

CHRIST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
ZIONSVILLE



1st Sunday in Lent
Setting 3

February 18, 2024

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Church Home?

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

Children in Worship

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the main worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.



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PRELUDE

My Song is Love Unknown

Bach

LENTEN GATHERING RITE

GATHERING SONG

God of Creation

Soloist sings all verses. Congregation and Soloist sing the refrain (printed)

Soloist: God of creation, Giver of life, be the light in our darkness; grant us peace in our strife. Show us your mercy; give us new birth. You have made us your children to bear fruit on the earth.

Congregation (refrain):



Soloist: Lord, our Redeemer, Healer of souls, be the hope that restores us; with your touch make us whole.

Here we partake in your feast of love; give us strength on our journey with your body and blood.

Congregation (refrain):



Soloist: Spirit most holy, Comforter blest, be the fire that consumes us and our hearts' welcome guest.

Form us, renew us, call us by name. Raise us up from the ashes and create us again.

Congregation (refrain):



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The congregation sits or kneels. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C Amen.

P If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

SONG OF FORGIVENESS *Soloist sings verses and congregation sings printed refrain.*

Soloist: Lord Jesus Christ, pour out your compassion; grant your people pardon:

Congregation (refrain):



Soloist: Lord Jesus Christ, bring healing and wholeness; give your people comfort:

Congregation (refrain):



Soloist: Lord Jesus Christ, the source of forgiveness, show your people mercy:

Congregation (refrain):



Please stand as you are able.

PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

P By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, + God forgives you all your sins. Almighty God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

Soloist and Congregation sing together:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Genesis 9:8-17

L A reading from Genesis.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

~ Soloist ~



¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your ¹truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all ¹the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compas- ¹sion and love,
for they are from ¹everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- ¹ness,

O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and up- ¹right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners ¹in your way.

⁹You lead the low- ¹ly in justice
and teach the low- ¹ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast ¹love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your ¹testimonies.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:18-22

L A reading from 1 Peter.

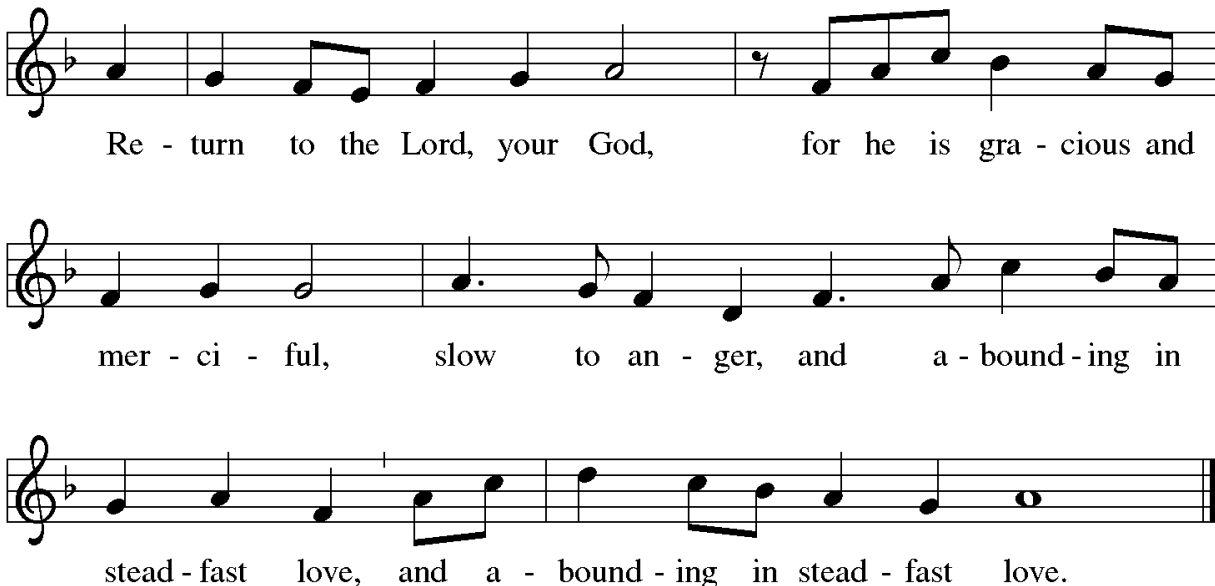
¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL MARK 1:9-15

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kristen Hess

SERMON

Pastor Wes Smith

HYMN OF THE DAY

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

ELW 326



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be-side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth-er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. ** meaning the church universal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P 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.

Pause for a moment of reflection.

P You beckon us to return to you, unwavering God. Revitalize the church with a renewed spirit and purify the hearts of your faithful. Empower those who spread your gospel through both word and action. Hear our prayer, O God.

C Your mercy knows no bounds.

P You nurture your creation, bountiful God. Provide abundantly for all life to thrive. Shield endangered species and delicate ecosystems. Teach us to tread lightly on the earth and to respect it as our sacred dwelling place. Hear our prayer, O God.

C Your mercy knows no bounds.

P You champion justice and peace, righteous God. Reconstruct cities and lands ravaged by conflict. Extend hospitality, aid, and sanctuary to refugees. Foster negotiations that pave the way for enduring peace among nations. Hear our prayer, O God.

C Your mercy knows no bounds.

P You extend care to all people, compassionate God. Heal those wounded by violence, addiction, or any form of trauma. Console the bereaved and alleviate the suffering of the afflicted This day we pray especially for **Andrea, Michael, Martha, Kat, Dorothy, Marilyn, Mimi, Mike, Steve, Theresa, Jonny, Janice, Patrick, Pete, LCFS** and for all those we now name in our heart or in the presence of this assembly. Hear our prayer, O God.

C Your mercy knows no bounds.

P You unite us in this assembly, ever-present God. Bind us together in service to our neighbors and in the pursuit of justice. We lift up in prayer caregivers and those undergoing medical treatment or recovery. Hear our prayer, O God.

C Your mercy knows no bounds.

P You redeem us from the grasp of death, faithful God. We give thanks for the faithful servants of the church. May we join with all the saints in eternal jubilation. Hear our prayer, O God.

C Your mercy knows no bounds.

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the petitions of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

P The peace of the Lord is with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

Shepherd Me, O God
~ Sanctuary Choir ~

Haugen

Refrain: *Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life.*

God is my Shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **Refrain**

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
My spirit shall sing the music your Name. **Refrain**

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for You are at my side,
Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. **Refrain**

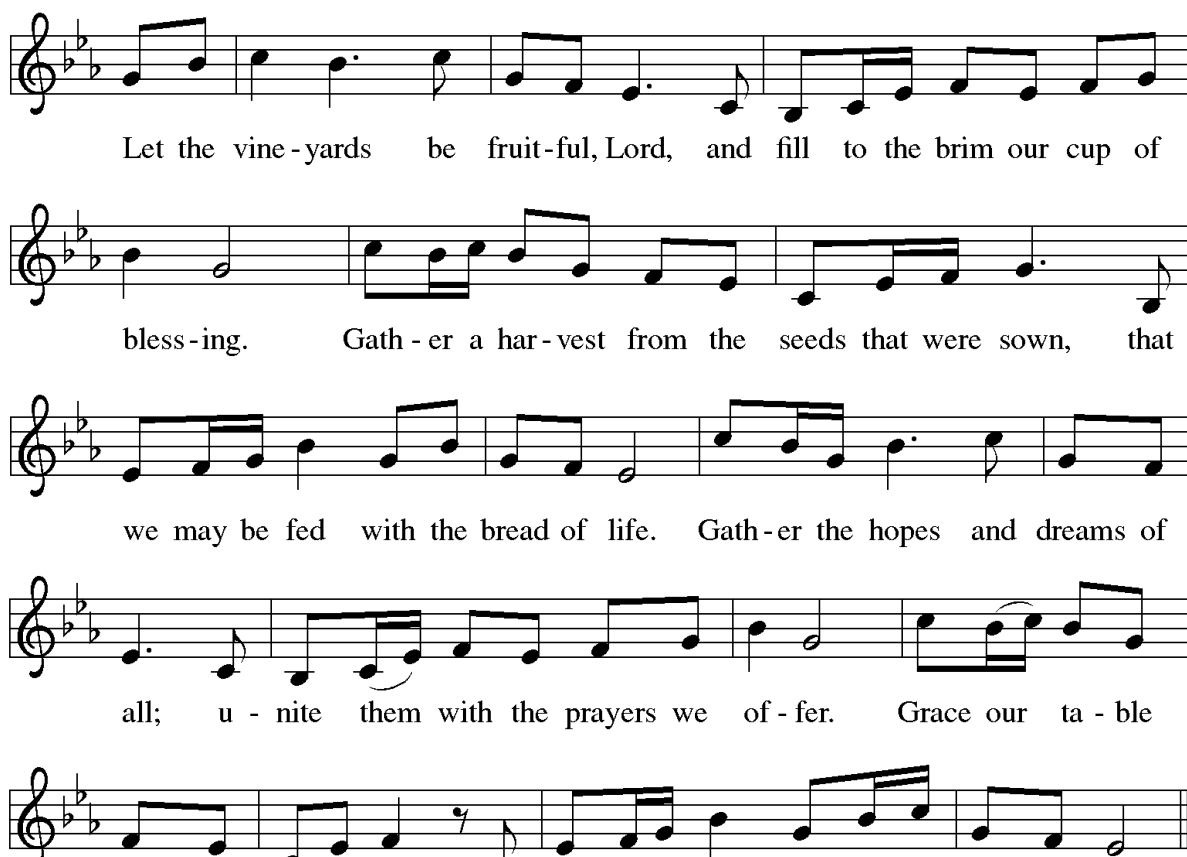
You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.
Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, death to life.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forever more.
Shepherd Me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life.

Please stand as you are able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Nelson



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

C Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is 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.

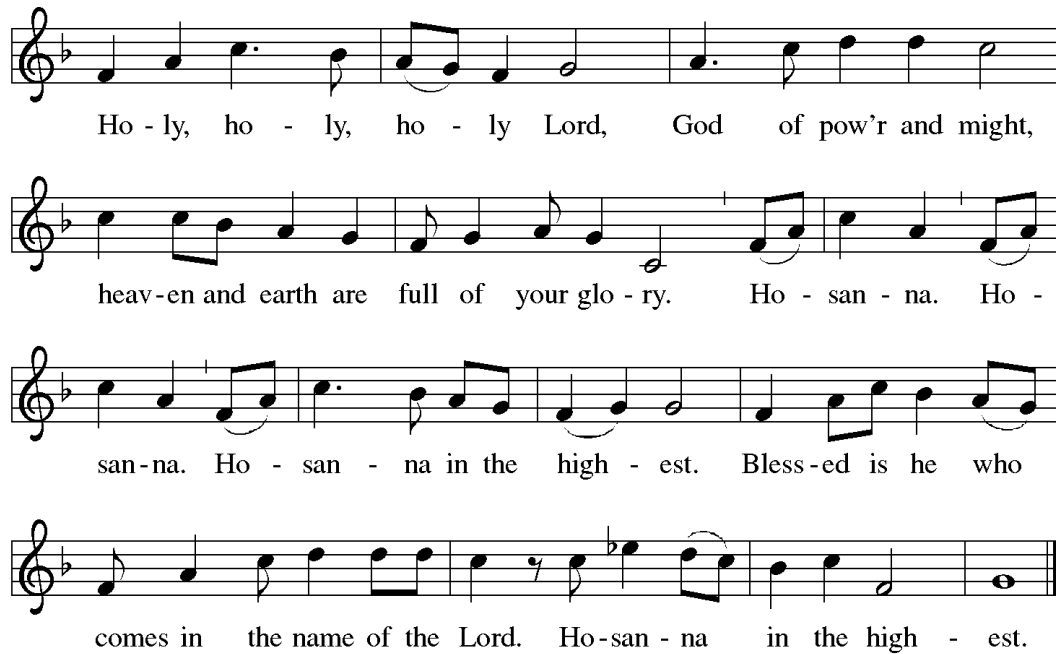
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are 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 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 for 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

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

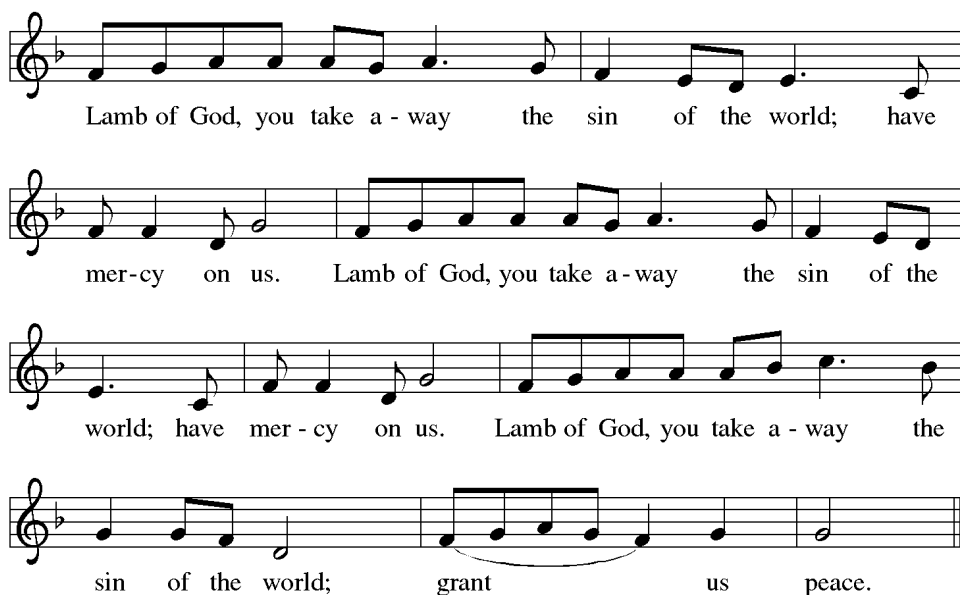
P Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

COMMUNION

All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years, or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Wes.

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer from Pastor Wes and you will hear the words **the body of Christ, given for you**. Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, **the blood of Christ, shed for you**. Once you've communed there is a small receptacle where the used communion cup can be placed.*

COMMUNION SONG



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.
Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
C Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

ELW 319



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

DISMISSAL

A Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Morning Song

Martin



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SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Pastor: Rev. Wesley Smith, III
Director of Music & Organist: Rhonda Blacklock

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Communion Assistant:	John Burkhardt
Greeter:	Connie Niessink
Usher:	Tony Firmani
Nursery:	Jess Smith
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