

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 23, 2020 ♦ 9:00 am



"Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness"

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

C O Lord, who could stand?

P But with you there is forgiveness;

C so that we may worship and serve you. (Psalm 130: 3-4)

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.

- P** Receive good news: God turns to you in love.
 “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.
 All your sin is forgiven in the name of **✝** Jesus Christ,
 who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

C Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Through the Night of Dark and Sorrow”



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row on - ward goes the
 2 One the light of God’s own pres - ence on his ran - somed
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as from the
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward, with the



pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion,
 peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and ter - ror,
 heart of one; one the con - flict, one the per - il,
 cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its bat - tle



march - ing to the prom - ised land.
 bright - 'ning all the path we tread.
 one the march in God be - gun.
 till we rest be - neath its shade.



Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
 One the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
 One the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -
 Soon shall come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of pil - grim
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing for - ward,
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y Fa - ther
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all shad - ows,



step - ping fear - less through the night.
 one the hope our God in - spires.
 reigns in love for - ev - er - more.
 and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

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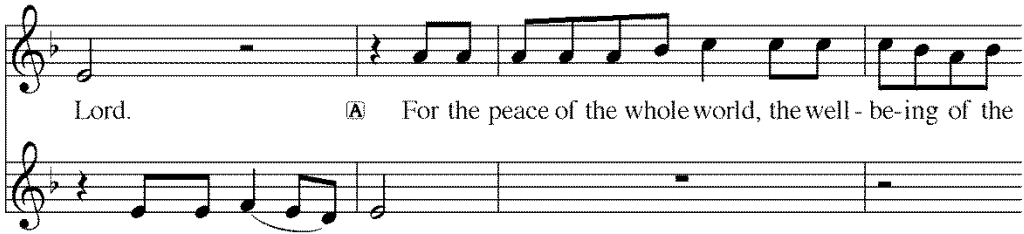


A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

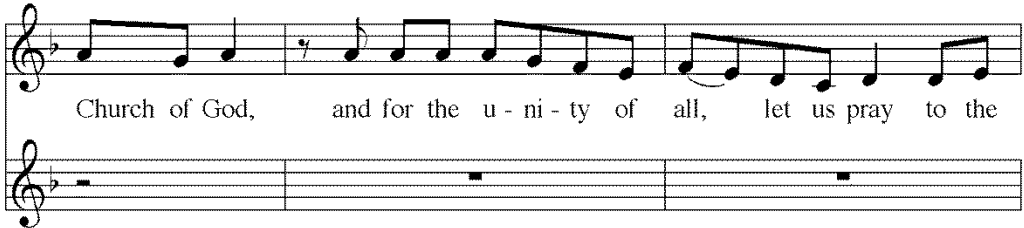


peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

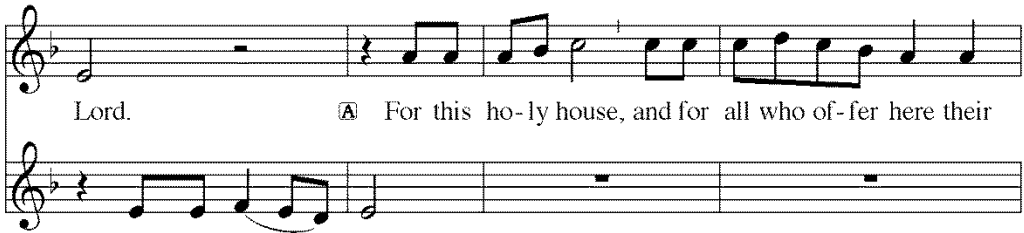


Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

C Lord, have mer - cy.



Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Lord God, our strength,**
the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us,
and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises.
Keep us steadfast in your word,
and when we fall, raise us again
and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your

eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.



L Word of God. Word of life.

A Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass

brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

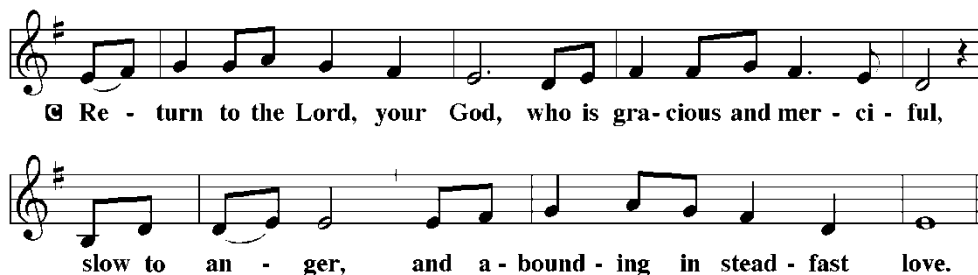
¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L Word of God. Word of life.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Leader first time through; all sing the second time through



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 4th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"
⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

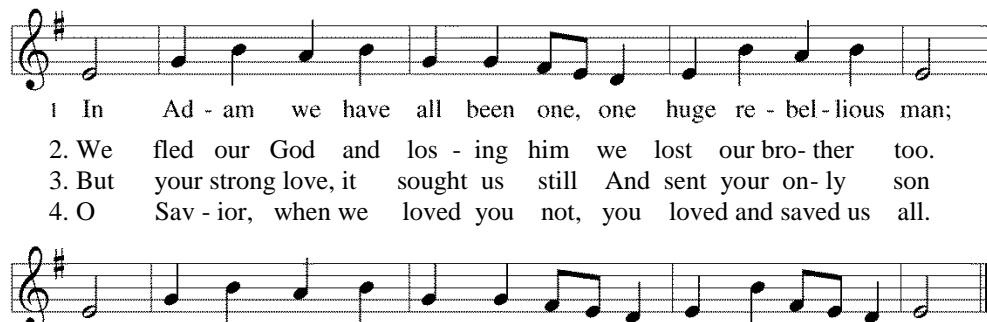
⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"


¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "In Adam We Have All Been One"



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, one huge re - bel - lious man;
2. We fled our God and los - ing him we lost our bro - ther too.
3. But your strong love, it sought us still And sent your on - ly son
4. O Sav - ior, when we loved you not, you loved and saved us all.



we all have fled that eve - ning voice that sought us as we ran.
Each sin - gly sought and claimed his own; Each man his bro - ther slew.
That we might hear his shep - herd voice And, hear - ing him, be one.
O great good Shep - herd of man - kind, oh, hear us when we call.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

A I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

(Response to each petition)

P Hear us, O God.

G Your mercy is great.

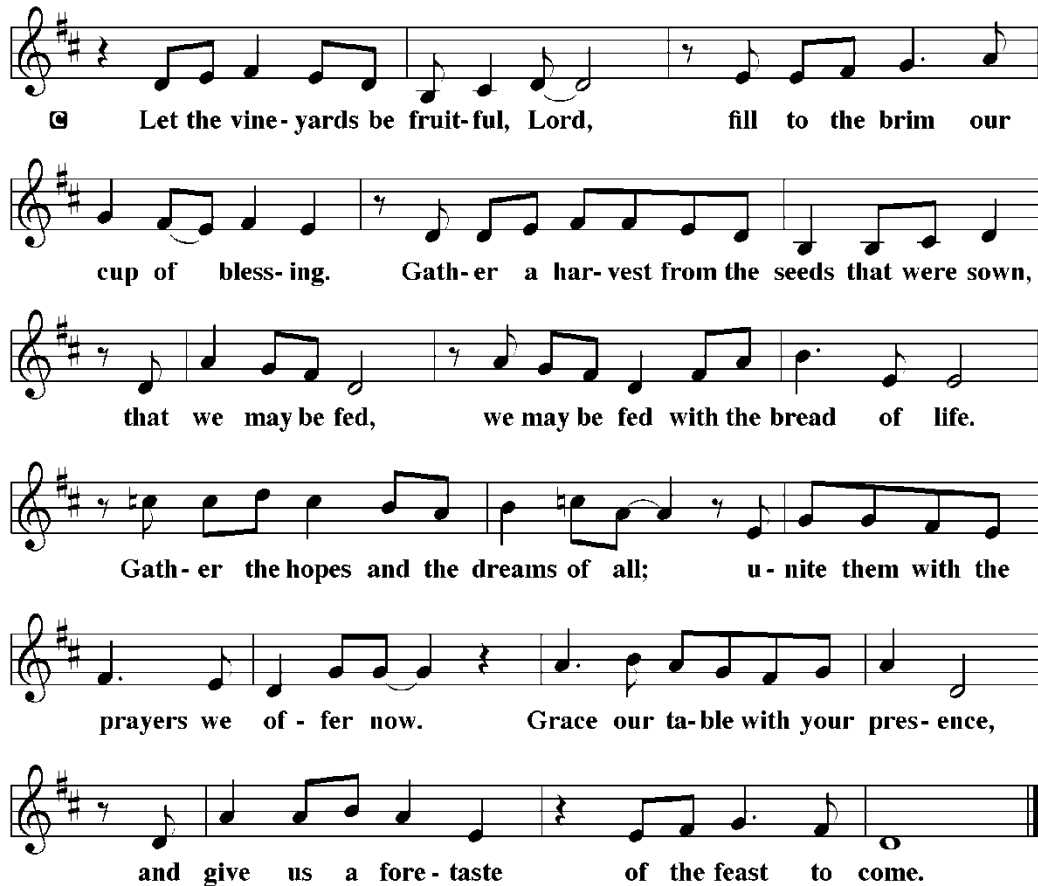
SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Let the vineyards . . ."



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, 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, we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the
prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

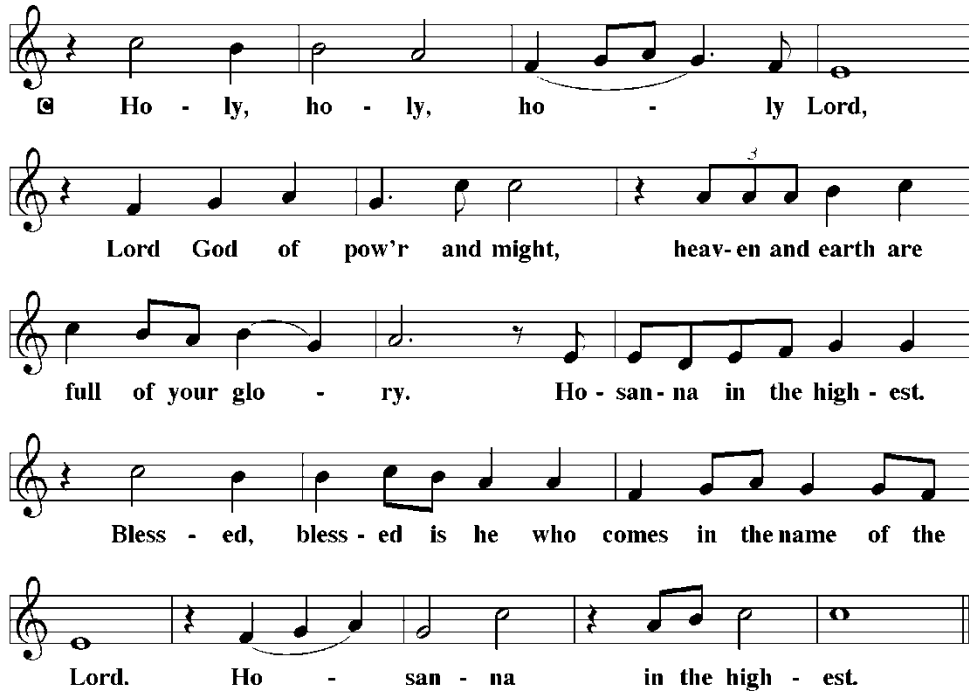
- P** Let us pray.
Holy and generous host,
All you set a table where we feast as friends.
Prepare us to witness to your goodness
with every gift you have given us to share,
that all people may know your peace
through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

- P** One does not live by bread alone,
C but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
P We give thanks to you O, God, for the salvation you have accomplished for us through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with new and clean hearts we might be prepared to receive him as he comes to us now in his body and blood. With angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS “Holy, holy, holy”

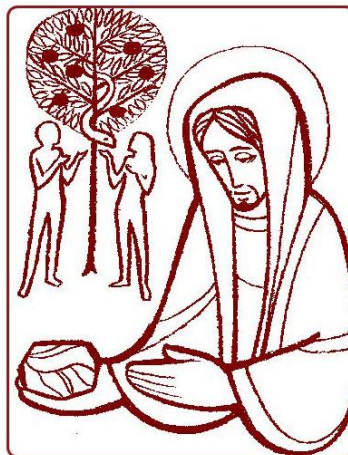


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

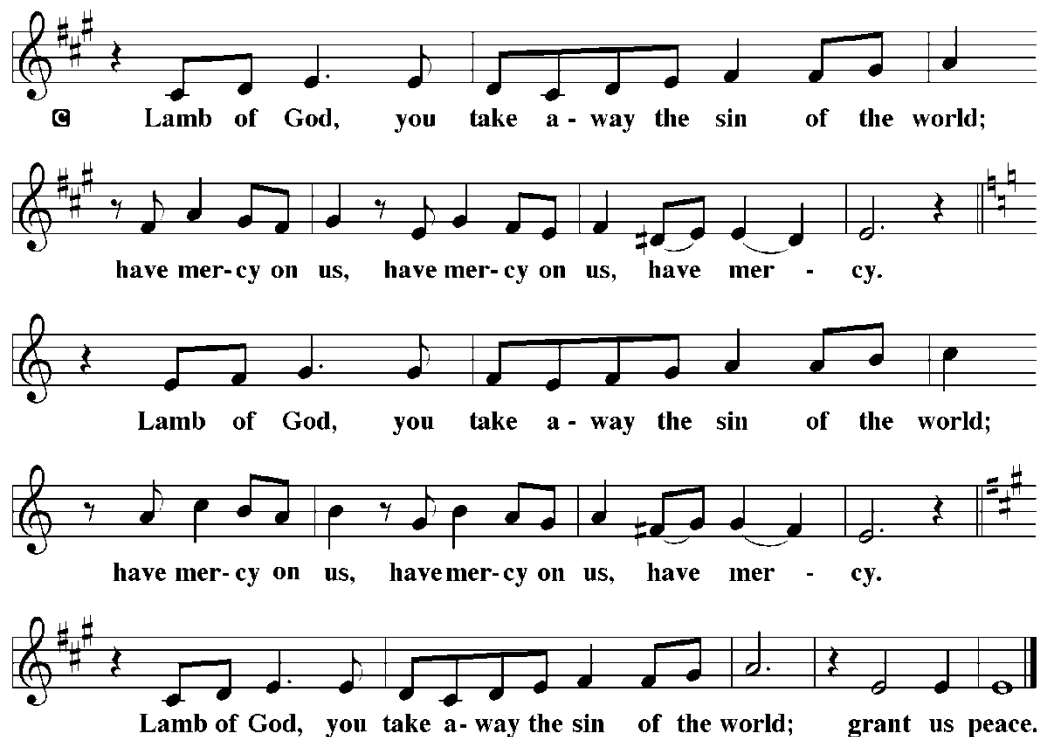
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

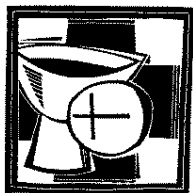


AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"



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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

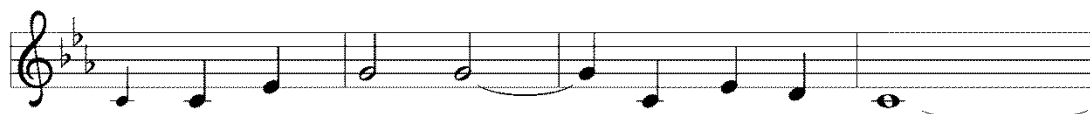


Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26. Martin Luther's Small Catechism says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who have been instructed in this confession of faith and who share our belief in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

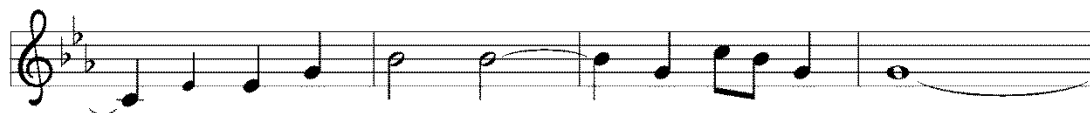
As you approach the table down the aisles, receive an empty cup from the cart.

- Proceed to the left or the right and gather around the altar.
- After each gathered group has communed, they are dismissed in peace.
- As you return to your seat down the side aisles, place your cup in the racks on the tables to your left or right.
- **Non-alcoholic wine** is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.
- **Gluten-free** (and dairy-free and nut-free) **wafers** are offered in the small white bowl on the communion cart for those who prefer this option.

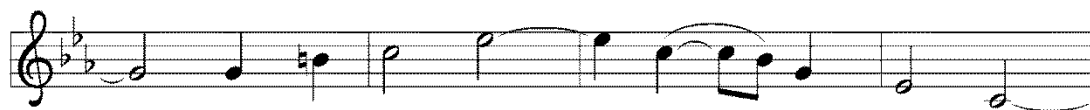
SONGS DURING COMMUNION "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"



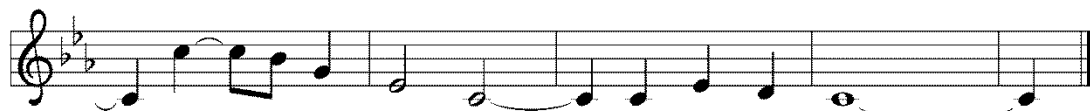
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
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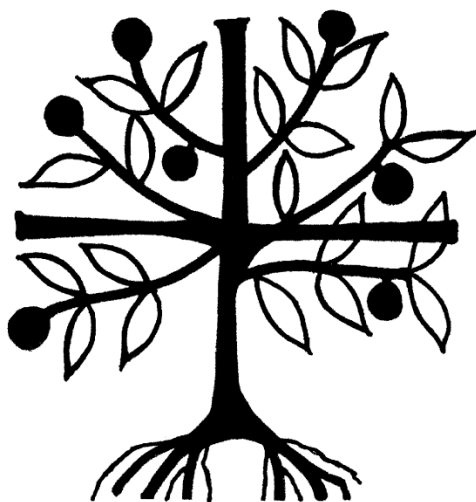


all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

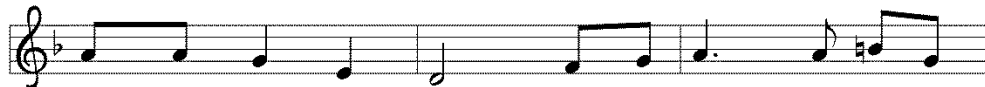
Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual



"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er, you the sea.

From the dawning of creation
you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his grace.

C Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Merciful God,

C accompany our journey through these forty days.

**Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor,
pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence
and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen

- P** Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN “Jesus, Still Lead On”



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to our Fa - ther's land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in our Fa - ther's land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELLENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship leader	Jon Marxhausen
Piano	Mary Dinesen
Elder	Bob Koeritzer
Lector	Sally Warren
Ushers	Jeff Olofson/ Jenny Olofson
Acolyte/Crucifer	TJ Richter
Greeters	Errol Bartz/ Cindy Bartz

DON'T FORGET YOUR 3-MINUTE MINISTRY

We all take this journey of faith together. Take time to reach out to your fellow pilgrims.

WELCOME TO GRACE OF GOD

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the basket on the table in the entryway.

Help yourself to a welcome packet that will tell you more about the ministry at Grace of God.

You are always welcome at Grace of God.



GRACE OF GOD MISSION STATEMENT

Grace of God is a Christ-centered community gathered around Word and Sacrament, preaching Christ crucified, serving our neighbor and discovering what it means to live under the grace of God.



CHRIST FOR ALL

themes in the
Gospel of **MATTHEW**

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

TODAY at 10:15 am

SERVING IN WORSHIP

DATE	ELDER	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	USHERS	GREETERS
3/1/20	Bob Koeritzer	TJ Richter	Sally Warren	Jeff Olofson/ Jenny Olofson	Errol Bartz/ Cindy Bartz
3/4/20	Doug Roome	George Zetterwall	Chris Fallert	Lori Ruppel/ Zack Ruppel	Kathy Rehbein/ Jenny Hanson
3/8/20	Doug Roome	Ella Fahey	Roger Prigge	Darrel Smith/ Noel Smith	Shirley Muelken/ Eileen Ocone
3/11/20	Allen Warren	Maren Sletten	Cami Hartleben	Errol Bartz/ Kathy Rehbein	Dean Christenson/ Gail Christenson
3/15/20	Allen Warren	Jake Richter	Sue Hotzel	Becky Vigstol/ Jenny Hanson	Bruce Gilman/ Audrey Gilman

grace happens

March 1 - 8, 2020

Sunday, March 1

9:00 am LENT I
Fellowship time after worship
10:15 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, March 3

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 4

7:00 pm EVENING PRAYER FOR LENT

Sunday, March 8

9:00 am LENT I
Fellowship time after worship
10:15 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

EASTER PLANT SALE

Lilies to decorate our worship space for Easter Sunday can now be ordered. Please use the sign-up sheet and payment envelope located on the table in the entryway to place your order. You may designate your lily in memory of someone who has died or in commemoration or thanksgiving of a special person or event.

You can also purchase gift cards to Gertens! Checks should be made payable to Grace of God Lutheran Church.

This year's lily and plant sale helps support our 2020 Youth Mission Trip! DELIVERY IS APRIL 7

Prices are:

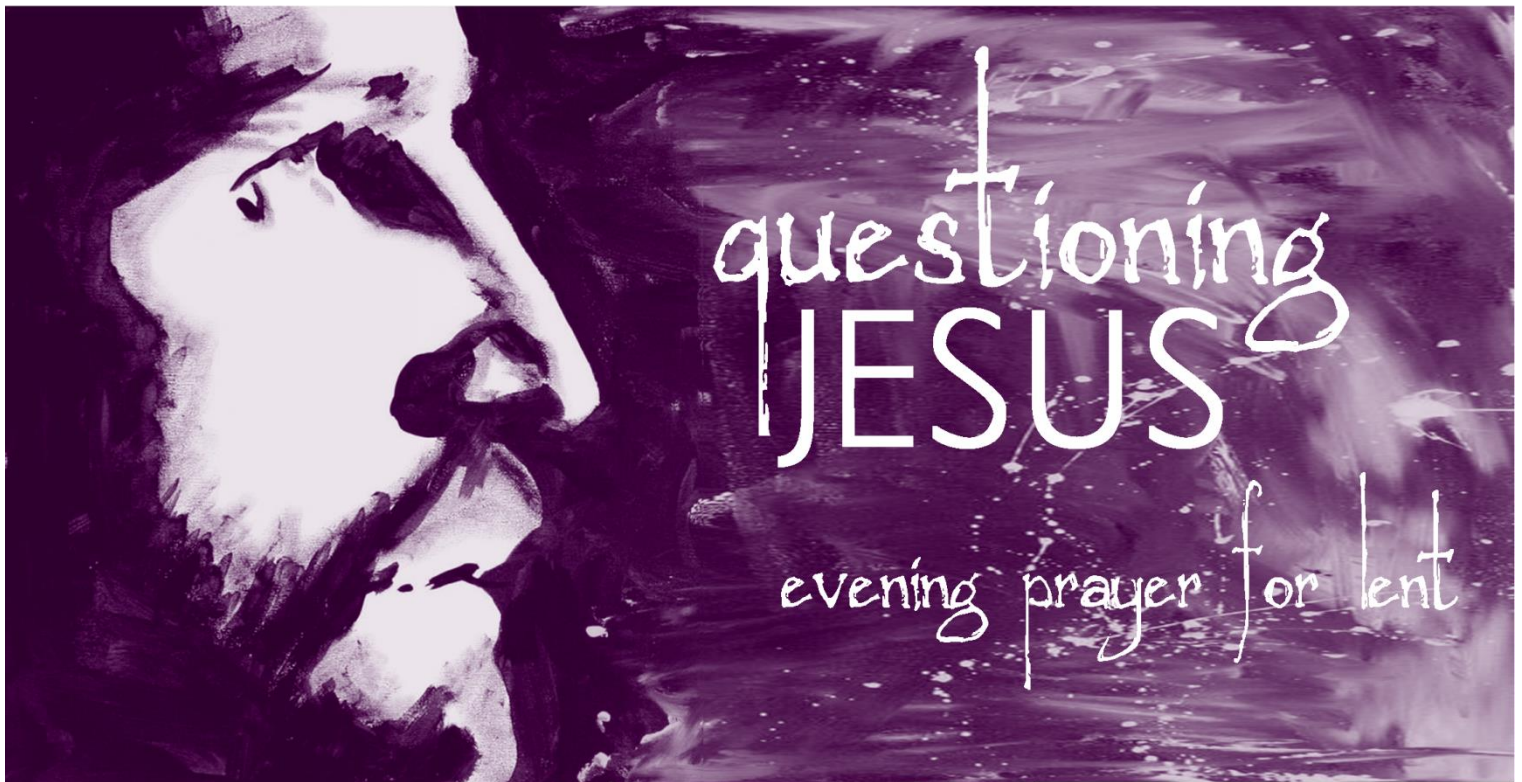
Traditional Easter Lily (2 sized) -- \$15/\$24 each

Yellow Cala Lily -- \$22.00 each

Pink Azaleas -- \$22.00 each

CLEANING CREW SCHEDULE

March 5 - 7	TEAM 2 Lori Ruppel, Doreen Rubbert, Becky Vigstol
March 12-14	TEAM 3 Randy & Janice Henderson/Janice Roth/Bruce & Audrey Gilman
March 19-21	TEAM 4 Randy & Janice Henderson/Janice Roth/Bruce & Audrey Gilman



THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 at 7:00 pm

LENT FELLOWSHIP

We will enjoy a time of fellowship after worship on Wednesday evenings in Lent.
Please sign up to serve a snack or desert after worship on Wednesday evenings.

COINS FOR TANZANIA

Going to school in Tanzania is not easy. The primary schools are free, but to continue into secondary school, there are tests to pass and fees to pay. Students Grace of God supports cannot afford these costs. Working shoulder to shoulder, in 2020 congregations in Saint Paul and Iringa are sending 1136 students to secondary school and certificate programs. (Bwana Yesu asifiwe! Lord Jesus be praised!)

Coin and cash donations collected during Lent will be directed to support students and other special projects with our partners in Tanzania.

We will collect our "alms" (loose change) during worship on Wednesday evenings. Alms bowls are available.

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