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

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE**

March 15, 2023

**Psalm 116**

I love the Lord, because he has heard  
    my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
    therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
The snares of death encompassed me;  
    the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
    I suffered distress and anguish.  
Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
    “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
    our God is merciful.  
The Lord preserves the simple;  
    when I was brought low, he saved me.  
Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
    for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death,  
    my eyes from tears,  
    my feet from stumbling;  
I will walk before the Lord  
    in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I spoke:  
    “I am greatly afflicted”;  
I said in my alarm,  
    “All mankind are liars.”

What shall I render to the Lord  
    for all his benefits to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation  
    and call on the name of the Lord,  
I will pay my vows to the Lord  
    in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord  
    is the death of his saints.  
O Lord, I am your servant;  
    I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
    You have loosed my bonds.  
I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
    and call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord  
    in the presence of all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
    in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord!

**First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Reading Response:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Reading Response:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Collect of the Day:**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.