

## Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.

With One Voice: Holy Communion, Setting 6



ST. JOHN'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Prayer of preparation:

*Lord Jesus, walk with us during these 40 days of Lent. Be near to us in our struggles against temptation, and let us find our strength in you. Bless this time of worship for your Name's sake. Amen.*



### Welcome

### Pre-Service Music

"Diapason Movement" (J. Stanley)

### Ringling of the Bells

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Gracious God,

**C we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.**

**We are not worthy to be called your children.**

**Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways.**

**Forgive us and bring us back to you,**

**For we once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**P** The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life.

**C Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Processional Hymn

"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed" (LSB 560)

1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so  
 gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might  
 life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855-1928  
 Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838-96  
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### Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

### Kyrie

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
 1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 Chris - te e - lei - son.  
 Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, have mer - cy.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-20

<sup>7</sup>"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** (*read responsively*)

Psalm 85

**L** LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**C** You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin.

**L** You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

**C** Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!

**L** Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

**C** Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?

**L** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

**C** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.

**L** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

**C** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**L** Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

**C** Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**L** Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

**Epistle Reading**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*Please join in reading aloud the **highlighted portion** of Scripture  
And consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.*

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

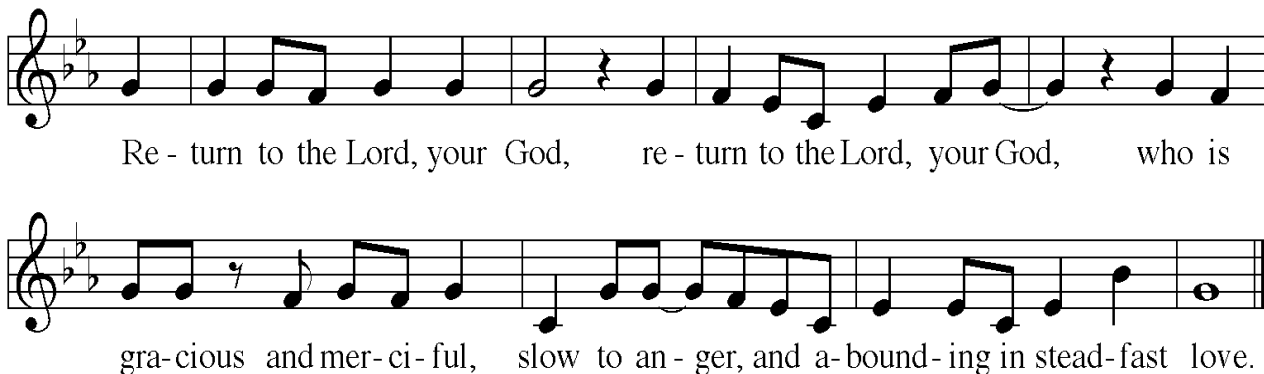
<sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>**No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Lenten Verse



### Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." <sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for

three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

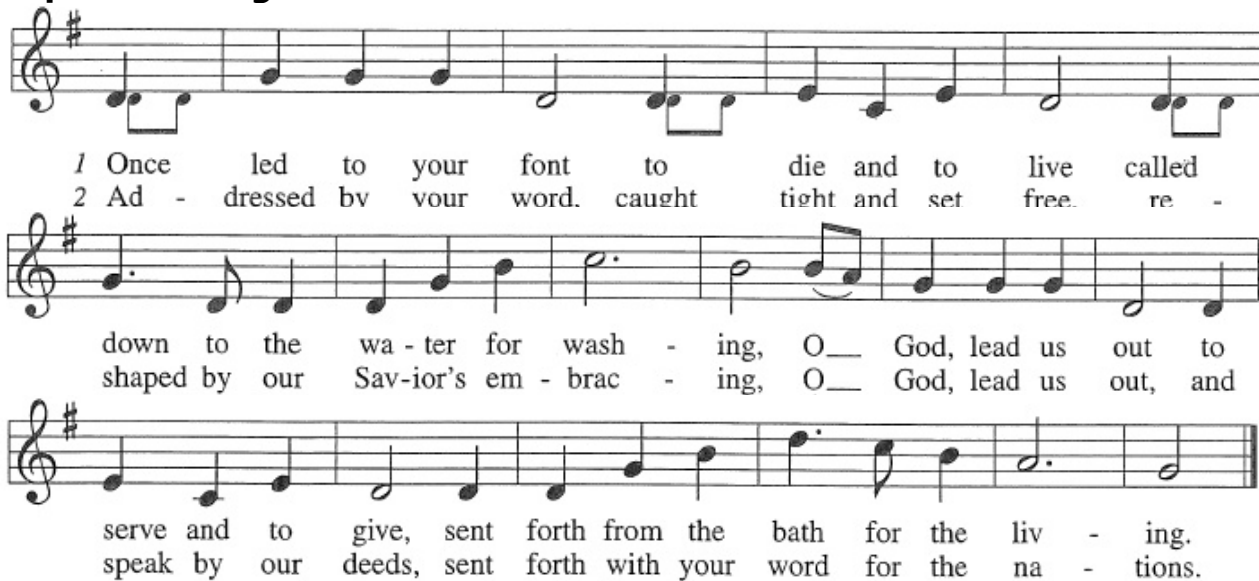
**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

### Baptismal Song

"Once Led to Your Font" (*stanzas 1 and 2*)



1 Once led to your font to die and to live called  
 2 Ad - dressed by your word. caught tight and set free. re -

down to the wa - ter for wash - ing, O God, lead us out to  
 shaped by our Sav-ior's em - brac - ing, O God, lead us out, and

serve and to give, sent forth from the bath for the liv - ing.  
 speak by our deeds, sent forth with your word for the na - tions.

*Once Led to Your Font: A Keyboard Collection*, Mark Sedio, ISBN 0-8006-7785-4

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**P** Holy Baptism today is given for Ivy Joy Kirkpatrick, child of Ryan and Denise Kirkpatrick. Serving as her sponsor(s) are Julie Smith and Analise Curley.

### Presentation of Baptismal Candidate

**R** *We present Ivy Joy to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.*

### The Address

*The pastor speaks to those assembled for Baptism*

**P** In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

**R** *I do.*

**The Thanksgiving**     *The pastor pours the water to be used for Holy Baptism into the font*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**The Flood Prayer**     *This prayer, written by Martin Luther, acknowledges God's saving acts throughout history by means of water.*

**P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

**C** By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

**L** In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the slavery to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

**C** He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**P** Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

**C** To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**The Renunciation**     *Candidates for Baptism and sponsors join together in renouncing the works of Satan.*

**P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**R** I do.

**The Profession of Faith**     *Candidates for Baptism, their sponsors, and the congregation join together in affirming their belief in the triune God.*

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ?

**C** **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.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** **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.**

### **The Washing**

*The pastor baptizes the candidate(s) with these words:*

**P** Ivy Joy, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **The Laying on of Hands**

*The pastor lays hands on the head of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit's work in their life:*

**P** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy Sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Ivy Joy: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**C** **Amen.**

**The Sealing** *The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized with oil prepared for this purpose. As the sign of the cross is made, the pastor says:*

**P** Ivy Joy, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*A lighted candle is given to the baptized with these words:*

**P** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**P** Finally, let us pray for the parents of this child:

O God, giver of all life, look with kindness upon Ivy's parents, Ryan and Denise. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally the salvation you have given to them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**



## The Welcome

*Those who have been baptized turn and face the congregation as these words are spoken:*

**L** Through Baptism, God has made this child a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear His creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

**C** **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

## Response

"Once Led to Your Font" (stanzas 3 and 4)

3 Both wel - comed and fed at your ta - ble of grace, your  
4 By your wash - ing made pure; by your feed - ing made whole; by your  
sup - per brings life and sal - va - tion. O\_\_ God, lead us out to  
call - ing made will - ing and a - ble; O\_\_ God, lead us out to  
nou - rish and cheer, sent forth from your meal for cre - a - tion.  
make your world ring with ech - oes of bath, word, and ta - ble.

## Sermon

"Recalculating"

(Hymn of the Day, next page)

## Hymn of the Day

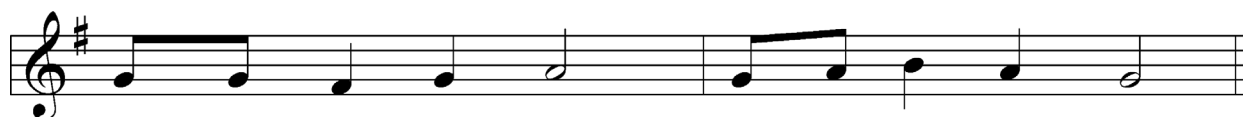
"Jesus, Lead Thou On" (LSB 718)



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al - though the  
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.  
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.  
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.  
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.  
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.  
Tune: Adam Drese, 1620–1701  
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## Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**☩ We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Gathered by the Spirit, let us return to the Lord our God and pray for the church, the world, and all who yearn for new life.

*Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer. During the season of Lent each petition ends with the phrase: "Lord, in your mercy."*

*Please respond by saying: "Hear our prayer."*

*The prayers end with the words:*

- P** Almighty God, you have commanded us to pray, and you promise to hear us. Hear the prayers of your people and grant us all that we need, for the sake of the One in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Announcements

### Offertory Prayer

- L** Let us pray. God our provider,

**C** you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.

**Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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### Great Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

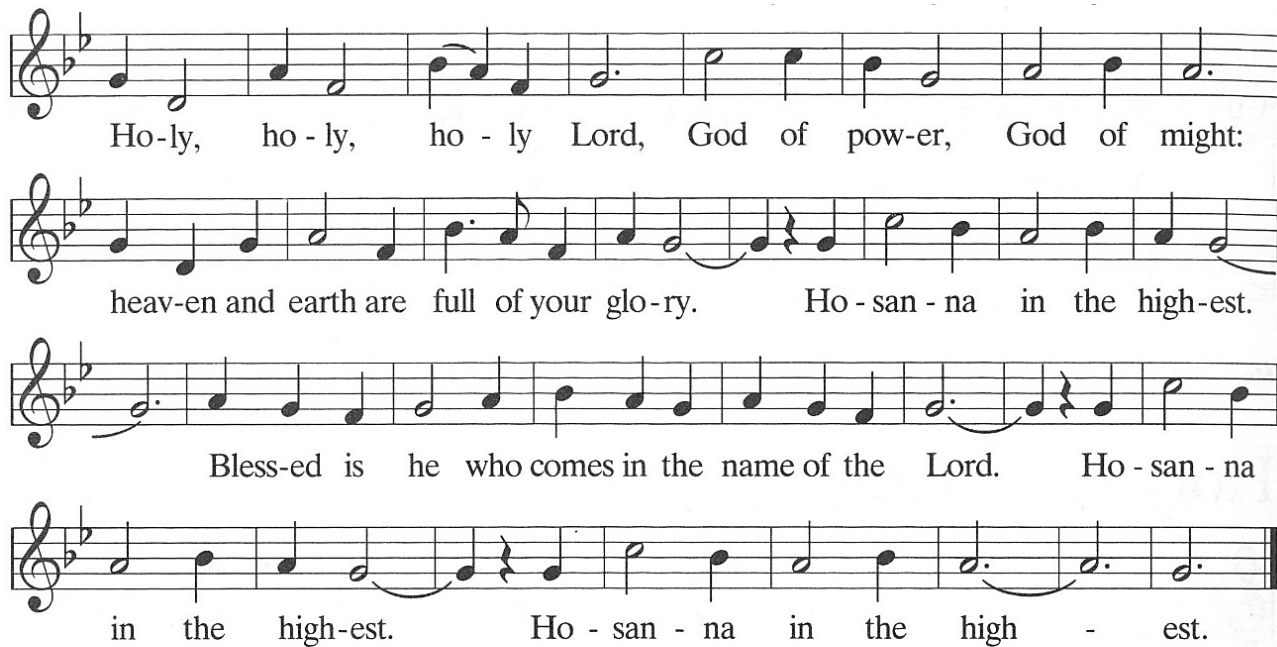
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Preface

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of the grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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## Eucharistic Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

*1\** *2* *3*  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the

Sacrament.

For additional self-preparation to receive the Sacrament, please see "Christian Questions with Their Answers" beginning on page 1351 in the pew Bible.

### **Music at the Distribution**

Choir Anthem

"Bless Now, O God, the journey" (A. K. Organ)

Choir of St. John's

*Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.*

*Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take. The trail is found in desert and winds, the mountain round, then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.*

*Christe eleison, Christe eleison.*

*Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way, whose hope burns through the terrors, whose love sustains the day. We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound.*

*Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.*

*Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.*

*Divine Eternal Lover, you meet us on the road. We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow. But waiting not for places, you meet us all around.*

*Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.*

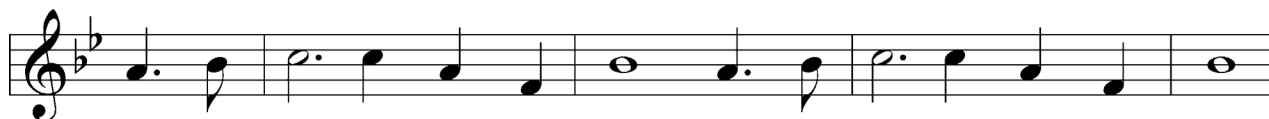
*Amen.*

# "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

(LSB 761)



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–78  
Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872  
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# "Lamb of God"

(LSB 550)



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Text and tune: Twila Paris, 1958

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## Dismissal



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- L** Let us pray: Merciful God,  
**C** **accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of Baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Sending

- L** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Sending Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" (LSB 918)



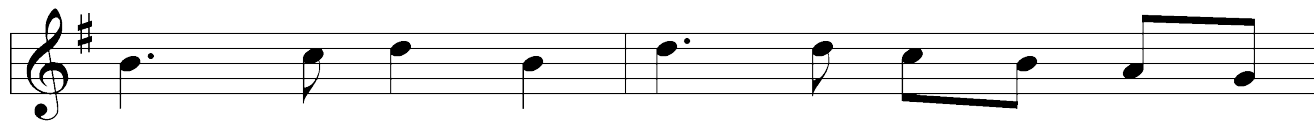
1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.  
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717-91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722-96, alt.; (sts. 2-3): tr. William Williams, 1717-91  
 Tune: John Hughes, 1873-1932  
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## Postlude

"Invention I" (Joseph Callaerts)



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## **2025 Lenten Worship Schedule**

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### **Sundays, Lent Worship Services**

10:30AM\* - Holy Communion

March 30, and April 6

### **Wednesdays, Midweek Lenten Worship**

12 Noon\* - Holy Communion

March 26, and April 2, 9, and 16

### **Sunday, April 13**

10:30AM\* - Palm/Passion Sunday

(Holy Communion)

### **Thursday, April 17**

7:30PM\* - Maundy Thursday

(Holy Communion and stripping of the altar)

### **Friday, April 18**

12 Noon\* & 7:30PM - Good Friday

(No Communion)

### **Saturday, April 19**

7:30PM - Holy Saturday/Great Vigil of Easter

(Holy Communion)

### **Sunday, April 20**

8:00AM & 10:30AM\* - Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday

(Holy Communion)

*Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt between worship services*



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