



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

March 3, 2024 9:30 AM – Third 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.

March Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Susie Reny, Margareta Claesson, Dot Kasik, Bill Larson, Scott Marcus, Karen Gerome, Naomi Stephan, Noah Berg, Nathan Goupil, Judy Evans, Ken Galle, Frank Moore, Chris Dunn, Lenora Larson, Jeff Galle, Ethan Crawford, Lynne Clement, Penelope Williams, Anggiat Sihotang.

Happy Anniversary!

Matt & Ann Stephan, Mike & Nancy Gilmore, Mark & Linda Edwards.

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 third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

LECTIONARY

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

Next Week: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock & Ken Galle

Choir Director: Ken Galle

Sound System & Live Stream: Franklyn Vosburg

Lector: Craig Strehl

Counters: Dave Smith & Angie Sihomtang

Liturgical Deacon: TBD

Altar Guild: Julie Moore

Greeters & Ushers: Frank Moore, Rebecca Shrumm, Ellie Moore, & Henry Moore

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, March 6

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

5:30 PM: Soup & Supper

6:30 PM: Holden Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, March 7

8:30 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, March 10

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

11:00 AM: Confirmation Meeting

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

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
Sunday, February 25:	82 (<i>In-Person</i>) + 26 (<i>Online</i>) = 108	Offering: \$3,571.00

Announcements

Celebrating the Wesley Family: In addition to being the Third Sunday in Lent, this weekend the ELCA and Episcopal calendars also commemorate the lives of John and Charles Wesley, commonly credited as founders of the "Methodist movement." John was the fifteenth, and Charles the eighteenth, child of Samuel Wesley, Rector of Epworth, Lincolnshire, and his wife, Susannah. John was born June 17, 1703, and Charles, December 18, 1707. John was primarily a theologian and preacher and Charles a hymn-writer, although the whole Wesley family was multi-talented and left quite a theological and musical legacy within Anglo-American Protestantism. Our hymn of the day is Charles' classic "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and our sending hymn is Samuel Jr's "O Living Bread from Heaven."

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.

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*).

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. The Council is excited to announce we have allocated \$1,000/person to offset expenses to attend the gathering this year. 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. This fee does not include food, lodging or transportation. For more information, connect with ELCA Young Adult Ministries at elca.church/gathering/attend/young-adult-gathering . Contact Pastor Luther with questions.

Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil: Your Worship and Music Team votes to bring back a Prayer Vigil this year as we did occasionally before Covid. We'll use the chapel where pray-ers will find prayer requests and meditative reading material. The Vigil will begin immediately follow our Maundy Thursday service, continue until midnight, begin again at 6:00 a.m. on Good Friday, and continue until noon. Sessions will be scheduled for an hour each. Pray-ers can sign up individually or in pairs. Watch the bulletin and the Tidings to sign-up.

Graduation Sunday will be celebrated in June. If you know someone from Holy Trinity who will graduate from High School, College, Grad School, or another school this year and would like to be recognized, please speak with the Church Office or Helen Goransson.

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

Easter Breakfast: The council is excited to announce that our Annual Easter Breakfast will be returning on Easter March 31 after the 9:30 service. This is a "Potluck" breakfast, where you can bring a brunch side dish, such as fruit, deviled eggs, casserole, or any other light side. The church will provide baked ham & drinks for all who attend. There will be a setup for tables, chairs, accessories on Saturday March 30 at 2:00pm. We will also need volunteers to help on Easter morning during the breakfast, but not during the actual Easter service. Many hands make the work light and fast.

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.

The Social Ministry Committee met on February 4, 2024. After being led in prayer by Pastor Luther, our first order of business was to collect updated contact information of the members. We voted on a for budget for spending the funds allocated for local ministries. The next topic of discussion was to discuss ideas for reinvigorating our activities in the community. The Covid pandemic effectively shut everything and activity. The consensus was to demonstrate that HTELC is back! September 8, 2024 is the day dedicated by the ELCA for "God's Work, Our Hands" activities. We will be formulating a list of 3-5 separate activities in which our members can participate, individually or in groups. Two more events were tentatively discussed to occur this spring. When these plans have been "firmed up," an announcement will be made very soon. We welcome anyone who wishes to join our committee!

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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.**

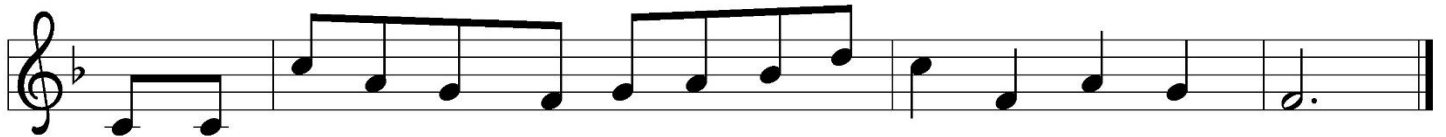
As the Sun with Longer Journey



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,
 2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,
 3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,
 search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.
 we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.
 as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

Text: John Patrick Earls, OSB, b. 1935

Music: NAGEL, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

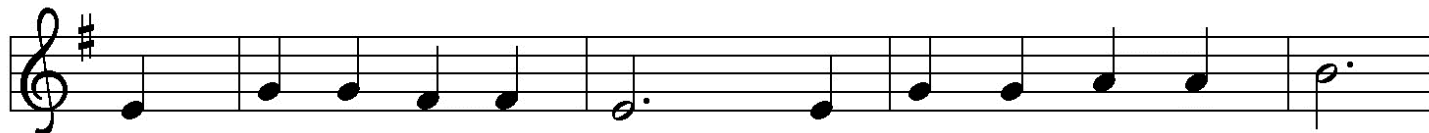
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Greeting

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: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through 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 Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 19

L: Please join me in reading the Psalm responsively.

L: ¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**C: ²One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

L: ³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**C: ⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the
ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

L: ⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**C: ⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

L: ⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**C: ⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

L: ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**C: ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine
gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

L: ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**C: ¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

L: ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

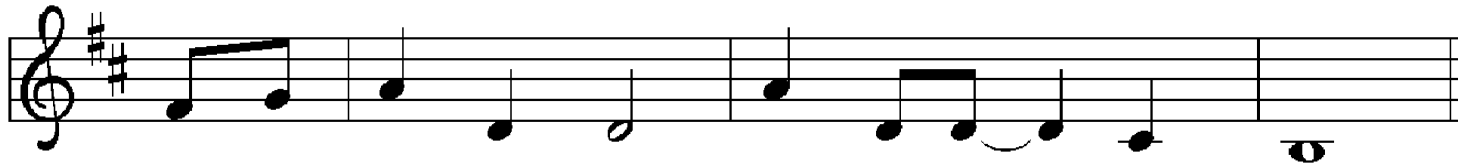
**C: ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Children's Message

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

Gospel Acclamation

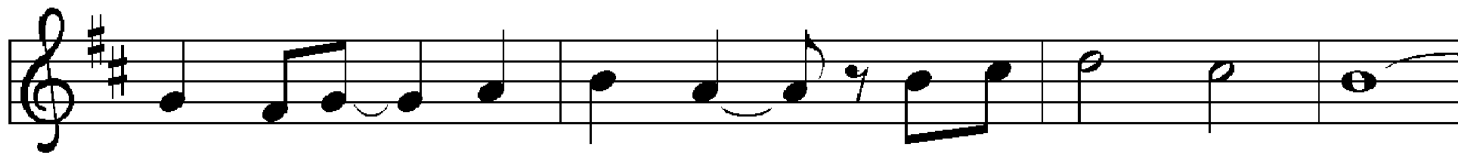
— Please stand as able—



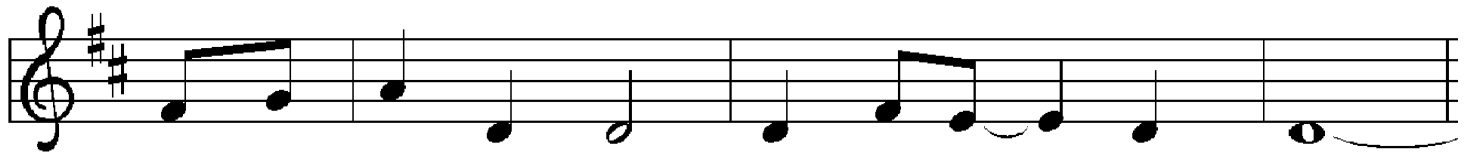
Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



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. John, Chapter 2:13-22

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

— Please be seated—

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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: You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken
the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we
receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.**

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick. 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: You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those preparing for baptism. 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 479 – We Come to the Hungry Feast.

ELW 481 – Come to the Table.

ELW 492 – Eat This Bread.

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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.

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Rites of Passage and Announcements

—Please be seated—

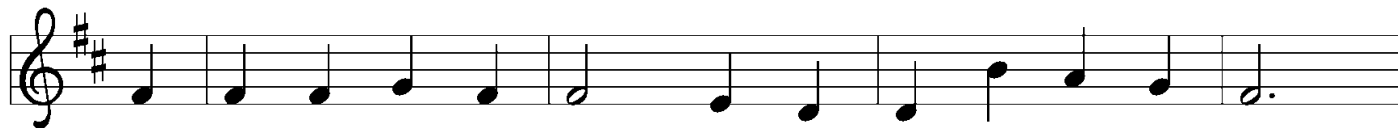
The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

Blessing

—Please stand as able—

Pastor Luther will lead our congregation with a Blessing.

O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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 Forum

**March 17 – Bonhoeffer's Life Together,
Session 3: "Service"
(New Date)**



Pictured: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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