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## **Mission Statement**

*To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ*

**Sunday Worship      9:30 a.m.**

# Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. **We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.**

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## Some Helpful Information

**Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service:** During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

**Restrooms** – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

**Fellowship and Refreshments** – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

**Holy Communion** – At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

**Please join us again next week!**

# The Transfiguration Of Our Lord

## February 23, 2020

### Introduction

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Thank you for taking the time to worship at Peace Lutheran Church today.

**Prayer Before Worship** - Holy One, Light of light, God of all creation, long ago you showed yourself to the disciples in Jesus' transfiguration—his face glowing like a field of daffodils on a bright, spring morning. Shine in us, around us, and through us, that the world may see your glory in the faces of your people—faces transfigured in the light of your love. Amen. — Deborah Sokolove, Ministry Matters Website.

**Pre-Service Music** (A time for reflection)

**Ringling Of The Bell**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (Please stand)

Pastor: Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us

**People: a light that shines through the clouds an invitation seeking all of who we are that transfigures the world**

Pastor: that transforms darkness into hope that brings life from a cross where old life ends and new life is born

**People:** In glory Jesus meets us here, raising us from depths of valley  
to the height of the mountain, carrying the weight of our  
humanity to the heights of heavens glory.

**Pastor:** Let us worship from the mountain and hear again “This is my Son,  
my Chosen; listen to him!” ~ written by Rev. Rob Smith, Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church,  
Apple Valley, MN

**Entrance Song** - How Good, Lord, to Be Here! (LBW #89. Please remain standing)

- 1 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Your glory fills the night;  
your face and garments, like the sun,  
shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here!  
your beauty to behold  
where Moses and Elijah stand,  
your messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past  
and hope of things to be,  
we hail your body glorified  
and our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death,  
we see your kingdom come;  
we long to hold the vision bright  
and make this hill our home.
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
but since you bid us leave the mount,  
come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

## Prayer of Confession (Please remain standing)

Pastor: God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us:

**People: Yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate.**

Pastor: You give us the ministry of reconciliation:

**People: Yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness.**

Pastor: You invite us to join with Peter, James, and John on the mountain of Transfiguration:

**People: Yet we deny the wonders you have worked in our own lives.**

Pastor: You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth:

**People: Yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us.**

Pastor: You bless our lives with boundless love:

**People: Yet we fail to witness to that love, and so keep others from knowing you.**

**All: Forgive our selfishness, we pray. Transform us by your Spirit and your Word into that which pleases you, the image of Christ. Amen.**

## Words of Assurance (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Jesus admonished Peter, James, and John not to tell of what they witnessed on the mountain until he was resurrected. But we can tell what we have seen and heard of God's glory! Here is the good news: Jesus lives! He is raised! We are forgiven! Go, share the vision! Tell of God's love! In this God is well pleased! ~ from *"God of Awe and Glory,"* written by the Rev. Dr. Renee C. Jackson, Southeast Area Minister for the Michigan Conference, UCC. Posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways** website.

## Passing the Peace of Christ

Pastor: As we share the peace of Christ with one another, may the light of Christ shine in you always.

**People: And also in you.** (We share the peace of the Lord with each other)

# Response - Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW #671. Please be seated)

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;  
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
 Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;  
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -  
 dark-ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,  
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*

Shine on me, shine on me:  
 Shine on me, shine on me:

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## First Reading - Exodus 24:12-18 (Please be seated)

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

## Gradual (Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8. Please remain seated)

**Pastor:** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**People:** **Extol Him, all peoples!**

**Pastor:** For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**People:** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**Pastor:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**People:** **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

## Second Reading - 2 Peter 1:16-21 (Please remain seated)

At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice

was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

## **Gospel Acclamation** (Luke 9:35. Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen,  
People: **listen to him! Alleluia.**

## **Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9** (Please remain standing)

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”



## **Song of the Day** - Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (LBW #90. Please be seated)

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in flesh made manifest.
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee  
at thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in flesh made manifest.

## **Message**

The Self Differentiation Of Polycarp  
“But Jesus came and touched them, saying,  
‘Get up and do not be afraid.’”  
Matthew 17:7

## **Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed** (Please stand and confess together)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **Prayer Of The Church** (Please remain standing)

**Pastor:** Dear heavenly Father, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus revealed His light and glory to Peter, James, and John. Embolden us to proclaim Christ's light and glory to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord, Peter, James, and John heard Your voice on the mountaintop. Help us to heed Your voice and Your Word that comes to us in the Scriptures. Strengthen us to listen to Your voice rather than the voice the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief. Console them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal peace and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, Peter reminds us that no prophecy was ever produced by the will of humans, but all prophets are carried along by the Holy Spirit. Send Your Spirit to call, gather, enlighten, sanctify, and keep Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, You have shined the light of Christ on the world. Help us reflect Your light to those who are experiencing the darkness of the world. Bring community to the lonely, stability to those in transition, and safety to all those who have suffered abuse. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Additional Prayers**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer. Amen.**

## **Sharing The Gifts Of God** (Please be seated as the offerings are received)

### **Communion Song - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

(Tune: LBW #551. Please remain seated)

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

- 2 There is welcome for the sinner,  
and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.
- 3 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make this love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify its strictness  
with a zeal God will not own.
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil,  
larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful;  
let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving  
for the goodness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

## ✠ Sacrament ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus** - O Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Tune: LBW #269. Please remain standing)

O holy, holy, holy Lord,  
You are by all the world adored.  
Our loud hosannas now we bring  
To You, transfigured Lord and King.

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Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son, whose light and glory cannot be dimmed. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, liberate, and defend us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." . . . In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” . . . As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:**      **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:**      O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood in this Sacrament You lead us to remember all that You have done for us before we were born, to realize that You are with us today, and to await Your promised return one day to receive us into Your eternal kingdom. So remember us in Your kingdom now and teach us to pray:

**People:**      **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.**

**Pastor:**      Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

**People:**      **Amen.**

**Agnus Dei** - O Christ, God’s Sacrificial Lamb (Tune: LBW #269. Please remain standing)

O Christ, God’s sacrificial Lamb,  
Who died to take our sin away,  
Have mercy on us, great I AM;  
Grant pardon, peace, and rest, we pray.

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**Distribution** (Please be seated)

Approach the altar at the usher’s direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray to the side. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

**Prayer before Communion** (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer After Communion** (Prayed privately after returning to your seated)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

**Blessing** (Please stand)

**Post-Communion Thanksgiving** (Please remain standing)

**Pastor:** Let us pray. . . . We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have sent Jesus to shine on us with His glorious light. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in this Sacrament and empower us to walk in Your light; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Blessing** (Please remain standing)

**Pastor:** May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Dismissal** (Please remain standing)

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Let your light shine.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Closing Song - Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW #543. Please remain standing)**

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt. Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

## **Announcements**

## **Recessional**

## **Serving The Lord With Gladness**

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Pastor Ricky Adams</b>
<b>Pianist:</b>	<b>Janet Reese</b>
<b>Coffee:</b>	<b>AnaHilda and John Mosher</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>Vicki McGowan</b>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Vicki McGowan</b>
<b>Usher:</b>	<b>Jackie and Keith Stoneking</b>
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Cynthia Smith</b>



## Activities This Week:

<b>Sunday – February 23</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>
<b>Monday – February 24</b>	6-8 p.m.	AA Meeting (PH)
<b>Tuesday – February 25</b>	9:30am -12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
<b>Wednesday – February 26</b>	6:00 pm <b>6:15 p.m.</b> <b>7:00</b>	Stage Door (PH) <b>Soup Supper (LL)</b> <b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b>
<b>Saturday – February 29</b>	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) Chris Ng (LL)
<b>Sunday – March 1</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b> <b>Congregational Meeting</b> <b>President Mike Lange</b>

**Information About Peace Lutheran Church** - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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**Flowers** – Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

**March 1 Informal Congregational Meeting** – On March 1, Rev. Michael Lang, president of our California-Nevada-Hawaii District, will preach and lead a discussion concerning future options for Peace Lutheran Church. Please set aside the time to join the discussion. Christ's Peace.

**Ash Wednesday, February 26** – On Wednesday, February we will observe Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent with a special service of the Word and Sacrament. Before the service we will have a soup supper. Please join us. Christ's Peace.

**New Directory** – We are putting together a new directory for Peace Lutheran Church. Please review the entrance for your name, make any changes and check your name so we know you reviewed it. Christ's Peace.

**Servers** – Every Sunday there are several people that help serve during the worship service and coffee hour. Peace Lutheran needs your help. We need people to prepare Coffee hour and serve during that time. We need Ushers. We need lay readers who read the second lesson during worship. Please consider these needs and sign up to serve in the way you choose. Thank you.

**Flowers** – If you would like to donate flowers for worship in memory of a person or observing a personal event, please contact pastor via email at [pastor@plcmarin.org](mailto:pastor@plcmarin.org)

**Sunday Bulletins** - for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is <http://bulletin.plcmarin.org>

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## **Weekly Devotional Helps**

### **February 23 – February 29, 2020**

#### **Morning Prayer**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### **Evening Prayer**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### **Prayer For The Sick**

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

### **Scripture Readings Through The Week**

#### **Monday – February 24**

Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55  
Exodus 33:7-23  
Acts 7:30-34

#### **Tuesday – February 25**

Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55  
1 Kings 19:9-18  
Romans 11:1-6

#### **Wednesday – February 26**

Psalm 51;1-17  
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

#### **Thursday – February 27**

Psalm 51  
Jonah 3:1-10  
Romans 1:1-7

**Friday – February 28**

Psalm 51

Jonah 4:1-11

Romans 1:8-17

**Saturday – February 29**

Psalm 51

Isaiah 58:1-12

Matthew 18:1-7

**Scripture Readings For Next Sunday****First Sunday In Lent**

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

**Psalm 32**

**Romans 5:12-19**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

**Commemorations**

**February 23 - Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 155:** Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

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