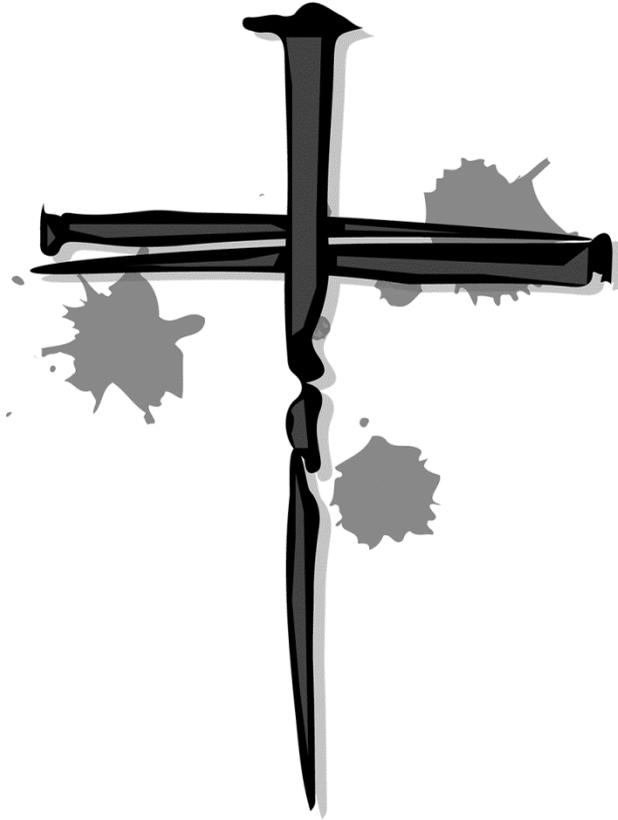


# Three Words



of  
**TRUTH**



**ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

# Mid-Week Lent 2

## March 13, 2019

### Welcome to Worship

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

### COMPLINE

The order of service we are using tonight is called Compline. Compline, which comes from the Latin word that means "complete," is the historic rite used as the final service of the day before one retires for the night. The lighting is subdued. This is a time for prayer and meditation. The believer finds peace in God's forgiveness and security under the shadow of his wings.

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Gracious Father, you have been the light and salvation of your people in every age. Bring me, I pray, through the troubles of this present life that I may see your goodness in eternity. I pray this in Jesus my Great High Priest's name. Amen.

### PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Our Lenten series this year takes us to all the familiar places of Lent, and does so by using little phrases—three words of truth each week—that focus our spiritual attention on what is important. This evening we are called to consider the practice of Christian love—with the greatest love of all, the suffering and death of our Savior for our sins, as the backdrop and motivation to Love One Another.

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# WELCOME

## OPENING SENTENCES

(L) – Leader

(G) - Group



**L** The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et



night and peace at the last. **G** A -



- - men. **L** It is good to give thanks to the



Lord, **G** To sing praise to your name, O Most High;



**L** To her - ald your love in the morn - ing, **G** Your



truth at the close of day. **L** Je - sus, re - mem - ber



me when you come in - to your king - dom.



**G** Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in -



to your king - dom.

### EVENING HYMN

*This ancient Latin hymn, "Te Lucis Ante Terminium" was written around 500 AD and has been sung in service of Compline for 1500 years. It is a quiet and peaceful hymn whose simple melody suggests the simplicity of a believer's peace and rest with God. Note the appropriateness of the text for this Evening Hymn.*



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the  
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, From all the ter - rors  
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done Through Je - sus Christ, your



world, we pray, Your grace and peace to us al - low  
of the night, From all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep  
on - ly Son, Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore



And guard and keep your peo - ple now.  
On heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more. A - men.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**G: we have sinned against you  
in our thoughts,  
in our words,  
in our deeds,  
and in all that we have not done.**

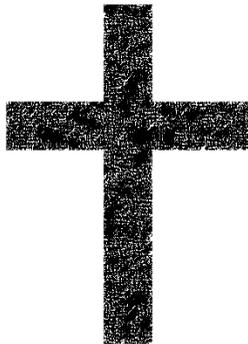
**Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Deliver and restore us,  
that we may rest in peace.**

L: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,  
and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun  
when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**G: Amen.**



# PSALM

# Psalm 85

*With a blend of joy and sorrow, this psalm rejoices in God's past goodness to his people,  
but his spiritual blessings continue to his people through Christ.*

*The Psalm will be sung in unison.*



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.



**You showed favor to your land, O LORD;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

**You forgave the iniquity of your people  
and covered all their sins.**

**Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.**

## *Refrain*

**I will listen to what God the Lord will say;  
he promises peace to his people, his saints.**

**Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

**Love and faithfulness meet together;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

## *Refrain*

## PSALM PRAYER

**L:** God of love and faithfulness, you showed favor to your people by sending your one and only Son to be our Savior. Help us to trust in him as our gracious Redeemer and so enjoy the peace he came to bring, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G: Amen.**

## PASSION HISTORY

**Luke 22:1-38**

### *Plot, Passover, and Lord's Supper*

The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called Passover, was approaching. <sup>2</sup>The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put him to death, because they were afraid of the people.

<sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was numbered among the Twelve. <sup>4</sup>He went away and discussed with the chief priests and temple police how he could hand him over to them. <sup>5</sup>They were glad and agreed to give him silver. <sup>6</sup>So he accepted the offer and started looking for a good opportunity to betray him to them when the crowd was not present.

<sup>7</sup>Then the Day of Unleavened Bread came when the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

<sup>9</sup>"Where do you want us to prepare it?" they asked him.

<sup>10</sup>"Listen," he said to them, "when you've entered the city, a man carrying a water jug will meet you. Follow him into the house he enters. <sup>11</sup>Tell the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover with my disciples?'" <sup>12</sup>Then he will show you a large, furnished room upstairs. Make the preparations there."

<sup>13</sup>So they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, he reclined at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, "I have fervently desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup>For I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

<sup>19</sup>And he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

<sup>20</sup>In the same way he also took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. <sup>21</sup>But look, the hand of the one betraying me is at the table with me. <sup>22</sup>For the Son of Man will go away as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

<sup>23</sup>So they began to argue among themselves which of them it could be who was going to do it.

<sup>24</sup>Then a dispute also arose among them about who should be considered the greatest. <sup>25</sup>But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them have themselves called ‘Benefactors.’ <sup>26</sup>It is not to be like that among you. On the contrary, whoever is greatest among you should become like the youngest, and whoever leads, like the one serving. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one at the table or the one serving? Isn’t it the one at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves. <sup>28</sup>You are those who stood by me in my trials. <sup>29</sup>I bestow on you a kingdom, just as my Father bestowed one on me, <sup>30</sup>so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>31</sup>“Simon, Simon, look out. Satan has asked to sift you like wheat. <sup>32</sup>But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And you, when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

<sup>33</sup>“Lord,” he told him, “I’m ready to go with you both to prison and to death.”

<sup>34</sup>“I tell you, Peter,” he said, “the rooster will not crow today until you deny three times that you know me.”

<sup>35</sup>He also said to them, “When I sent you out without money-bag, traveling bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?”

“Not a thing,” they said.

<sup>36</sup>Then he said to them, “But now, whoever has a money-bag should take it, and also a traveling bag. And whoever doesn’t have a sword should sell his robe and buy one. <sup>37</sup>For I tell you, what is written must be fulfilled in me: **And he was counted among the lawless.** Yes, what is written about me is coming to its fulfillment.”

<sup>38</sup>“Lord,” they said, “look, here are two swords.”

“That is enough!” he told them. (CSB)

## **HYMN**

**Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**  
*Christian Worship #129*

## **SERMON**

**John 13:31-35**

### **Love One Another**

When he had left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Children, I am with you a little while longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so now I tell you: ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’

<sup>34</sup>“I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (CSB)

*As I have  
Loved You  
so you must  
love one another*



## SONG RESPONSE

**L** In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it. **G** In - to your  
hands I com-mend my spir - it. **L** You have re-deemed me, O  
Lord, God of truth. **G** In - to your hands I com-mend my  
spir - it. **L** Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. **G** In - to your  
hands I com - mend my spir - it.

## OFFERING

*An offering basket is available at the back of church. If you wish to give an offering, you may do so before or after worship. No offering will be gathered during the service.*



## SONG OF SIMEON



**G** In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser- vant now de -  
part ac - cord- ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal-  
va - tion, which you have pre- pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a  
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple  
Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

## BLESSING

**L:** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

**G:** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

**Blest Be the Tie that Binds**  
*Christian Worship #494*

*Thank you for worshiping with us this evening. We pray that you were edified by the Word of God as it was presented in the spoken word and in song.*

*We thank those who organized, prepared and setup our Lenten Fellowship Meal this evening before worship.*

*Join us each Wednesday in Lent for worship at 6:30 pm*

*Next Wednesday the Luther Preparatory School's choir will bring the Word to us in song.*