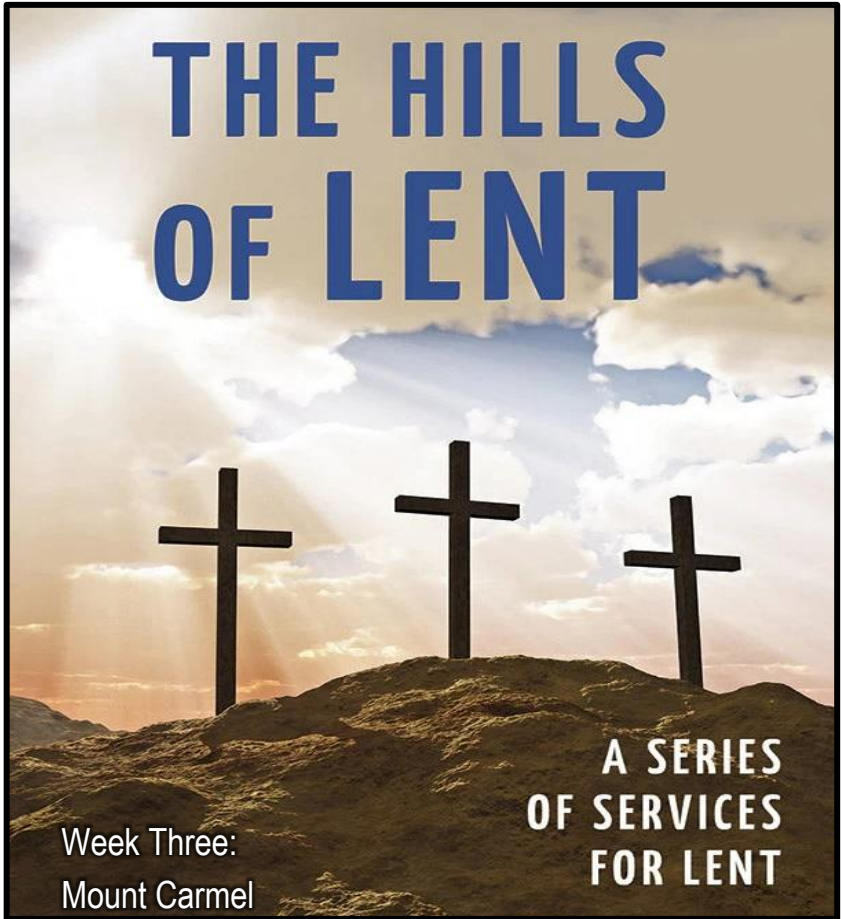


Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Night Prayer with Communion
March 12, 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,

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.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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: Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing, Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, sr., b. 1919

Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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HOLY SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:1-2; 4:1-6

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

⁴ Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. ⁶ He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

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

Mark 8:34; 9:2-13

³⁴[Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

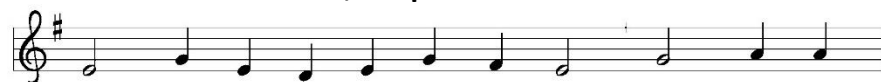
⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean. ¹¹ Then they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”

¹² He said to them, “Elijah is indeed coming first to restore all things. How then is it written about the Son of Man, that he is to go through many sufferings and be treated with contempt? ¹³ But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written about him.”

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REFLECTION PRESENTATION: “Mount Sinai” (Exodus 3-4, 19-20)

REFLECTION HYMN: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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, give 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 Word of God incarnate.

COMMUNION

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY

Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem.

The journey is not easy, Lord. Forgive us our discouragement, and keep before our eyes the triumph of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and all that he endured for us.

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

When our way is difficult, come, strengthen and sustain us by your gracious providence made known to us in Jesus Christ who stood fast in his will to keep your Word.

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

Let not difficulty or disappointment lead us to despair, and even when we seem to fail, restore us by your grace.

They will scourge him and kill him.

As Christ endured for us, let us endure for him, until your victory at last is manifest.

And on the third day he will rise.

Raise us at last, when all our journeying is done, to reign with Christ in everlasting joy. 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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