



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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March 18, 2026 – 7:00pm

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MIDWEEK LENT IV - EVENING

March 18, 2026 – 7:00pm

CHORAL PRELUDE

“A Prayer for Mercy”...Allen Pote

Junior Choir

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy on us.

When we make mistakes by doing things we should not do;
O Lord forgive us, help us be true.
When we face decisions and knowingly choose the wrong;
O Lord forgive us, help us be strong.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy on us.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

“Glory Be to Jesus”

#433

✠ SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER ✠

(We rise.)

OPENING VERSES

P Behold, now is the acceptable time;
C now is the day of salvation.

P Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
C that the light of your face may shine on us.

P May your justice shine like the sun;
C and may the poor be lifted up.

HYMN OF LIGHT

“O Light Whose Splendor”

#891

1 O Light whose splen - dor thrills and glad - dens
 2 As twi - light hov - ers near at sun - set,
 3 In all life's bril - liant time - less mo - ments,

With ra - diance bright - er than the sun,
 And lamps are lit, and chil - dren nod,
 Let faith - ful voic - es sing Your praise,

Pure gleam of God's un - end - ing glo - ry,
 In eve - ning hymns we lift our voic - es
 O Son of God, our Life - be - stow - er,

O Je - sus, blest A - noint - ed One;
 To Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son: one God.
 Whose glo - ry light - ens end - less days.

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THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

P Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ PSALMODY ✠

(We are seated.)

PSALM 141

(LSB, pgs. 245-247)



C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



II Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



I Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.



II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref-uge.



Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in



the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

PSALM PRAYER

P Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#686

✠ READINGS ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared

beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Lamb of God”...Allen Pote

Junior Choir

O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Dona nobis pacem. Give us your peace, Lord.

Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Amen.

(We rise.)

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

(We are seated.)

SERMON

“Terms and Conditions”

Text: Isaiah 55:1-11 – Seminarian Richard Crain

✠ CANTICLE ✠

(We rise.)

MAGNIFICAT ~ *Song of Mary* **“My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”** #934

(We are seated.)

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

“The Walk to Calvary”...Norma Anderson

Junior Choir

One night the Lord went out to pray alone in that dark garden, Gethsemane.
And as He knelt there, he asked for strength to bear His heavy burden, Gethsemane.
Oh, yes, my Savior, oh, how He suffered there in that dark garden, Gethsemane!
He knew the path that He must travel then as He walked on to Calvary.

By friends rejected, He was betrayed that night near that dark garden, Gethsemane,
The people mocked Him, they shouted, “Crucify!” as He walked on to Calvary.
Oh, yes, my Savior, oh, how He suffered there in that dark garden, Gethsemane!
He knew the path that He must travel then as He walked on to Calvary.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

Lamb of God, You bring us peace.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful God,

C You bless us with gifts that sustain our lives; You transform us with the priceless gift of grace. Receive us and these signs of your blessings, and may our fasting, prayer, and works of love be an offering of thanksgiving for all that You have done for us in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ PRAYER ✠

(We rise.)

LITANY

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Matthew, our synod President, Richard, our district President, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Donald, our President, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Thanks be to God.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

(Silence for individual prayer may follow.)

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit. Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, that, rejoicing in your covenant of mercy, we may bring forth abundant fruit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.**

BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve You.

C Amen.

(We are seated.)

EVENING HYMN **“The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended”** #886

POSTLUDE

“Glory Be to Jesus”

arr. G. Winston Cassler