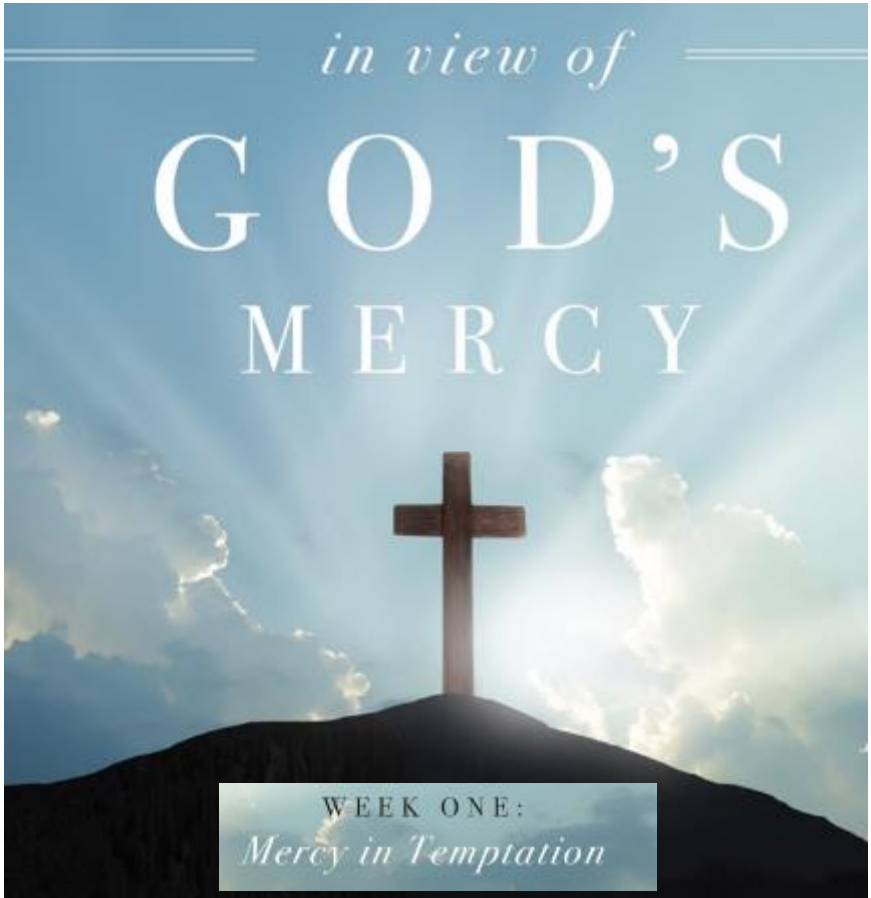


Welcome to  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



*Night Prayer with Communion*  
*March 13, 2025*  
*7 pm Lent Worship Service*  
*Pastor Brandon Johns*

*God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape. 1 Cor. 10:13*

### OPENING DIALOGUE

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

All we like sheep have gone astray.

**Lead us not into temptation.**

We have turned every one to his own way.

**Lead us not into temptation.**

The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Deliver us from evil.**

But he was wounded for our transgressions.

**Deliver us from evil.**

He was crushed for our iniquities.

**Deliver us from evil.**

Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace.

**Deliver us from evil.**

And with his stripes we are healed. **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-se-m - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854  
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (1 Cor. 10:12)

“Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.”

We confess to God that we have often fallen into temptation and succumbed to sin.

**Holy God, we acknowledge our guilt before you. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. When tempted by the evil one, we have desired evil. Our sinful appetites have been attracted to what you forbid. We have submitted to our lusts and succumbed to temptation. Forgive our transgression and lead us from temptation.**

We cry to you for mercy!

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God’s mercy is greater.)*

Hear the good news! God’s Word declares that “God is faithful” and “he will provide the way of escape” from temptation and sin. In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you to remove the guilt of your sin. For Christ’s sake God forgives you all your sin and renews a right spirit within you. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy. We are surrounded by all kinds of temptations to sin. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit so that we resist temptation and instead do what pleases you. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Deuteronomy 6:4-6**

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!**

### **1 Corinthians 10:6-13**

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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

### **Hebrews 4:14-16; 12:1-3**

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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

## REFLECTION HYMN: O Christ, You Walked the Road

O Christ, you walked the road our wand'ring feet must go.

You faced with us temptation's pow'r and fought our ancient foe.

No bread of earth alone can fill our hung'ring hearts.

Lord, help us seek your living Word, the food your grace imparts.

No blinding sign we ask, no wonder from above.

Lord, help us place our trust alone in your unswerving love.

When lures of easy gain with promise brightly shine,

Lord, help us seek your kingdom first; our wills with yours align.

O Christ, you walked the road our wand'ring feet must go.

Stay with us through temptation's hour to fight our ancient foe.

## REFLECTION

### PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as those who are prone to wander into sin because of the temptations of the evil one.

**Lord, have mercy.**

When we face the temptations of the devil—who entices us to doubt and deny your true Word—keep our eyes on Jesus who conquered Satan in the wilderness and on the cross.

**Lord, have mercy.**

When we face the temptations of the flesh, keep our eyes on Jesus who lived purely as our substitute and Savior.

**Lord, have mercy.**

When we face the temptations of the world—our sinful pride and the quest for more possessions—keep our eyes on Jesus who provides for all we need in this life and the life to come.

**Lord, have mercy.**

When temptations come alluring, make us patient and enduring.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We praise you that you are faithful and that with every temptation you provide a way of escape.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Fill us with your Spirit so that we will say no to sin and yes to righteousness.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil.

**Lord, grant me your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.**

All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who triumphed over temptation. **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 mercy 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

May the merciful God, who is faithful and provides the way of escape from temptation and sin, empower you to live according to his good and gracious will, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the  
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicholas L. van Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borlwick, 1813–1897, et.  
Music: SEELENBRAUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1670–1701

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE



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