

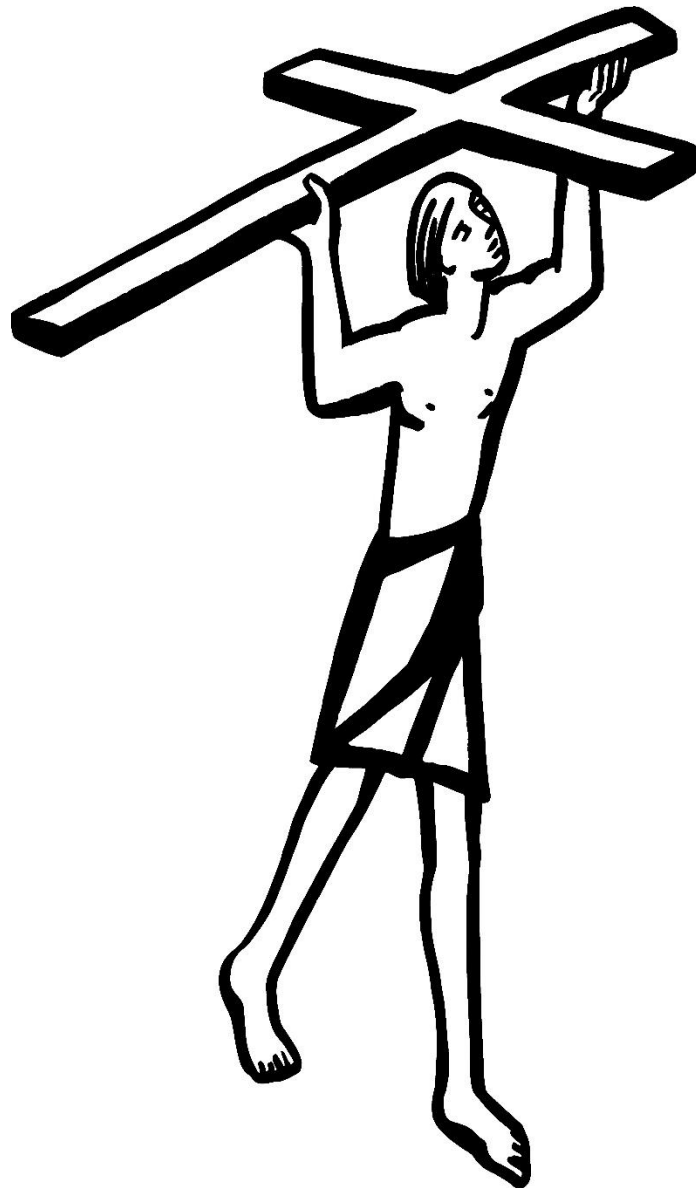


Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

February 25, 2024 9:30 AM - Second 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!

Chris Burbank, Stephanie Goupil, Sarah Cutting, Jo Whiting, Lind Edwards, Mark Cutting, Jill Larson, Matthew Rouleau, June Slipp, Jeff Morrison, VJ Strehl, Julie Moore, Heather Oliver-Mohr.

Happy Anniversary!

(No February Anniversaries)

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.

Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

Church Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm*

Pastor's Office: *Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons*

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and we will connect you with our Pastor as soon as possible. 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.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Alice Peterson, Don Gindlesperger, Dave Smith, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson. **Homebound:** Carol Saufley, Barbara Werdelin, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein, June Slipp. **Military:** Ian Connors.

Partners in Ministry: ELCA, New England Synod, Ismani Congregation in Tanzania, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church, Ascentria Care Alliance, Camp Calumet, Operation Blessing, Crossroads, Dover Friendly Kitchen, Good News Garage, Seacoast Family Promise, Salvation Army, & Lutheran World Relief.

Friends: David Roth (Bonnie Sanders' brother), Erin Goodman (Jessica Feeley's friend), Róisín Ruane (April Murphy's friend), Richard Murray (Jessica Feeley's Brother-in-law), Cinda DeWerff & Dane Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's sister & brother).

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Next Week: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock, Jon Koelker, and Dick Topping

Choir Director: Jon Koelker

Sound System & Live Stream: Franklyn Vosburg

Lector: Bill Kath

Counters: Bill & Julie Kath

Liturgical Deacon: Tom Bernth

Altar Guild: Pam Shaw

Greeters: Meredith Goodwin

Ushers: Craig & VJ Strehl

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, February 28

4:30 PM: Bible Study (*Lenten Time Change*)

5:30 PM: Soup & Supper

6:30 PM: Holden Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, February 29

8:30 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, March 3

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

11:00 AM: Adult Forum

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, February 4:	101 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 18 (<i>Online</i>) = 119	Offering: \$11,026.35
Sunday, February 11:	109 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 26 (<i>Online</i>) = 135	Offering: \$4,014.00
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14:	50 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 23 (<i>Online</i>) = 73	
Sunday, February 18:	124 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 27 (<i>Online</i>) = 151	Offering: \$5,158.90

Announcements

In memory of Richard Anderson. Longtime member Richard Anderson passed away peacefully on Monday, February 12. A Celebration of Life for Richard will be held sometime in the spring. We will notify the congregation in a timely manner when the service has been scheduled.

After worship, Pastor Luther will continue his three-part Lenten series on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book "Life Together", with Session #2: "Worshipping Together". The date for the third Adult Forum has been moved to March 17, to allow those attending the Women's Retreat on 3/3 an opportunity to join the third forum.

During the Season of Lent, Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM instead of its usual time. All are welcome to stay afterwards for a Soup Supper at 5:30 PM, and Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM.

Dover Friendly Kitchen will be on Tuesday, January 27 at 3:45 PM. 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 same day. Please speak to Bonnie Sanders for more info.

The ELCA National Youth Gathering is in New Orleans July 16th to 20th where the theme is "Created to be". This is for youth in 8th to 12th grade. The cost to register is \$425/person with a \$150/person deposit required. This does not include food, lodging or airfare to New Orleans. In our effort to support and encourage our youth to attend the gathering. The Council is excited to announce we have allocated \$1,000 to offset expenses for each of our Holy Trinity youth within the age group to attend the gathering this year. It is expected this will be an annual program supporting and encouraging our youth to experience this wonderful gathering. We also look forward to supporting a confirmation youth camp in April. Call Tom Bernth with questions.

The first-ever ELCA Young Adult Gathering for those ages 18-35 will also take place in New Orleans on and in partnership with ELCA Young Adult Ministries on July 16th to 20th. Programming is geared toward all age 18-35 young adults - single, partnered or with children (childcare available) - although the Young Adult Gathering will take place at the same time as the ELCA Youth Gathering. The target audience for Youth Adult programming is ages 18-25. Young Adults register as individuals rather than as congregational groups. Registration is \$360/person and a nonrefundable deposit of \$150/person is due at registration. Note that this fee does not include food, lodging or transportation. For more information, connect with ELCA Young Adult Ministries at <https://www.elca.church/gathering/attend/young-adult-gathering> . Contact Pastor Luther with questions.

Operation Blessing: For the month of March we will be collecting the following items for Operation Blessing. At this time these are the items they need the most: Health and Beauty Items - shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste, body wash, Laundry detergent, hand soap, Pasta and tomato sauce, Juice, shelf stable milk, Condiments (ketchup, mayo, & mustard), Canned pasta (spaghetti O's), oils, salt and pepper, coffee and tea. Thank you very much. If you prefer to bring other items, fine but sometimes it is easier to buy what they suggest and need. Lois

Updating our Church Prayer List: As you know, each week our Sunday bulletin contains on the inside pages a "prayer list" of people for whom we pray each week. One of the challenges of such a list is keeping it regularly updated. If your name (or someone in your family) is on the list currently and is no longer in need of prayer, please notify Mark in the office to remove it. Likewise, if you want your name to stay on the prayer list or be added to it, please let him know. We very much want our prayer list to be accurate! In the future, we are going to be more consistent in adhering to the rule that names will stay on the list for six weeks and then be removed unless a request is made to remain on the list. Thank you!

Women's Retreat at Calumet March 1-3: We have 13 women signed up and hoping for some great weather to enjoy the weekend at Calumet. We have room for more! Find more information at the kiosk in the gathering area. Return the registration form to Leslie Carson either in her church mailbox or by emailing a copy to carsonsl@maine.rr.com.

Holy Week: Please note the upcoming schedule for Holy Week 2024. Further details to come shortly. These services will be livestreamed.

- Palm Sunday, March 24 (*Worship at 9:30 AM*)
- Maundy Thursday, March 28 (*Worship at 7:00 PM*)
- Good Friday, March 29 (*Worship at 7:00 PM*)
- Easter Sunday, March 31 (*Worship at 9:30 AM*), *Easter Breakfast to Follow*.

Creation Care in Our Library: Practical Stewardship. HTELC's Creation Care Task Force invites you to take advantage of the books in our Library. This article's focuses on Practical Stewardship - that is, things you and your household can do. Fuller summaries are in this week's issue of Tidings at htelc.com/tiding

- **Green Living: The E Magazine Handbook for Living Lightly on the Earth.** This continues E/The Environmental Magazine's great tradition of providing readers with practical tips for living healthier, more eco-friendly lives with steps we can take to ensure a better future world.
- **50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth.** This book is a classic and among the first of its kind. Its basic premise is that "we can make a difference".
- **The Green Consumer.** "You can buy products that don't cost the earth" is this volume's cover tag. It delves into the effect of simple consumer-buying decisions.
- **Use Less Stuff: Environmental Solutions for Who We Really Are.** This groundbreaking consumer guide presents smart consumer strategies to reduce impact on our sensitive Earth.

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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,

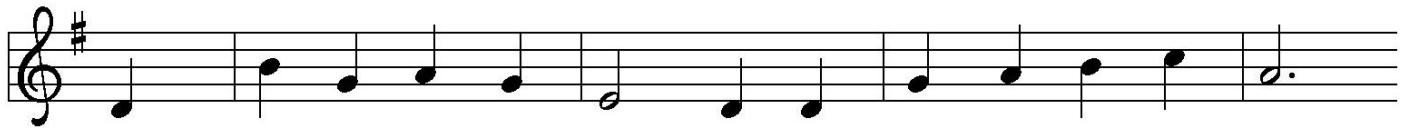
C: **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead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

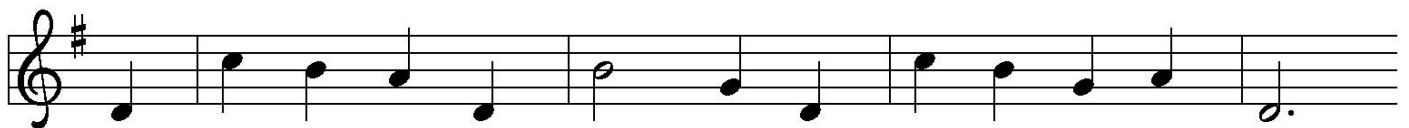
Blessed Be the God of Israel



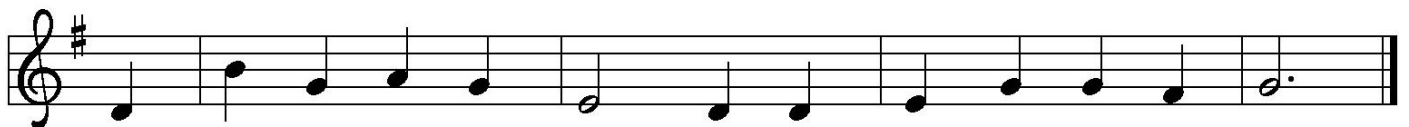
1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free,
 2 Now from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has come,
 3 On all by death im - pris - oned the sun be - gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, and grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sav - ior who will lead us to our e - ter - nal home.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes,



The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 to guide the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace;



God shall ful - fill the prom - ise to bring our peo - ple peace.
 the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.
 oh, bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

Text: Michael Perry, 1942–1996, based on Luke 1:68–79

Music: MERLE'S TUNE, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

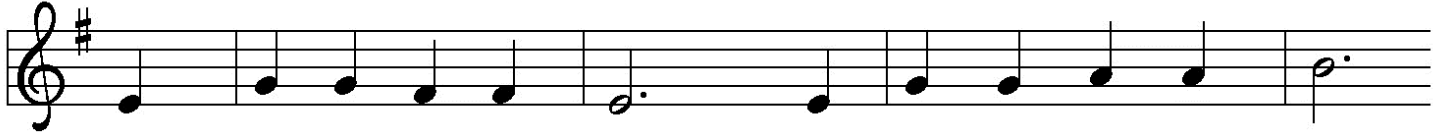
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Greeting

P: 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.**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of 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 17:1-7, 15-16.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 22:23-31

L: Please join me in reading the Psalm responsively.

L: ²³You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

C: ²⁴For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

L: ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

C: ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

L: ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C: ²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

L: ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

C: ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

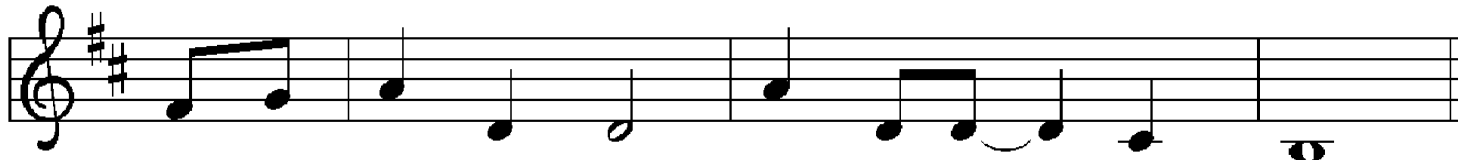
L: ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

Children's Message

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

Gospel Acclamation

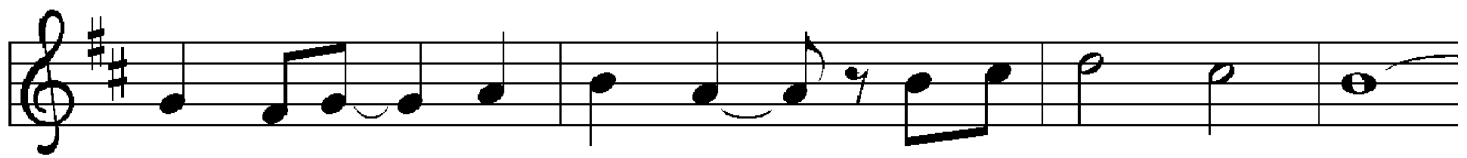
— Please stand as able—



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

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 8:31-38

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

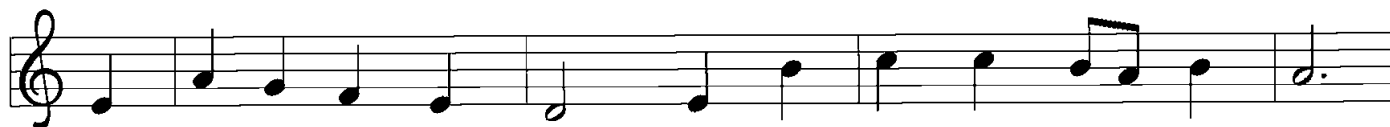
Sermon

— Please be seated—

Our Father, We Have Wandered



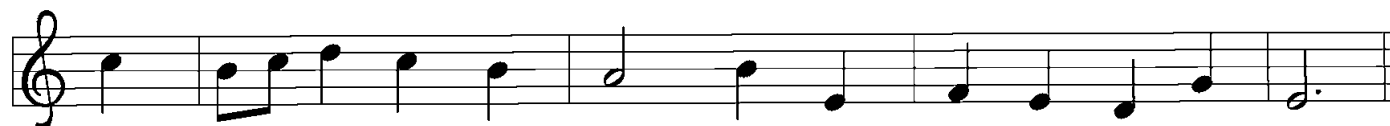
1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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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 to the dead.
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: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

— A brief silence—

LD: We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore

the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — **A brief silence**— Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the New England Synod, and their leaders. We also pray for all of our partners in mission and ministry, locally and abroad. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

The Sharing of God's Peace

P: May the peace of the Lord 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.

Choir Anthem

Offertory Song

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—Please stand as able—

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward. The offerings will be brought to the altar during this hymn.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

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.

Opening 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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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.

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: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

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

Communion Hymns

— Please be seated—

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 332 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.

ELW 471 – Let Us Break Bread Together.

ELW 466 – In the Singing.

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Prayer after Communion

—Please stand as able—

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.

SENDING

Rites of Passage and Announcements

—Please be seated—

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 Luther will lead our congregation with a Blessing.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.



Wednesdays during Lent

Bible Study (4:30)

Lenten Soup Supper (5:30)

Holden Evening Prayer (6:30)

Sunday Adult Forums

**February 25 – Bonhoeffer’s Life Together,
Session 2: “Worshipping Together”**

**March 17 – Bonhoeffer’s Life Together,
Session 3: “Service”
(New Date)**



Pictured: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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