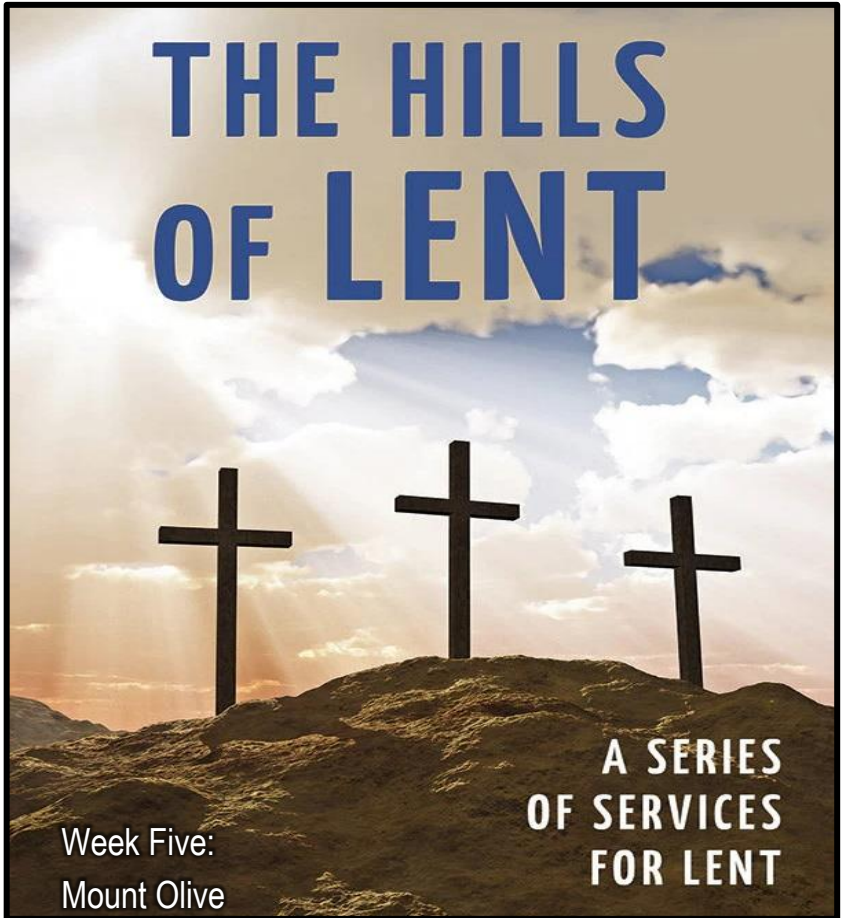


Welcome to  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



*Night Prayer with Communion*  
*March 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,

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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before the whole company of heaven,  
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grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

## **Psalms 121**

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup>The Lord will not let your foot be moved

nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, the keeper of Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep;

<sup>5</sup>the Lord watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>The 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: If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
an - gr and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - ry loss.  
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. composite  
Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark  
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### HOLY SCRIPTURE

#### Hebrews 2:10-18

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who

sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,<sup>12</sup> saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

<sup>13</sup> And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,<sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

### **Matthew 24:3-14**

<sup>3</sup> When [Jesus] was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>6</sup> And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup> For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: <sup>8</sup> all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. <sup>9</sup> “Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. <sup>10</sup> Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one

another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. <sup>12</sup> And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

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

## REFLECTION PRESENTATION: "Mount Olive"

### REFLECTION HYMN: Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

## **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 communing with God.

## **COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY**

Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem.

**O God, we follow where you lead,  
trusting in your gracious love for us.**

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

**O God, we hear the Word of your eternal promises  
and know that in your Son they all have been fulfilled for us.**

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

**O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ forgive us of those times when  
we have betrayed you by not living as your children.**

They will scourge him and kill him.

**O God, give us the faith to accept the grace your Holy Spirit offers  
us in Jesus Christ, that we may be your children once again.**

And on the third day he will rise.

**O God, raise us with him to newness of life. Your will be done.  
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**