



## **St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School**

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March 25, 2026 – 7:00pm

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# MIDWEEK LENT V - EVENING

March 25, 2026 – 7:00pm

## PRELUDE

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

arr. Matthew Corl

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

#436

## ✠ 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

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

#594

## ✠ READINGS ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 5:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. <sup>2</sup>Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, “Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord, “Thus and so spoke the girl from the

land of Israel.”<sup>5</sup> And the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing.<sup>6</sup> And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy.”<sup>7</sup> And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.”<sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house.<sup>10</sup> And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.”<sup>11</sup> But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, “Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.<sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage.<sup>13</sup> But his servants came near and said to him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean?’”<sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE READING

**Titus 3:2-7**

<sup>2</sup>to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. <sup>3</sup>For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. <sup>4</sup>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(We rise.)*

## HOLY GOSPEL READING

**Mark 1:40-45**

<sup>40</sup> And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.” <sup>41</sup> Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” <sup>42</sup> And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup> And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup> and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” <sup>45</sup> But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

**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

**“Washed Clean”**

Text: 2 Kings 5:1-14 – Pastor Adam McDowell

## ✠ CANTICLE ✠

**MAGNIFICAT** ~ *Song of Mary*

Alicia Rodenbeck, Soloist

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior.  
For He hath regarded: the low estate of His handmaiden.  
For, behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.  
For He that is mighty hath done to me great things: and holy is His name.  
And His mercy is on them that fear Him: from generation to generation.  
He hath showed strength with His arm:

He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seats: and exalted them of low degree.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.  
He hath holpen His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy:  
as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## **RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS**

### **VOLUNTARY**

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

arr. Wilbur Held

### **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** O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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

### “Abide with Me”

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*(Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)*

## POSTLUDE

“Abide with Me”

arr. Sigvart Hofland