

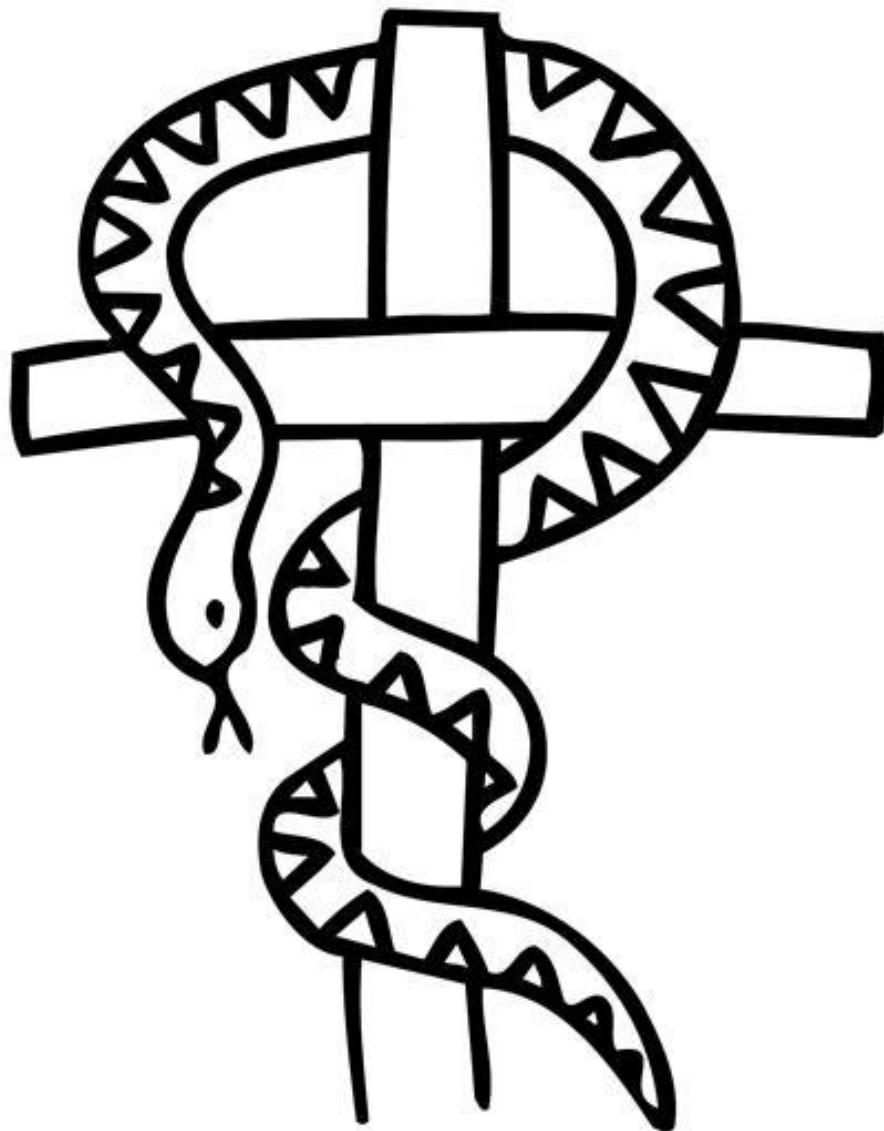


# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*

**March 5, 2023 9:30 AM - Second Sunday in Lent**



Rev. Dr. George Koch, Pastor  
office@htelc.com (603) 436-1704 htelc.com

# 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.*

### March Celebrations!

#### Happy Birthday!

Susie Reny, Margareta Claesson, Dot Kasik, Bill Larson, Jaxon Small, Anders Claesson, Avelino Talabessy, Noah Berg, Nathan Goupil, Ken Galle, Frank Moore, Chris Dunn, Kathy Beals, Lauren Eide, Lou Spoto, Bruce Clement, Jeff Galle, Warren Mellor, Grover Marshall, Ethan Crawford, Gabriel Simamora, Lynne Clement, Penelope Williams, Anggiat Sihotang.

#### Happy Anniversary!

Mike and Nancy Gilmore, Mark and Linda Edwards, Matt and Ann Stephen.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.elexiogiving.com/App/Giving/htelc) OR scan this QR code with the camera app on your phone.

### Follow us on Facebook and YouTube:

@HolyTrinityEvangelicalLutheranChurch

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](mailto:office@htelc.com).*

## NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

## LECTIONARY

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

**Next Week:** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Musician(s):** Jon Bock & Ken Galle

**Choir Director:** Ken Galle

**Sound System:** Franklyn Vosburg & Mark Donahue

**Counters:** Phyllis & Barry Philbrick

**Altar Guild:** Julie Moore

**Lector:** Alice Vosburg

**Liturgical Deacon:** TBD

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**WEDNESDAY, March 8**

9:30 AM: Bible Study

7:00 PM: Holden Evening Prayer

**THURSDAY, March 9**

8:30 AM: Property Team

**SUNDAY, March 12**

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:30 AM: Confirmation class

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

<b>Sunday, February 19:</b>	87 (In-Person) + 11 (Online) = 98	<b>Offering:</b> \$4,248.40
<b>Wednesday, February 22:</b>	29 (12:00pm) + 30 (7:00PM) = 59	
<b>Sunday, February 26:</b>	81 (In-Person) + 29 (Online) = 110	<b>Offering:</b> \$3,842.92

## Announcements

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

**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.

**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 our 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](http://lwr.org)). Thank you for your generosity.

**Holy Week:** Please note the upcoming schedule for Holy Week 2023. Further details to come shortly.  
Palm Sunday, April 2 (*Worship at 9:30 AM*), Maundy Thursday, April 6 (*Worship at 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM*)  
Good Friday, April 7 (*Worship at 7:00 PM*), Holy Saturday, April 8 (*Online Worship only*)  
Easter Sunday, April 9 (*Worship at 9:30 AM*), *Easter Breakfast to Follow*.

**Videos of Holy Trinity:** The Church office is looking for videos of Holy Trinity for a project, to show the online world how wonderful our church can be. If you have any videos of Holy Trinity ministry gatherings and events (including any HTELC gatherings outside our building such as Dover Friendly Kitchen or End 68 Hours of Hunger), please email your videos to Mark at [office@htelc.com](mailto:office@htelc.com).



New England Synod Hunger Team

# Big Hunger Challenges, Bold Generous Response



**“WE ARE FACING HUNGER ON AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE, FOOD PRICES HAVE NEVER BEEN HIGHER, AND MILLIONS OF LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS ARE HANGING IN THE BALANCE. BUT... WE HAVE THE DATA AND KNOW-HOW TO CHANGE THE COURSE.”** ANTONIO GUTERRES, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, 2022

**Who:** All Congregations in the New England Synod led by the NE Synod World Hunger Team!

**What:** “Big Hunger Challenges, Bold Generous Response”: A knowledge-raising and fund-raising initiative for ELCA World Hunger. The goal is to raise \$100,000 collectively as a Synod to be matched by an incredible challenge gift of \$100,000!

**When:** The Lenten and Easter Seasons (February 22, 2023, through May 28, 2023)

**Where:** Your New England Synod congregation!

**Why:** As members of the ELCA, our faith calls us to respond to the more than 820 million people in our world who are hungry. Gifts to ELCA World Hunger allow for incredible work to continue both nationally and internationally. From microloans to community meals, water wells and support for farmers, gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that both directly address hunger and get at the root causes of poverty.

**Currently, we are seeing global hunger at unprecedented levels, the largest in modern history. The lack of grain coming from Ukraine combined with the largest drought in Africa in 40 years and the economic consequences of COVID-19 means the time is now to pray, participate, and provide.**

**Details:** Throughout the Lenten and Easter Seasons (Ash Wednesday through Pentecost), congregations throughout the New England Synod are encouraged to share the work and witness of ELCA World Hunger. The NE Hunger Team is inviting all congregations to participate however they would like, but we will provide resources such as a Lenten Study Guide, World Hunger resources, fundraising ideas, etc.

We also invite all congregations to participate in New England Synod Hunger Sunday on April 30. We will provide sermon starters, worship ideas, ELCA World Hunger resources, music suggestions, and more. More information to come.

**All gifts sent to the Synod with the designation ELCA World Hunger will be matched up to \$100,000! That’s a possible \$200,000 that our New England Synod can raise to help combat hunger and support the ministry of ELCA World Hunger!** Please note: we are asking all congregations to send their funds through the Synod rather than directly to ELCA World Hunger so that we can have an accurate account of the money raised.

*If you have any questions or are in need of more information, please contact Doreen and Pastor David Rinas, co-chairs of the New England Synod World Hunger Team, at [doreen.rinas@gmail.com](mailto:doreen.rinas@gmail.com) and [david.rinas9201@gmail.com](mailto:david.rinas9201@gmail.com). To learn more about ELCA World Hunger, visit [www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger)*

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Second Sunday in Lent - Sunday, March 5, 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.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

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.**

P: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C: **Amen.**

## We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

Text © John B. Geyer.

## 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may



rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

L: A reading from Psalm 121

L: <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

**C: <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

L: <sup>3</sup>The Lord will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**C: <sup>4</sup>Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

L: <sup>5</sup>the Lord watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

**C: <sup>6</sup>the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

L: <sup>7</sup>The Lord will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

C: <sup>8</sup>The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.

L: Word of God, word of life.

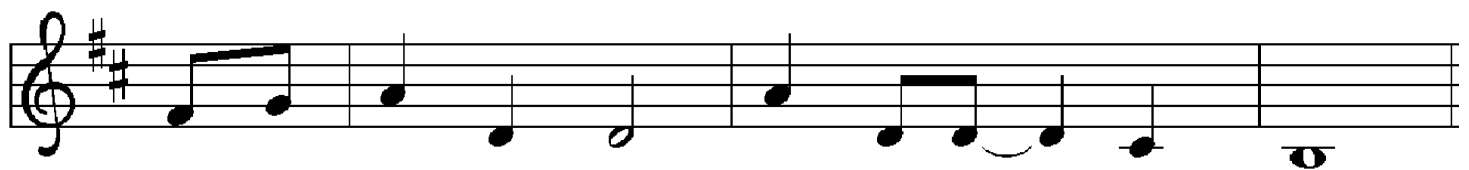
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## 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—



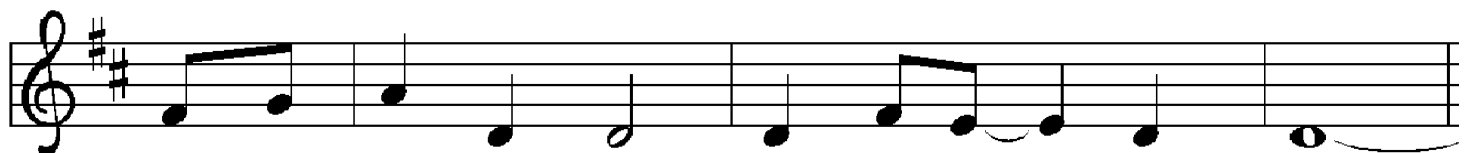
Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

## Gospel

— Please stand as able—

P: The holy gospel according to St. John 3:1-17

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

—Please be seated—

**Hymn of the Day**

**ELW 323**

— Please stand as able—

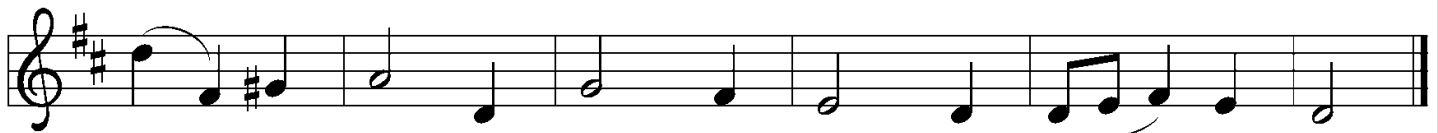
## God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

## **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: O God, you so love your church. Raise up leaders who care for your people. Bless lay theologians, seminary and college professors, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they form and inspire us for the work of the gospel. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

LD: O God, you so love your creation. Breathe new life into our planetary home. Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and activists who love your earth and who inspire us to care for the natural world. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

LD: O God, you so love the world. Uphold leaders who resist tyranny and oppression. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony. Direct their work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

LD: O God, you so love your saints. As our ancestors in the faith have been a blessing to us, so inspire us by their example of holy living to be a blessing to those who come after us. 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: O God, you so love your people. Draw near to all who live with mental illness, depression, or addiction, and accompany them in healing and recovery. Hear the cries of those who look to you in their distress. 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

—Please remain standing—

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:

ELW pg. 190



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

## Words of Institution

(Sung response by congregation)

P: In the night that Jesus was betrayed, by one of his own,  
He took the bread and blessed it as He said,  
“here’s my body broken for you.”

He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed His head and prayed.  
And then He said, “My blood for you is shed. A cleansing stream to wash  
your sins away.”

**C: Come and see the glory of the Lord, come behold the Lamb.  
Come and taste the mercy of the King, bowing down before Him.  
For He is Lord above the heavens. Lord in all the earth.  
Lord of all the angels. Worthy to be served. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Lord.**

## 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

— Please be seated—

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. To follow along with the Communion Hymns, please locate the Cranberry Hymnal under your seats.

**ELW 465 – As The Grains of Wheat**

**ELW 491 – Come, Let Us Eat**

**ELW 495 – We Who Once Were Dead**

## 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—**

**P:** God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C:** **Amen.**

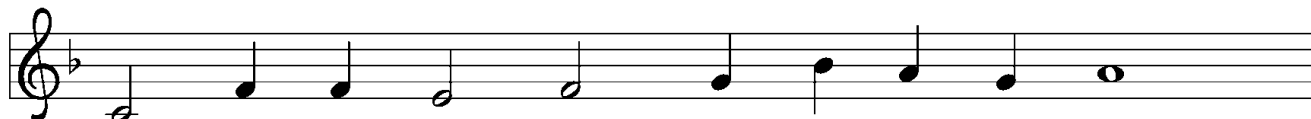
Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church



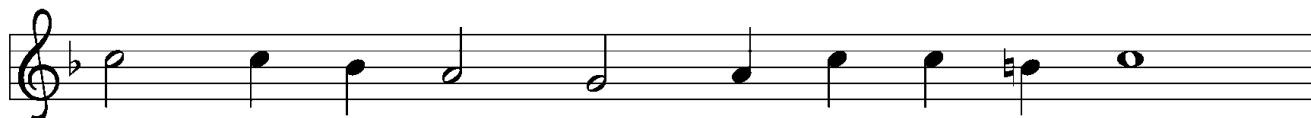
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



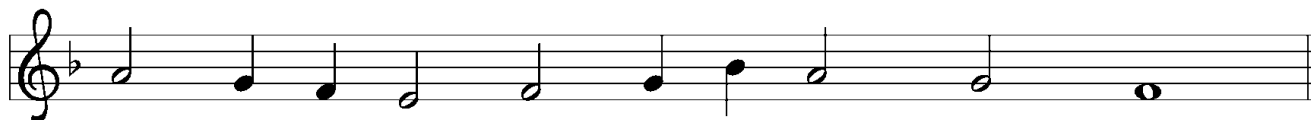
walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
 so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
 so we are dead and live with you in God.  
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

Text: Thomas H. Cain, 1931–2003  
 Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551  
 Text © Thomas H. Cain. Used by permission of estate.

**Dismissal**

LD: Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C: Thanks be to God.**