your blessing upon us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CENTERING HYMN: Now It Is Evening



1. Now it is eve - ning: lights of the cit - y bid us re-
2. Now it is eve - ning: food on the ta - ble bids us re-
3. Now it is eve - ning: lit - tle ones sleep - ing bid us re-
4. Now it is eve - ning: here in our meet - ing may we re-



mem - ber Christ is our light. Man - y are lone - ly, who will be
mem - ber Christ is our life. Man - y are hun - gry, who will be
mem - ber Christ is our peace. Some are ne-glect-ed who will be
mem - ber Christ is our friend. Some may be strang-ers, who will be



neigh - bor? Where there is car - ing, Christ is our light.
neigh - bor? Where there is shar - ing, Christ is our life.
neigh - bor? Where there is car - ing, Christ is our peace.
neigh - bor? Where there's a wel - come, Christ is our friend.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

¹² So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul ¹³ and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. ¹⁴ Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, ¹⁵ yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. ¹⁶ Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. ¹⁷ For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸ who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. ¹⁹ You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

²⁰ You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. ²² Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Luke 6:27-31

²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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REFLECTION: “The Glory of the Christian Life ”

from The Freedom of a Christian

Therefore, who can comprehend the riches and glory of the Christian life? It can do all things and has all things and lacks nothing. It is lord of sin, death, and hell but, at the same time, is servant and obedient and beneficial to all. And yet how terrible it is that in our day this life is unknown! It is neither preached about nor sought after. What is more, we are also completely ignorant of our very name, why we are Christians and bear that name. Without a doubt we are named after Christ—not absent from us but dwelling in us; in other words: provided that we believe in him and that, in turn and mutually, we are a second Christ to one another, doing for our neighbors as Christ does for us. But nowadays, using human doctrines, we are taught to seek nothing but merits, rewards, and the things that are ours, and we have made out of Christ nothing but a slave driver far harsher than Moses. - Martin Luther

REFLECTION HYMN: Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious and holy God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts and fill your lives. Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFTS OF GOD

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...the thanksgiving continues led by Pastor and concludes with:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

TABLE GRACE

Let us pray. The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**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**

INSTRUCTION ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

At this time Pastor will take a moment to explain how the distribution of Holy Communion will take place this evening. The explanation will conclude with the Invitation to Communion and then we will commune.

The elements of the Sacrament are offered with these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. *And* The blood of Christ, shed for you.

For children who do not communion, and elect to communion at their seats, lay hand(s) on each child and offer this or another blessing:

“May you know that you are chosen and beloved by God.”

INVITATION TO COMMUNION and DISTRIBUTION

Let us share now in the heavenly banquet that has no end.

BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Now may the forgiving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal, encompassing love of God the Father and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace, loving God and neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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