

# An Invitation to Light the Christ Candle

## *Finding Hope and Compassion Amidst Violence and Cruelty*

The *For a Time Such As This* small group at Peace Lutheran Church invites you to place a lit candle (preferably electronic) in a window of your home or at the place you stay every evening as a spiritual exercise of faith and commitment to the cause of the Gospel. We do this to bear witness the whole night through that the light of Christ shines in the darkness and darkness cannot and will not overcome it (John 1:5). It is an exercise for the health of our souls, an action of trust in the God we worship, and a declaration that we believe that adherence to the values Jesus taught can lead to our salvation as a society.

In a world often overshadowed by oppression and cruelty, lighting the Christ candle is a powerful act of hope. The Christ candle symbolizes the light Jesus brings, reminding us that love and compassion can overcome the deepest despair. When we light it at times such as this, we affirm that goodness endures, that we are called to be bearers of light, and that hope must not be lost, even in uncertainty and pain.

By lighting the Christ candle we declare our commitment to stand against hatred and fear, prejudice and inequity. It encourages us to reflect Christ's love, and to seek peace in our communities.

Someday, there may be lights shining throughout the nation, in testimony to the faithfulness of God and the power of Gospel faith and values.

*FATSAT (For a Time Such as This)* meets every 2nd Sunday after 11 am worship in the classroom across the alley. All are welcome!