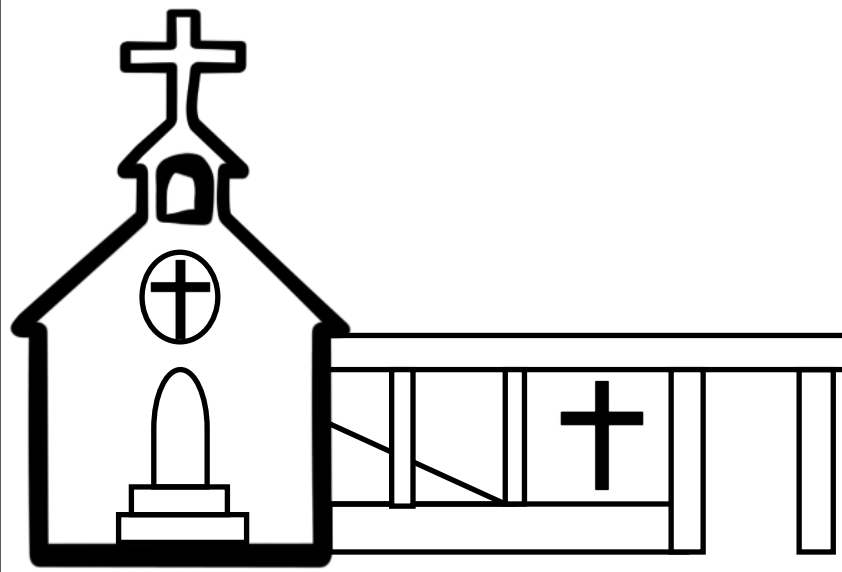


St. Peter's Lutheran Church

March 9, 2022
Midweek Lenten Service



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Lent Devotion & Prayer

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Prelude:

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

C: **The light that no darkness can overcome. (cf. John 8:12, 1:5)**

P: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening.

C: **And the day is almost over. (Luke 24:29)**

P: Let your light scatter the darkness.

C: **And illumine your Church. (cf. John 12:46)**

P: For even the darkness is not dark to you.

C: **The night is bright as the day. (Psalm 139:12)**

OPENING HYMN: “Jesus Still Lead On”

Hymn 341

Salutation & Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common prayers to you. You have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Answer, O Lord, our desires and petitions As you determine best for us —granting us, in this world, the knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come, everlasting life in you. Amen.

(Based on a Prayer of St. Chrysostom)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:21-23

21 Therefore hear this, you who are afflicted, who are drunk, but not with wine:
22 Thus says your Lord, the LORD, your God who pleads the cause of his people: “Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering; the bowl of my wrath you shall drink no more; 23 and I will put it into the hand of your tormentors, who have said to you, Bow down, that we may pass over’; and you have made your back like the ground and like the street for them to pass over.”

Psalm 25: 1-10

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 1-7

1 In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2 Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. 3 Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops. 4 "I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. 5 But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! 6 Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. 7 Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Sermon

HYMN: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" Hymn 230

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Prayers:

Luther's Evening Prayer

P: Hear our petitions, O Lord, as we entrust our lives into your care this night.

C: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us.

We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

CLOSING HYMN:

"If You But Trust In God to Guide You" Hymn 453

Go out into the world in peace.

Thanks be to God

Organist: Brad Wingert

Greeter: Glenn Walck

Reader: Glenn Walck

Trustee: Brent Walck

WELCOME to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you join us to worship this evening. We invite you to join us each Sunday at 8:30 or 11:00 am and on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 7:00 pm. If you would like to request a meeting or arrange a visit from Pastor Paul please call his office at 731-4433 or his cell phone at 716-807-4017.