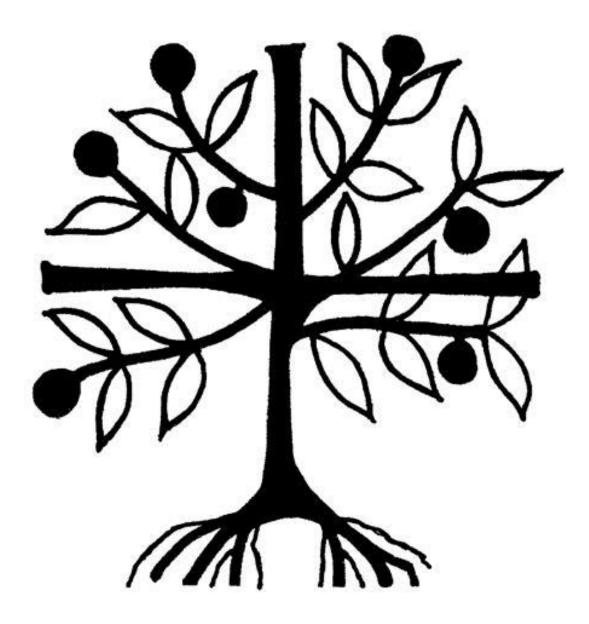


# February 26, 2023 9:30 AM - First Sunday in Lent



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# WELCOME

# to Holy Trinity

# **Reconciling in Christ**

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—



regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.

#### February Celebrations!

#### Happy Birthday!

Sappy Lugalla, Chris Burbank, Stephanie Goupil, Somchai Williams, Sarah Cutting, Jo Whiting, Carol Bush, Linda Edwards, Bill Quirk, Mark Cutting, Claire Nania, Susan Duderwicz, Jill Larson, William Pierce, Matthew Rouleau, June Slipp, Jeff Morrison, Julie Moore, and Heather Oliver-Mohr.

#### Happy Anniversary!

Erik and Stephanie Johnson

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today! Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

We love having children worship with us! At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

**Prayer Requests:** Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

**Emergency Pastoral Contact:** If you need a Pastoral Visit, or you're experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact Mark in the Church office and he will provide you with the Contact Pastor information during daytime and after work (emergencies) hours. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

**Donate to Holy Trinity:** You can place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.



To give online, visit

www.elexiogiving.com/App/Giving/htelc OR scan this QR code with the camera app on your phone.

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All Worship Services are livestreamed and available to watch on YouTube after the service ends.

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

*Health Issues:* Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, Sarah Meier, Bob & Judy Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Jean Klein, Joe Lugalla, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Grover Marshall. *Homebound:* Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom. *Military:* Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

**Friends:** Katy and Sherry (Shirley Jackson's daughter and sister), Linda Smith and Bill Hutchins (Jill Larson's friends), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Danielle Elwanger & family (Bobbie Febbo's granddaughter), Lynn Geraci (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Robert Gjellstad (Jerry Schock's cousin), Helaine Wemple (Gisela Wemple's daughter).

Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

#### NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

#### LECTIONARY

**This Week:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

**Next Week:** Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock, Jon Koelker, and Dick Topping Choir Director: Jon Koelker Sound System: Franklyn Vosburg & Mark Donahue Counters: Bill & Julie Kath Altar Guild: Yvonne Topping Lector: Julie Kath Liturgical Deacon: TBD

#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, March 1 9:30 AM: Bible Study 6:00 PM: Holden Evening Prayer THURSDAY, March 2 8:30 AM: Property Team SUNDAY, March 5 9:30 AM: Sunday Worship 10:30 AM: Confirmation class

#### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, February 12: Sunday, February 19: 85 (In-Person) + 25 (Online) = 110Offering:87 (In-Person) + 11 (Online) = 98Offering:

ring: \$12,764.90 ring: \$4,248.40

#### Announcements

**Adult Forum, after Worship:** Pastor Luther will host an Adult Forum today with the subject: "Intro to Lent." Join us in the Sanctuary after worship to hear about the Season of Lent.

**Dover Friendly Kitchen** will be on Tuesday, February 28 at 3:45pm. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dover. Volunteers are welcome to help support this important ministry. Additionally, please drop off cookies with the Church Office by noon on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to Bonnie Sanders for more information: larbonsand@comcast.net, 603-749-2472 or cell: 603-767-6186.

**Bell Choir interest:** Holy Trinity is looking to start up our Bell Choir for the first time in years, and we would like to know who is interested in joining. We are looking both for new members to join us and experienced members to return. If you have an interest in joining the Bell Choir, please speak to Heidi Morrison or Dot Kasik, or let the Church Office know.

**Women's Retreat at Calumet March 10-12:** This year's theme will be "Kaleidoscope, the Sacred facets of our lives". Please join us for a lively weekend. The total cost is \$172. Please sign up and grab the paperwork in the gathering area on the kiosk. Please do this, if possible, by the end of February so we can get Calumet our numbers, If you have questions or would like the paperwork sent to you electronically please contact Leslie Carson at carsonsl@maine.rr.com.

**Holden Evening Prayer** will begin during the season of Lent, starting Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to join us for this special service, written by Marty Haugen.

**The Desert of Compassion, a Lenten Book Discussion:** For Lent, Holy Trinity is invited to read a new book by Pastor Rachel Srubas entitled The Desert of Compassion: Devotions for the Lenten Journey. The book is organized so that for each day of Lent, from Ash Wednesday all the way to Holy Saturday, there is a short Scripture reading, a reflection, and a prayer. After church on Sundays during Lent starting March 12, those who are interested can join Pastor Luther for a discussion of each week's entries as we make our way through the book. We are sold out of all copies of the book, but you are welcome to purchase them on Amazon.

Lutheran World Relief: During this past week, the world has watched in horror at the loss of life and devastation resulting from the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. It is hard to fathom the staggering numbers of people who have died in the rubble. For those who escaped death, living from day to day is seemingly impossible. The search for water, food, shelter, medicines, and warm clothing is daunting. How can we help? Members of the Lutheran World Relief Humanitarian Action Team have been deployed to Turkey to support response operations. LWR is airlifting urgently needed supplies such as thermal blankets and tents, first aid kits, heating stoves, quilts, baby care kits and personal care kits. LWR will expand their response as they secure additional funding. At out meeting on Tuesday, the Congregation Council voted to send \$5000 from our savings to support LWR earthquake relief efforts. In addition, you can help by making a personal financial contribution to LWR to support relief efforts. Information is available at the LWR website (lwr.org). Thank you for your generosity.

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Lent – Sunday, February 26, 2023 — 9:30 a.m.

#### Welcome

# **Confession and Forgiveness**

- Please stand as able-

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

#### C: Amen.

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

#### -A brief silence-

- P: Holy God,
- C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

#### Amen.

- C: Amen.

**Gathering Song** 

ELW 325 — Please remain standing—

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



Text: African American spiritual Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

#### Greeting

P: May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

#### C: And also with you.

# Kyrie



# **Prayer of the Day**

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

# **First Reading**

-Please be seated-

L: A reading from Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup>The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

# **Second Reading**

- L: A reading from Psalm 32
- L: <sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

# C: <sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

L: <sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

# C: <sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

# C: <sup>6</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

L: <sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

# C: <sup>8</sup>"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

L: <sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

# C: <sup>10</sup>Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

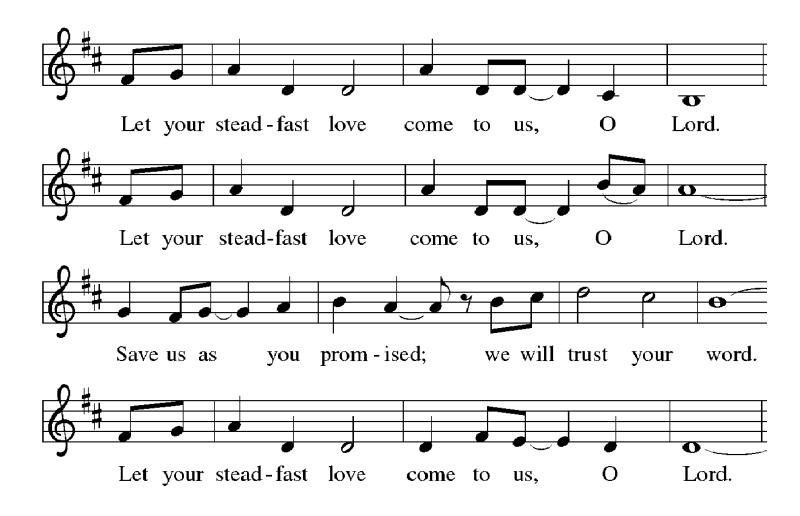
- L: <sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.
- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

# **Children's Message**

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

**Gospel Acclamation** 

- Please stand as able-



# Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew 4:1-11

#### C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.' "

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

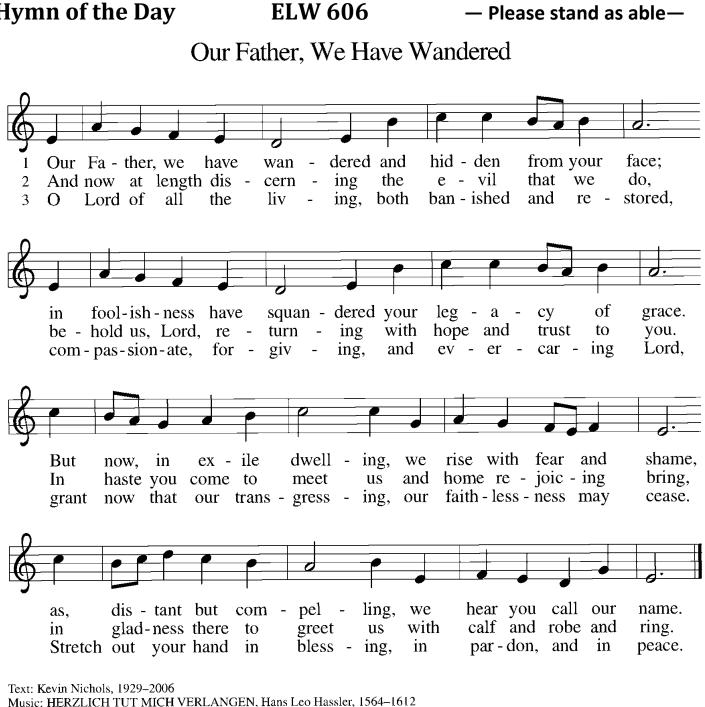
P: The gospel of the Lord.

#### C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

-Please be seated-

Hymn of the Day



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# **Apostles Creed**

- P: Let us confess our faith using the Apostles Creed.
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

# **Prayers of the People**

LD: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

#### -A brief silence-

LD: You alone are God. Sustain your church in times of wilderness. Give vision and wisdom to bishops, their staff, and all entrusted with the ministry of administration. Counsel all who faithfully lead your people into the future. Merciful God,

#### **C:** receive our prayer.

LD: You create verdant gardens and expansive deserts. Tend to the needs of every living creature. Bless those who work in fields and orchards, that the world is nourished by the fruits of their labor. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: You know our temptations. Sustain those who govern and legislate. Instill in them a sense of your justice and righteousness, that equity and peace would pervade all the regions and nations of the world. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: You offer abundance to all. Bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Care for those who tend to the needs of others, especially worship greeters, coffee hour hosts, and nursery attendants. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for the members of our call committee as they seek to discern, on our behalf, a new leader to guide us in our mission so that we may move forward together in peace, unity, love and service. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: You are a hiding place for all in distress. Draw near to exiles, and accompany all refugees and immigrants, especially children who travel alone. In times of trouble, trauma, or illness, surround your people with your steadfast love. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. —A brief silence— Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

- LD: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C: Amen.

#### The Sharing of God's Peace

P: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

#### C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

# MEAL

# Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

# **Offertory Hymn**

# **Church Choir**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

-Please stand as able-

- P: Let us Pray.
- C: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

# **The Celebration of Holy Communion**

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

# Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

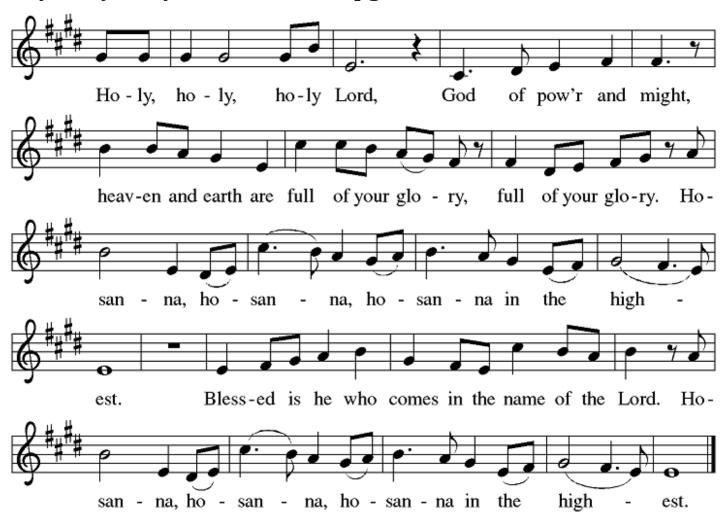
#### C: And also with you.

- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace, we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for Him who died for us and rose again. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy:

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# Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup,

we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

#### Christ is risen.

#### Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth,
Burning with justice, peace, and love.

#### C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### **Lord's Prayer**

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

# **Invitation to Communion**

P: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

#### Communion

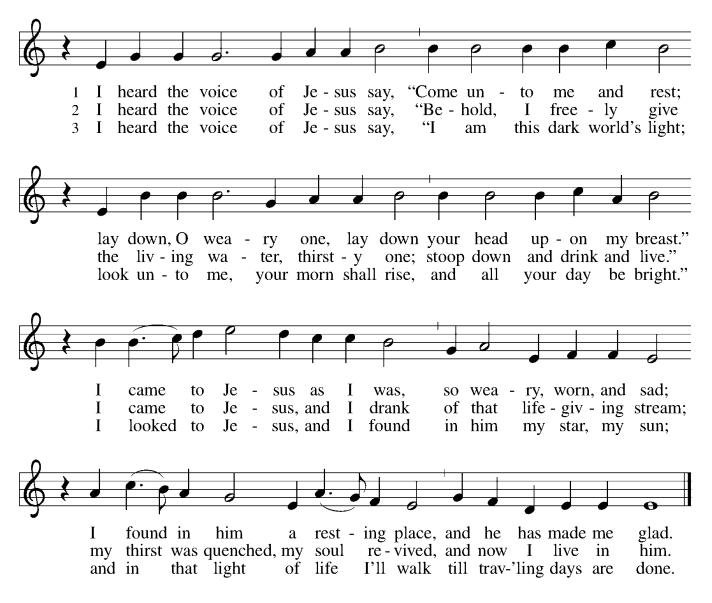
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The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

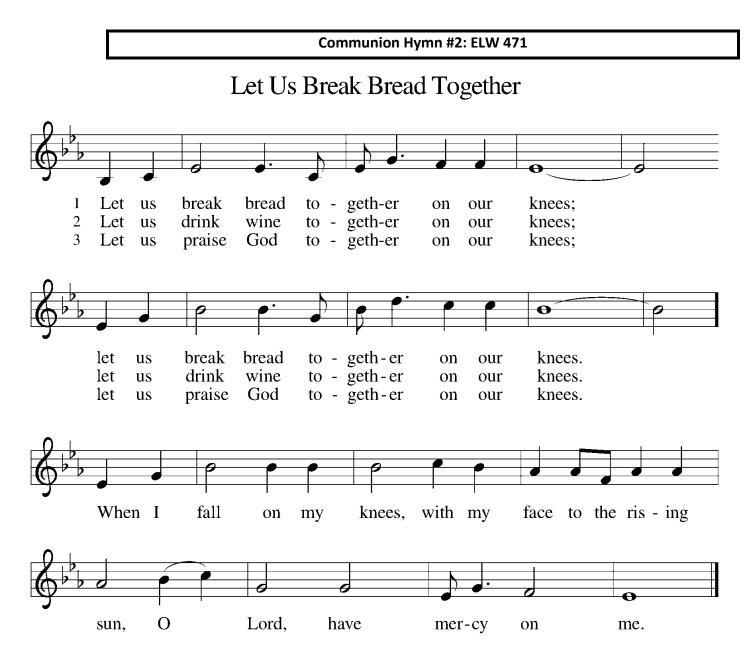
#### **Communion Hymns:**

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. **Communion Hymn #1: ELW 332** 

# I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: THIRD MODE MELODY, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585



Text: African American spiritual Music: BREAL BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual



Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931 Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926 Text and music © 1996 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

# **SENDING**

#### **The Prayer after Communion**

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

# **Rites of Passage and Announcements**

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

### Blessing

#### -Please stand as able-

Pastor Zeigler will now lead a blessing for the end of our worship service.

Now Thank We All Our God



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

# Dismissal

LD: Go in peace. Serve in love.

#### C: Thanks be to God.

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