**Sts. Peter & Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, LC-MS**

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE**

March 8, 2023

**Psalm 111**

Praise the Lord!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
    in the company of the upright, in the congregation.  
Great are the works of the Lord,  
    studied by all who delight in them.  
Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
    and his righteousness endures forever.  
He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
    the Lord is gracious and merciful.  
He provides food for those who fear him;  
    he remembers his covenant forever.  
He has shown his people the power of his works,  
    in giving them the inheritance of the nations.  
The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
    all his precepts are trustworthy;  
they are established forever and ever,  
    to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.  
He sent redemption to his people;  
    he has commanded his covenant forever.  
    Holy and awesome is his name!  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
    all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
    His praise endures forever!

**First Reading:** Exodus 12:43-51

And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “This is the statute of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat of it, but every slave that is bought for money may eat of it after you have circumcised him. No foreigner or hired worker may eat of it. It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones. All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you.”

All the people of Israel did just as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron. And on that very day the Lord brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

Reading Response:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Mark 14:22-25

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Reading Response:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Collect of the Day:**

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.