

LENTEN EVENING SERVICE

3/4/26

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Lent

Service of the Light

(Holden Evening Prayer by Marty Haugen)

PROCESSION (sung)

L: Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

C: the light no darkness can overcome;

L: Stay with us now, for it is evening,

C: and the day is almost over,

L: Let your light scatter the darkness,

C: and shine within your people here.

EVENING HYMN (sung)

Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face,

You who sing creation's story, shine on ev'ry land and race.

Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you,
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.

In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,
In the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,
Love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night,
Make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light.

Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,
Loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

Evening Prayer and Thanksgiving

EVENING PRAYER (spoken)

L: Behold, now is the acceptable time;

C: now is the day of salvation.

L: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C: that the light of your face may shine on us.

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

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT (spoken)

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Psalmody and Readings

PSALMODY (sung)

(Psalm 46:10 by John L. Bell)

L: Be still and know that I am God, (twice)

C: Be still and know that I am God (six times)

FIRST READING (spoken) - Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The Word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN THEME SONG: "I AM" by Abe and Liza Philip (sung)

I am the Good Shepherd
Who lays down His life for the sheep.
The thief comes to kill and destroy.
But I am the door for the sheep.
I am the door for the sheep.

I am the Way.
I am the Truth and the Life.

I am the Good Shepherd
Who lays down His life for the sheep.
The thief comes to kill and destroy.
But I am the door for the sheep.
I am the door for the sheep.

SECOND READING (spoken) - John 10:1-18

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message

Prayers (spoken prayers with sung response)

REFRAIN (sung)

L: God of love, hear our prayer, we are trusting in your mercy, God of love, hear our prayer, grant us your peace.

C: God of love, hear our prayer, we are trusting in your mercy, God of love, hear our prayer, grant us your peace.

PRAYERS (spoken)

L: Show us your mercy, O God, and grant us your salvation.

C: (sung) God of love, hear our prayer, we are trusting in your mercy, God of love, hear our prayer, grant us your peace.

L: Give peace in all the world; for only in you can we live in safety.

C: (sung) God of love, hear our prayer, we are trusting in your mercy, God of love, hear our prayer, grant us your peace.

L: Let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

C: (sung) God of love, hear our prayer, we are trusting in your mercy, God of love, hear our prayer, grant us your peace.

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.

C: (sung) God of love, hear our prayer, we are trusting in your mercy, God of love, hear our prayer, grant us your peace

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come: your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.