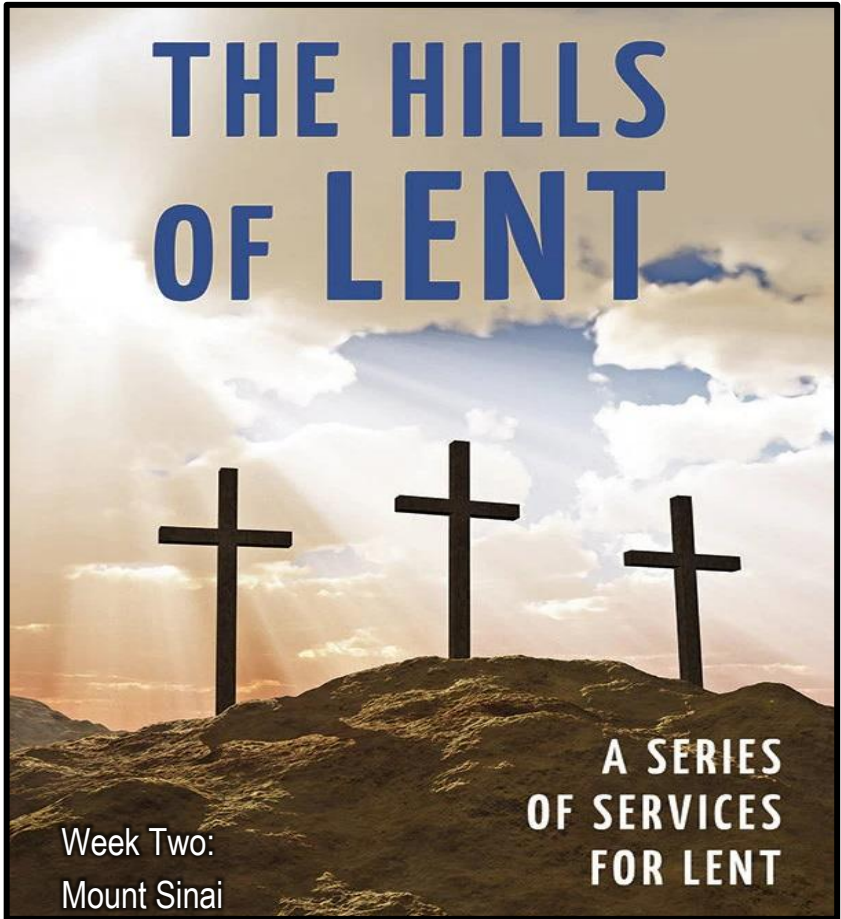


Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Night Prayer with Communion
March 5, 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: Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

HOLY SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 3:7-8, 12-18

⁷ Now if the ministry of death, chiseled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses's face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, ⁸ how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory?

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

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

John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴ "And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

REFLECTION HYMN: Come, Let Us Eat



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.
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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 presence of God.

COMMUNION

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY

Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem.

As once you led your chosen people, Lord, from slavery to freedom by your grace, now lead us on our sacred pilgrimage.

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

As once you spoke to Moses in the wilderness, revealing there your saving will, now speak to us; and give us grace to hear and to believe in him who is your living Word.

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

For us you bore it all, O Lord. Subdue for us all enemies who seek to keep us from obeying you with true and willing hearts.

They will scourge him and kill him.

As once you heard the cries of those oppressed by bondage, hear now, we pray, the cries of all who call to you in every need, and let them know the saving power of your promised victory, for by the death of Jesus Christ you have destroyed death forever.

And on the third day he will rise.

Lord, by the victory of Jesus Christ, now lead us onward to the Promised Land. 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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