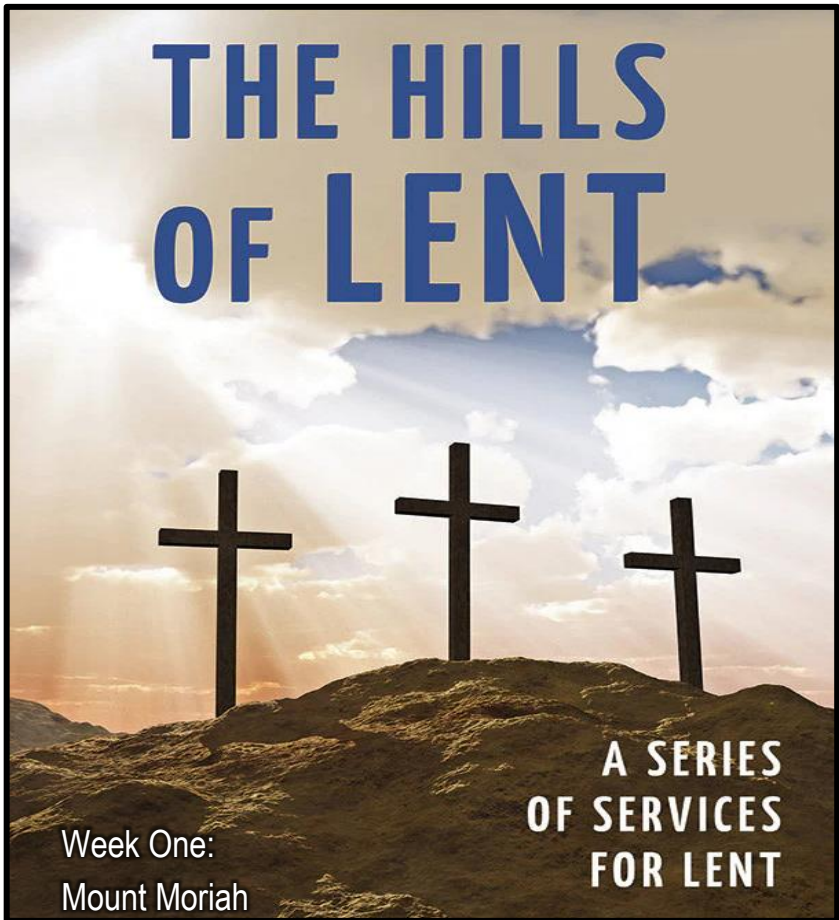


Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Night Prayer with Communion
February 26, 2026
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.

EVENING HYMN: In the Desert, on God's Mountain



1 In the des - ert, on God's moun - tain, Mo - ses saw the
2 On Mount Ho - reb Mo - ses halt - ed, stood un - shod on
3 "I AM THAT I AM have called you," spoke the in - can -
4 Mo - ses hid his face in ter - ror, of - fered his ob -
5 Lat - er in the wild of Si - nai, from an - oth - er



bush a - flame, won - dered at the fi - 'ry
ho - ly ground, felt the puls - ing of God's
des - cent voice. Mo - ses felt the mes - sage
jec - tions four: doubt of worth and doubt of
moun - tain height, bring - ing prom - ise to his



fo - liage, heard the crack - ling call his name.
pres - ence, sensed the ho - li - ness a - round.
sear - ing to the heart of will and choice.
tal - ent, lack of trust and lack of lore.
peo - ple, Mo - ses shone with God's own light.



May we no - tice bush - es burn - ing;
May we stop a - mid life's la - bor;
May we pause to an - swer sum - mons;
May we set a - side ex - cus - es;
May we, not con - sumed, yet burn - ing,
draw - ing all to God's bright pres - ence—



may we won - der at the flame.
may we hon - or ho - ly ground.
may we hear God's burn - ing voice.
may we take the task be - fore.
guide all to the moun - tain height.

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 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

²My help comes from the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth.

³The Lord will not let your foot be moved

nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵the Lord watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,

from this time forth forevermore.

Silence for reflection

Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth, you help us in times of distress and watch over us day and night. Hold us securely in your mercy, that in the midst of fear and danger we may depend on you, our sure deliverer; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CENTERING HYMN: O God of Jacob



1 O God of Ja - cob, by whose hand your peo - ple still are fed,
2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore your throne of grace.
3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - d'ring foot - steps guide;
4 Oh, grant us your pro - tect - ing care till all our wan - d'ring cease,



who through this wea - ry pil - grim - age a wa - v'ring Is - rael led:
O God of Ja - cob, be the God of their suc - ceed - ing race.
give us this day our dai - ly bread, and shel - ter fit pro - vide.
that to those man - sions kept for us we all may come in peace.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751, adapt.

Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Romans 4:1-3, 18-25

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

John 8:31-40, 56-58

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are descendants of Abraham, yet you look for an opportunity to kill me because there is no place in you for my word. ³⁸ I declare what I have seen in the Father’s presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.”

³⁹ They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you are Abraham’s children, you would do what Abraham did, ⁴⁰ but now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did.

⁵⁶ Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷ Then the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.”

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

REFLECTION PRESENTATION:

“Mount Moriah”

For the story of God’s test of Abraham on Mount Moriah, please see Genesis 22:1-19.



REFLECTION HYMN: How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dom,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, and keeps our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

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 provision of God.

COMMUNION

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY

Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem.

Go with us as we journey, God, as once you went with Abraham, our father in the faith. Grant that, like him, we hear your gracious promises and trust your holy Word.

Everything that is written of the Son of Man will be accomplished.

O Lamb of God, you came to take away the sin of the world.

Give us the faith to trust in you when laughter is withdrawn.

For he will be betrayed, and will be mocked and shamefully treated.

For us you bore it all, O Lord. Give us the grace to see your face even in the midst of things we must endure.

They will scourge him and kill him.

Lord, by your stripes we are made whole, and by your death new life is promised to us all. Help us to put to death whatever in us is not of your will.

And on the third day he will rise.

Lead us, O Lord, from testing to triumph, that we may share the life which you have given us, eternally. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us praise the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Almighty and merciful God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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