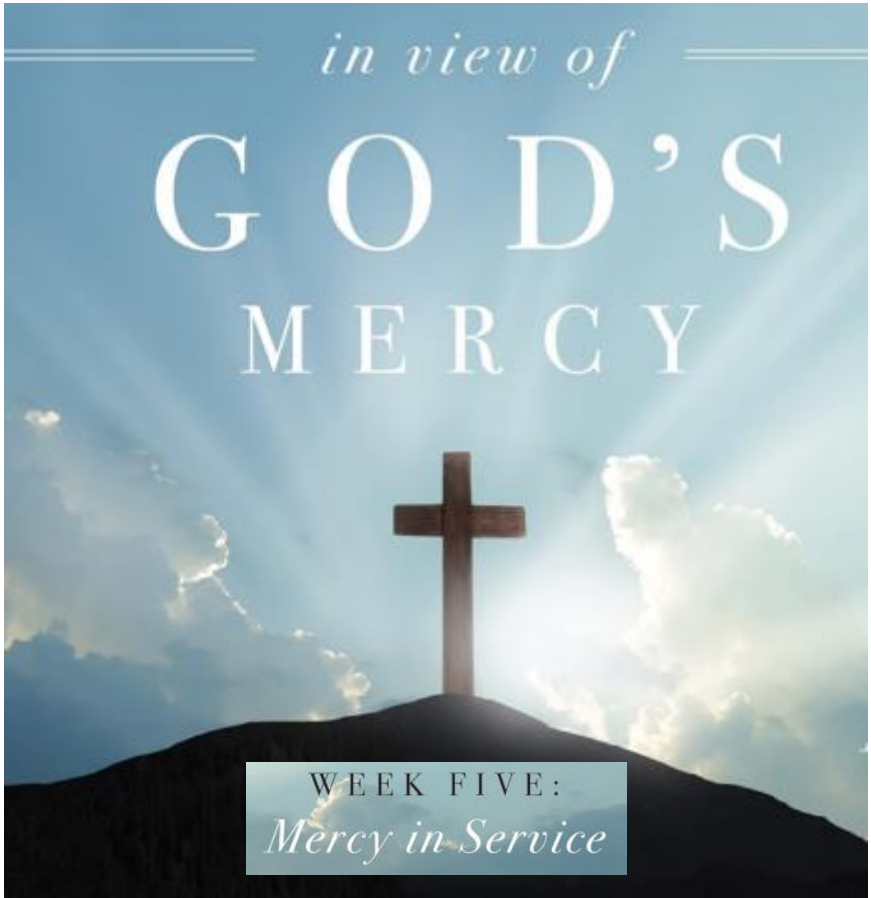


Welcome to  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



*Night Prayer with Communion*  
*April 10, 2025*  
*7 pm Lent Worship Service*  
*Pastor Brandon Johns*

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*God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. Hebrews 6:10*

## PRELUDE

### **OPENING DIALOGUE** *(from 2 Cor. 13:14; Philippians 2:4-7; Mark 10:43-45)*

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

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit,  
but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

**We serve in the Spirit of Christ.**

Let each of you look not only to his own interests,  
but also to the interests of others.

**We serve in the Spirit of Christ.**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with  
God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing,  
taking the form of a servant.

**We serve in the Spirit of Christ.**

Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.

**We serve in the Spirit of Christ.**

Whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

**We serve in the Spirit of Christ.**

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to  
give his life as a ransom for many.

**Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN: O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.  
Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Mark 12:30-31*)

The scriptures sum up God's law, his demands upon us, in these two commands: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength," and "Love your neighbor as yourself." But these commands we fail to keep. Our love for God is far from full, and our love for others is incomplete. We seek to serve ourselves rather than to serve God and others. Thus we acknowledge our sin and seek God's mercy.

**God of love, you love us with a perfect love. But you also demand that we love you and others perfectly. This we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. You would be perfectly just to punish us now and forevermore. For the sake of your Son, the Suffering Servant Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us our self-centered and self-serving ways. Lead us to serve you and those you have placed into our lives.**

We cry to you for mercy!

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

*Please silently reflect on our sin is great, but God's mercy is greater.*

Hear the good news! God's Word declares that "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and gives you his righteousness, making you holy in his sight. 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 thank you for sending Jesus to be the Suffering Servant who gave his life so that we might live eternally. In view of your mercy, remake us into willing servants who live to serve you and others. Sanctify us by your Spirit to humbly serve those around us as we follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray these things in his holy name. **Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

#### **Micah 6:7-8**

"Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God!**

## Hebrews 6:9-12

Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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

## John 13:12-17

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

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

## REFLECTION HYMN: Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## REFLECTION

### PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as your servants.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You call us to serve you by serving others, so guide us to recognize those who you send to us to serve.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You call us to serve one another as you have served us, so empower us to follow the example of Jesus who washed feet.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Give us insight to perceive the needs of others and to respond by serving the cares of body and soul.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Give us humility to count others more important than ourselves and to attend to their interests above our own.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Give us compassion to see others in distress and then to aid and assist them.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In view of your mercy, move us by your Spirit to give mercy to others and so extend your mercy in the world.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**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 came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for us all. **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.**

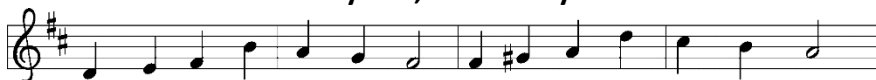
### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 to forgive your self-serving sin, direct you to serve others in his name and through his power, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN: Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



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| take my mo - ments and my days;  | let them flow in cease - less praise. |
| take my feet and let them be     | swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.   |
| take my lips and let them be     | filled with mes - sag - es from thee. |
| take my in - tel - lect, and use | ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  |

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.



### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE