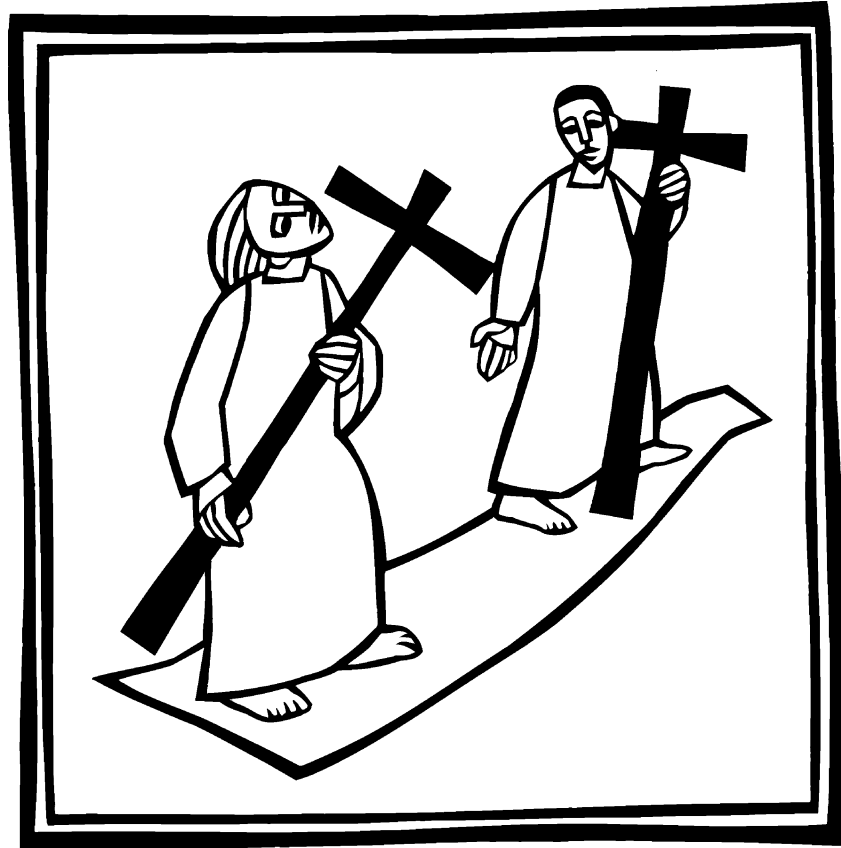


**CHRIST  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
ZIONSVILLE



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**2nd Sunday of Lent**  
Setting 3 (ELW)

**February 25, 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

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### 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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**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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
 who writes the law on our hearts,  
 who draws all people together through Jesus.

**C Amen.**

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy God,

**C we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
 and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
 are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
 forgive us, Lord.**

**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 Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

**Soloist and Congregation sing together:**





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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. **C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

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

## FIRST READING Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>When 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. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I 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."

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I 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."

Word of God, Word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

### Psalm 22:23-31

~ Soloist ~



<sup>1</sup> <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's <sup>1</sup>line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- <sup>1</sup>spring of Israel.

**<sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- <sup>1</sup>den from them;  
but when they cry out, <sup>1</sup>the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the <sup>1</sup>great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD.

**<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat<sup>1</sup> and be satisfied,**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts<sup>1</sup> live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn<sup>1</sup> to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow<sup>1</sup> before God.

**<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs<sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
who rules o-<sup>1</sup> ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow<sup>1</sup> down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be-<sup>1</sup> fore the LORD.

**<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall<sup>1</sup> serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera-<sup>1</sup> tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people<sup>1</sup> yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The<sup>1</sup> LORD has acted!"

## SECOND READING Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Romans.

<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 8:31-38

The holy gospel according to Mark.

### C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>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.<sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But 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."

<sup>34</sup>He 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. <sup>35</sup>For 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. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

### C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Cheryl Kussow**

## SERMON

**Pastor Wes Smith**

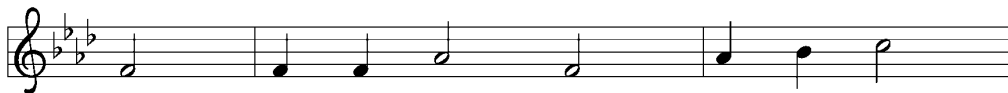
## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said*

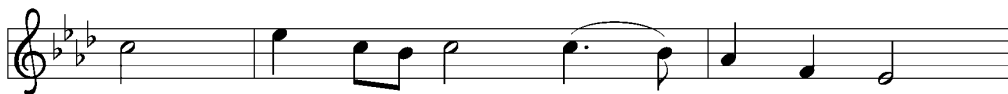
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1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,  
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;  
per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;  
nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;  
nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,  
his strength shall bear your spir - it up,  
for you the Lord en - dured the cross  
for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.  
to save your soul from death and hell.  
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.



## **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 offer prayers for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*Moment of reflection.*

**P** We come to you seeking understanding, O Holy God. Cultivate within your people the fruits of the Spirit bestowed upon us in baptism and may the teachings of Christ illuminate the path of the church. Grant wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear our plea, O God.

**C Your mercy abounds.**

**P** We seek renewal from you. Protect lives and ecosystems endangered by pollution and the changing climate. Purify the waters of the earth and revive the soil. Safeguard rainforests, deserts, and wildlife so that future generations may cherish your creation. Hear our plea, O God.

**C Your mercy abounds.**

**P** We implore you for justice. Uphold the inherent worth and dignity of every individual, especially those facing discrimination and prejudice based on gender, ability, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, or religion. Hear our plea, O God.

**C Your mercy abounds.**

**P** We petition you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to aid those suffering from the ravages of war and violence. Provide shelter for the homeless, companionship for the lonely, hope for the despairing, and solace for the bereaved. On this day we pray especially for **Donna, Andrea, Michael, Martha, Kat, Dorothy, Marilyn, Mimi, Mike, Steve, Theresa, Jonny, Janice, Patrick, Pete, LCFS** and for all those we now name in our hearts or in the presence of this assembly.

Hear our plea, O God.

**C Your mercy abounds.**

P We seek purpose from you. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Deepen our trust in your guidance and keep us steadfast at the foot of the cross. May our acts of service reflect the sacrificial love of Christ. Hear our plea, O God.

**C Your mercy abounds.**

P We pray for peace. We honor the memory of the saints who dedicated their lives to serving others. May their example inspire us until the day when you gather us into your kingdom. Hear our plea, O God.

**C Your mercy abounds.**

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

**C Amen.**

## **GREETING OF PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord is with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

**God of the Covenants**  
**~ Kantorei ~**

**Johnson**

**Refrain:** A clean heart create for me, O God.

God of the covenants of old.

You are our God and we are Your people,

Write Your law upon our hearts.

God of Noah, God of the flood..

God of the covenants of old:

Wash us from our guilt, wipe our sins away,

Write Your law upon our hearts. **Refrain**

God of promise, God of Hope.

God of the covenants of old:

Show us through Your Son, Your new covenant,

Write Your name upon our hearts. **Refrain**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

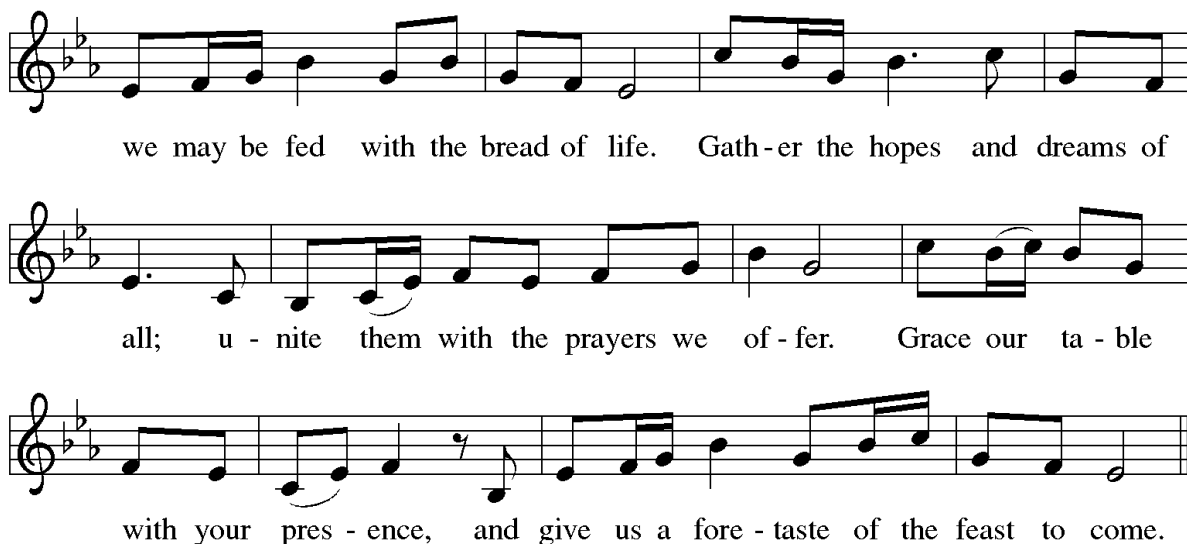
**Nelson**



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



### 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a comma, the second with a period, the third with a period, and the fourth with a double bar line.

## 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**

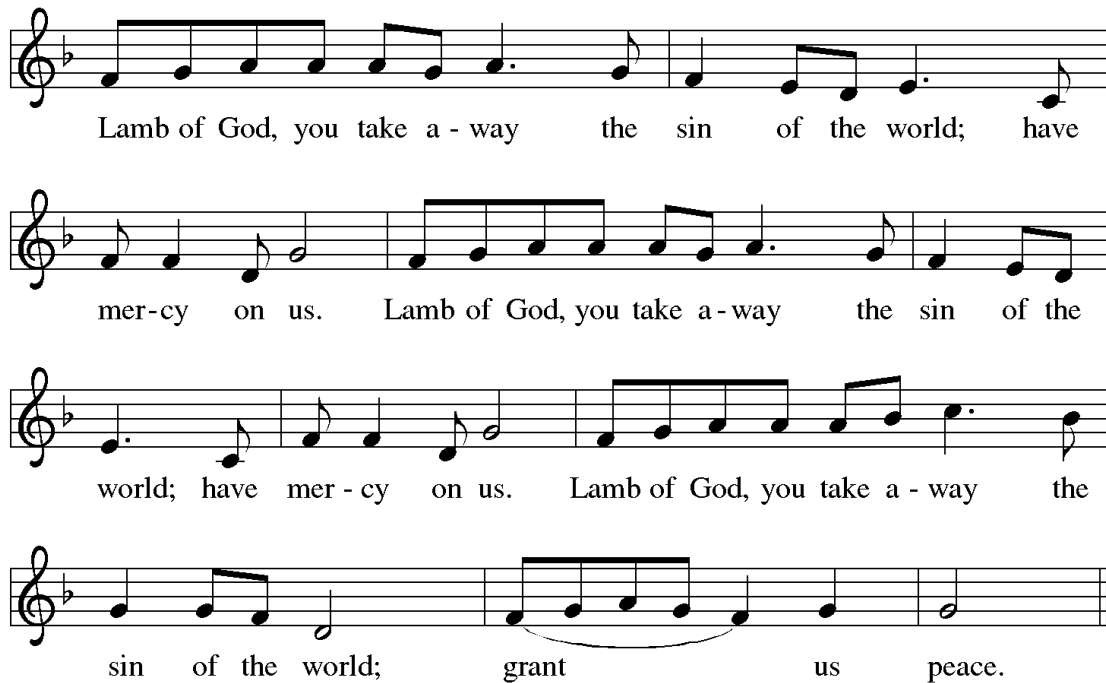
P Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

## 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

### *Faith of Our Fathers*

**ELW 812**



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar - tyr's, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share your bread.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

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

<b>Lector:</b>	Bill Steinke
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	JoAnne Tuffnell
<b>Greeter:</b>	Mary Steinke
<b>Usher:</b>	Connie Niessink
<b>Nursery:</b>	Amy Holtz
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Candace Berger, Andi Hardesty
<b>Financial Assistants:</b>	Martha Schmidt, Connie Steinhart
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Deb Gates, Chris Emsley, Sue Haughton
<b>AV Assistant:</b>	Greg Holbrook

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