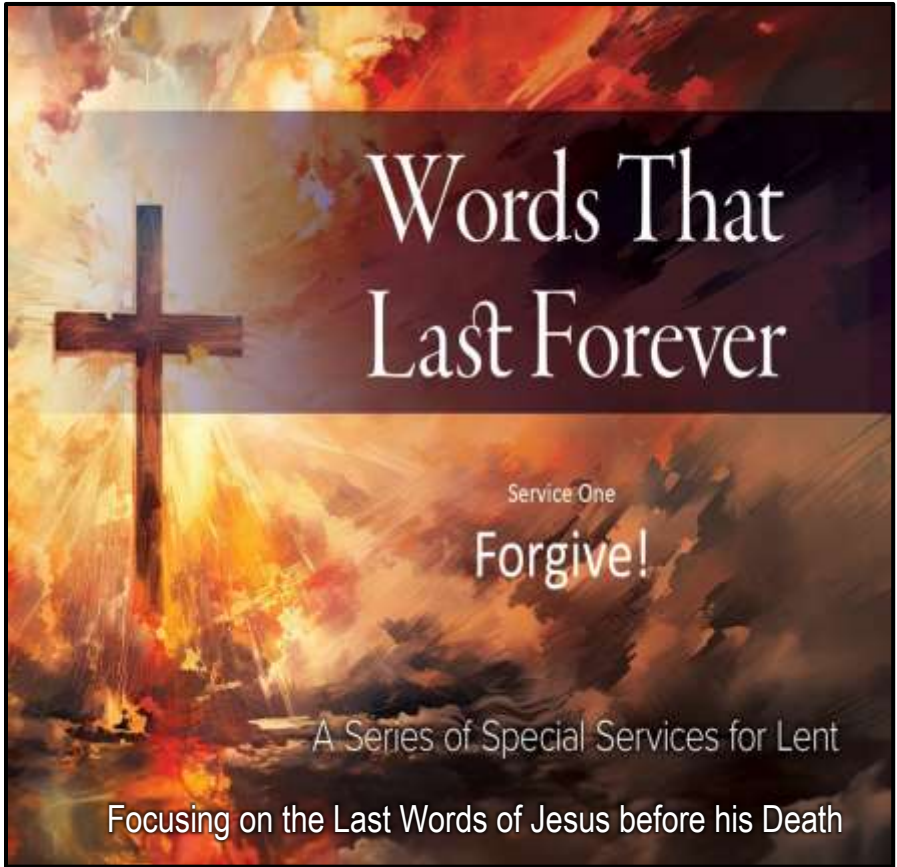


Welcome to  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



*Night Prayer with Communion*  
*February 22, 2024*  
*7 pm Lent Worship Service*

*Pastor Brandon Johns*

## TONIGHT'S FOCUS WORD: FORGIVE

### 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: Abide, O Dearest Jesus

1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace,  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word  
3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;  
5 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;

that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.  
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.  
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.  
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your word.  
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

## **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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## **Psalms 134**

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

<sup>2</sup> Lift up your hands to the holy place,  
and bless the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> 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: 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.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.

Music: BEATUS VIR, *Šanotulský Kancionál*, 1561

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING: Joel 2:11b-19

Truly the day of the LORD is great;  
 terrible indeed — who can endure it?

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart,  
 with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

<sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
 slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
 and relents from punishing.

<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
 and leave a blessing behind him,  
 a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast;  
 call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup>gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged;  
gather the children, even infants at the breast.  
Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.  
<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.  
Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,  
and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
a byword among the nations.  
Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"  
<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for his land,  
and had pity on his people.  
<sup>19</sup>In response to his people the LORD said:  
I am sending you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied;  
and I will no more make you a mockery among the nations.  
*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

**EPISTLE READING: 1 John 1:8-9**

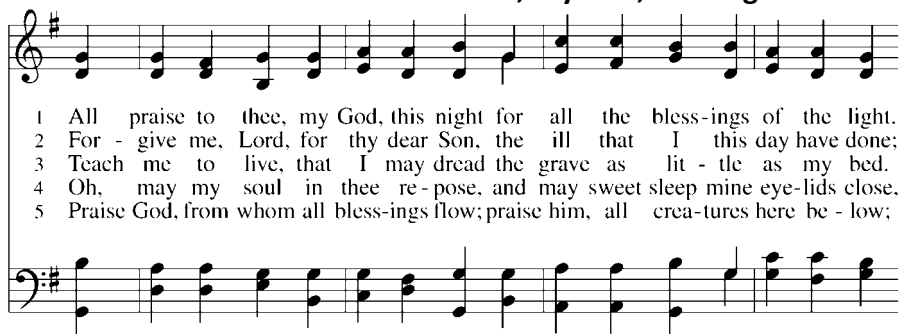
<sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, [God] who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:32-38**

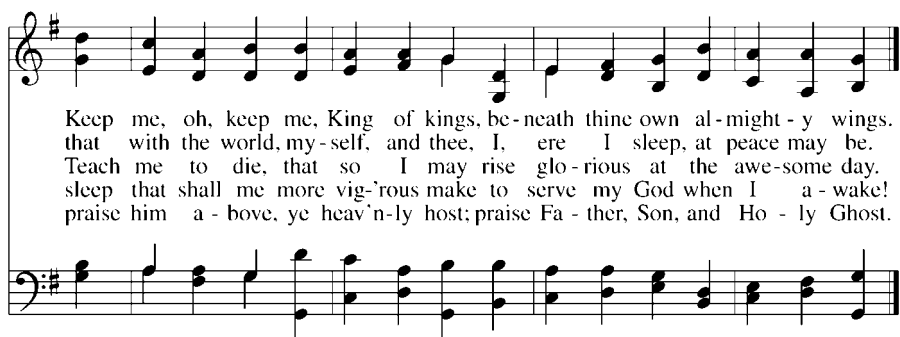
<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."  
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## REFLECTION PRESENTATION: “Forgive”

### REFLECTION HYMN: All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless-ings of the light.  
2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done;  
3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as lit - tle as my bed.  
4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, and may sweet sleep mine eye-lids close,  
5 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.  
that with the world, my - self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
Teach me to die, that so I may rise glo - rious at the awe - some day.  
sleep that shall me more vig - rous make to serve my God when I a - wake!  
praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, c. 1505–1585

## PRAYER

Let us pray. Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, given rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous, breath your peace into all the world; and all for your love's sake.

**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**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Let us taste together the goodness of the forgiveness of God.

## COMMUNION

### 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 of peace. 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 enlightening, peace-giving presence of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Forgiven by God, go in the peace won for you through Christ and the cross. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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