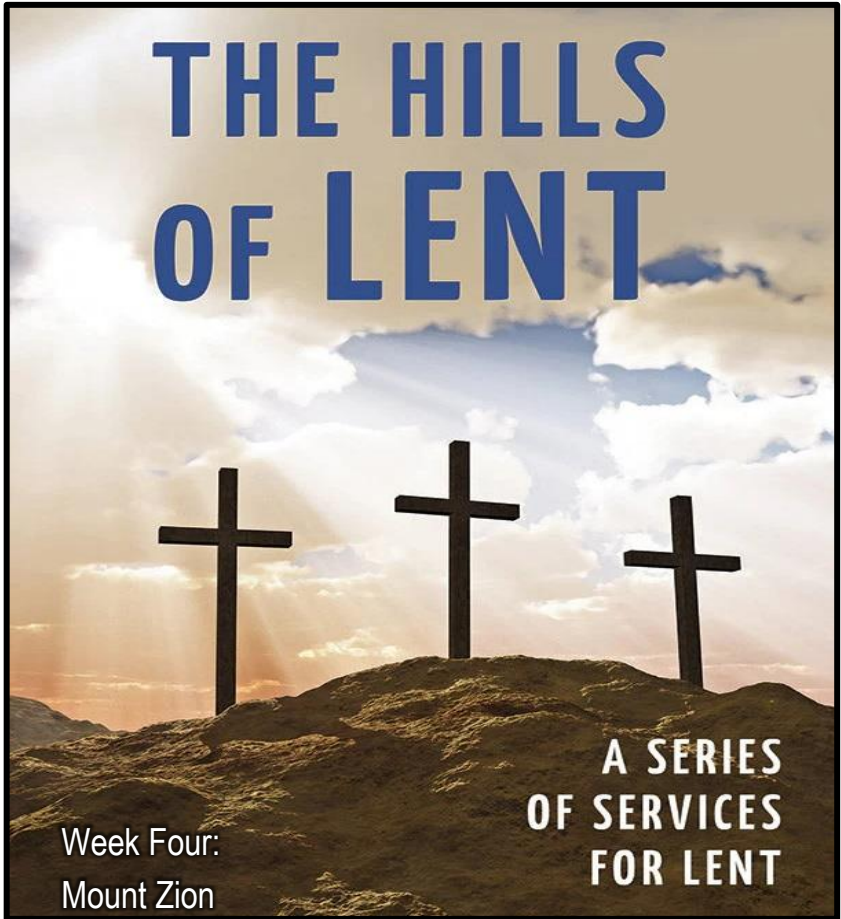


Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Night Prayer with Communion
March 19, 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: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 8:1,6-11

¹ Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. ⁶ Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. ⁷ For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. ⁸ The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. ⁹ There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰ And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, ¹¹ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

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

Hebrews 12:18-24,28-29

¹⁸ You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹ to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰ because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." ²¹ The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,²⁹ for our “God is a consuming fire.”

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REFLECTION PRESENTATION: “Mount Zion”

REFLECTION HYMN: Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 May ev - 'ry moun-tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.
Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

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 glory of God.

COMMUNION

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY

Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem.

You are truly worthy of our praise, O God, for you have made us in your image, provided us with all we need, and called us into the fellowship of those who hear and trust your holy Word.

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

Help us to hear all that you would speak to us, O God, and let your Word be heard, your praise be sung, not only here but everywhere in all the world that Jesus came to save.

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

Let the Gospel of his all-embracing love be told wherever evil rules, and let it overcome all darkness there, that all may be united in your love and service everywhere.

They will scourge him and kill him.

Grant that all who hear the Word of your great love in Jesus Christ may trust its message for their salvation.

And on the third day he will rise.

Bring us at last, with all your saints, to that great celebration of your goodness which shall never know an end. 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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