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of the Erie Lutheran Parish



5 MARCH 2025
ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00 pm

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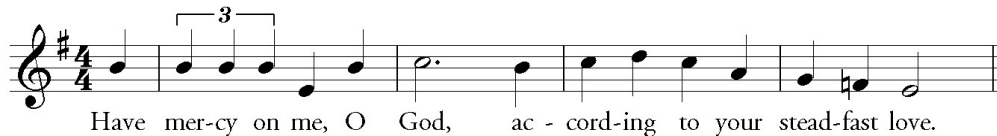
GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

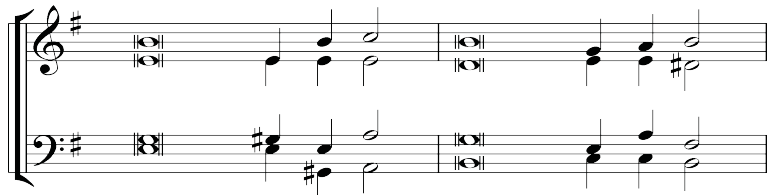
We gather in silence. Please stand as you are able as the ministers enter.

PSALM 51

Antiphon:



Tone:



¹Have mercy on me O God, ... according to your [stead]-fast love;
in your great compassion ... blot out [my] offenses.

² **Wash me through and [through from] my wickedness,
and cleanse me [from] my sin.**

³ For I [know my] offenses,
and my sin is [ever] before me.

⁴ **Against you only have I sinned ... and done what is evil [in] your sight;
so you are justified when you speak ... and [right in] your judgment.**

⁵ Indeed I was born [steeped] in wickedness,
a sinner from my [moth]-er's womb.

⁶ **Indeed you delight in truth [deep] within me,
and would have me know wisdom [deep] within. *Antiphon***

⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, ... and [I shall] be clean;
wash me and I shall be [purer] than snow.

⁸ **Let me hear [joy] and gladness;
that the body you have broken [may] rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your [face from] my sins,
and blot out [all] my wickedness.

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean [heart] O God,
and renew a right [spirit] within me.**

¹¹ Cast me not a-[way from] your presence,
and take not your Holy [Spir]-it from me.

¹² **Restore to me the joy of [your] salvation
and sustain me with your [bounti]-ful Spirit. *Antiphon***

¹³ Let me teach your [ways to] offenders,
and sinners shall be re-[stored] to you.

¹⁴ **Rescue me from bloodshed, ... O God of [my] salvation,
and my tongue shall [sing of] your righteousness.**

¹⁵ O Lord [open] my lips,
and my mouth shall pro-[claim] your praise.

¹⁶ **For you take no delight in sacrifice, ... or [I] would give it.
You are not [pleased with] burnt off 'ring.**

¹⁷ The sacrifice of God is a [troub]-led spirit;
a troubled and broken heart O God, ... you will [not] despise. *Antiphon*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ The Lord be with you.

☛ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness 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.**

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick fog! Like darkness spread upon the mountains, a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. ¹²Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ¹⁴Who knows whether the Lord will not turn and relent and leave behind a blessing, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar, let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, “Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ”

☞ The Word of the Lord.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:8-14

Lord, you are mer - ci - ful, both kind and slow to wrath.
 You have not dealt with us ac - cord - ing to our sin,
 For as the heav'ns are high a - bove the earth and sea,
 Our sins are all re - moved as far as east from west;

You will not still ac - cuse your own, nor will your an - ger last.
 nor in ac - cord with our mis - deeds has your re - pay - ment been.
 up - on all those who fear your Name, so shall your mer - cy be.
 for as the par - ent loves the child, so is your care ex - pressed.

Text: Psalm 103:8-14
 Tune: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalms of David*, 1579, alt.

SECOND READING: II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ^{6:1}As we work together with God, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For God says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors and yet are true, ⁹as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and look—we are alive, as punished and yet not killed, ¹⁰as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing everything.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly sings the acclamation. A cantor or the choir sings the verse after which all repeat the acclamation.

Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

*Return to the Lord, your God,
 who is gracious and merciful,
 slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 920

All Things of Dust to Dust Return

1 All things of dust to dust re - turn on earth and in the sky.
2 Lord, mark with dust and ash my brow so I may com-pre-hend
3 Lord, mark up - on my brow this sign: a stark and bar-ren cross

The hot - test, bright - est suns that burn in time grow dim and die.
that ev - 'ry mo - ment here and now links me to that same end
re - mind - ing me that though di - vine you know my pain and loss,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'All Things of Dust to Dust Return'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second system includes the final lines of the hymn. The music is in a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

The fish that leap, the birds that soar, the new-born young that play,
 I share with all that breathe and burn, that flare and fade and tire
 and at the touch of dust and ash a-wake my heart to view

the leaves that fill the for-est floor re-vert to dust and clay.
 yet by their wan-ing light dis-cern your own un-dy-ing fire.
 how death it-self is but a flash that dies a-way in you.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945
 Music: THIRD MODE MELODY, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585
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INVITATION TO LENT

- ☐ Friends in Christ,.....Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The presiding minister leads the Great Confession.

- ☐ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

- ☐ Most holy and merciful God,

☑ **we confess to you and to one another,
 and before the whole company of heaven,
 that we have sinned by our fault,
 by our own fault,
 by our own most grievous fault,
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

- ☐ We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

☑ **Have mercy on us, O God.**

- ☐ We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

☑ **Have mercy on us, O God.**

- ☐ Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

☑ **Have mercy on us, O God.**

- P** Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Our neglect of human need and suffering, our active and passive participation in racism, nationalism, classism, sexism, heterosexism, ableism, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.
- C** **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P** Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.
- C** **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

- P** Almighty God,...through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Those who desire to receive ashes may come forward by the center aisle to receive them, returning by the side aisles. The Presiding Minister marks the forehead of each person with a cross of ash, saying: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. After those who desire ashes have received them, all may kneel or sit, and the minister continues.

SONG DURING THE IMPOSITION

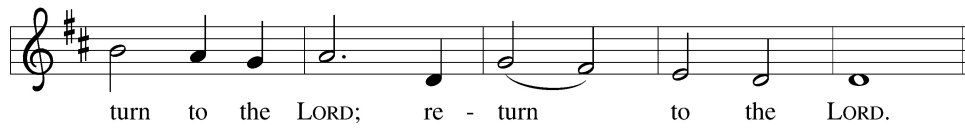
MSB1 435

The cantor introduces the refrain and the congregation then echoes. The congregation joins on the refrains following the verses; and then as needed the refrain is repeated.

Come, Let Us Return

Refrain

Come, let us re - turn, re - turn to the LORD, for it is
 God who has torn us, and God will heal the
 tear; for it is God who has struck us, and
 God will bind us up. Come, let us re - turn, re -



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Music: Mark Mummert
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After two days God revives us, on the third will raise us up,
that we may stand before the Lord and live in God's sight. *Refrain*

Let us come to know the Lord, whose appearing is sure as the dawn;
who will come to us like showers as the spring rains that water the earth. *Refrain.*

After those who desire ashes have received them, all may kneel or sit, and the minister continues.

- P** Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
- C** **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**
- P** By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
- C** **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

- P** Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
- C** **Amen.**

Please remain kneeling or sitting for the Prayers of Intercession.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Trusting in the promises of baptism, the mercy and grace of God, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.
- A** Let us pray for the Church; for deacons, pastors, and bishops; for all the faithful.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for the Church of Jesus Christ in every place.
- A** Let us pray for God's good creation; for the changing of the seasons; for the promises of spring; for shelter from harsh weather; and for all who work for clean water and fresh air for all.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for the needs of creation.
- A** Let us pray for the nations; for those who rule, govern, and lead; and all places that know war and strife.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for the nations of the world.
- A** Let us pray for those in need; the underhoused and underemployed; the sick; those who bear another's burdens; those who will die today.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for the sick, suffering, and those in need.
- A** Let us pray for those preparing for baptism; for those who seek after the mysteries of God; those who prepare for ministry in the Church.
Here you may pray silently or aloud for those in their catechetical journeys.
- A** Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who have gone before in the way of the cross; those whose faith inspires our own; those whose faith was known only to God.
Here you may give thanks silently or aloud for our beloved dead.
- A** Keep us, O God, in the promises of baptism until we come to the Feast around the Lamb in whose mercy and grace we trust.
- C** **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with Jesus Christ.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

WOV 732

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739, arr. Harold W. Gilbert

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

P He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

P He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,

*taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*In the same way 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.*

P Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

P Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; + fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P *Lord, remember us in your sovereignty and teach us to pray:*

C Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



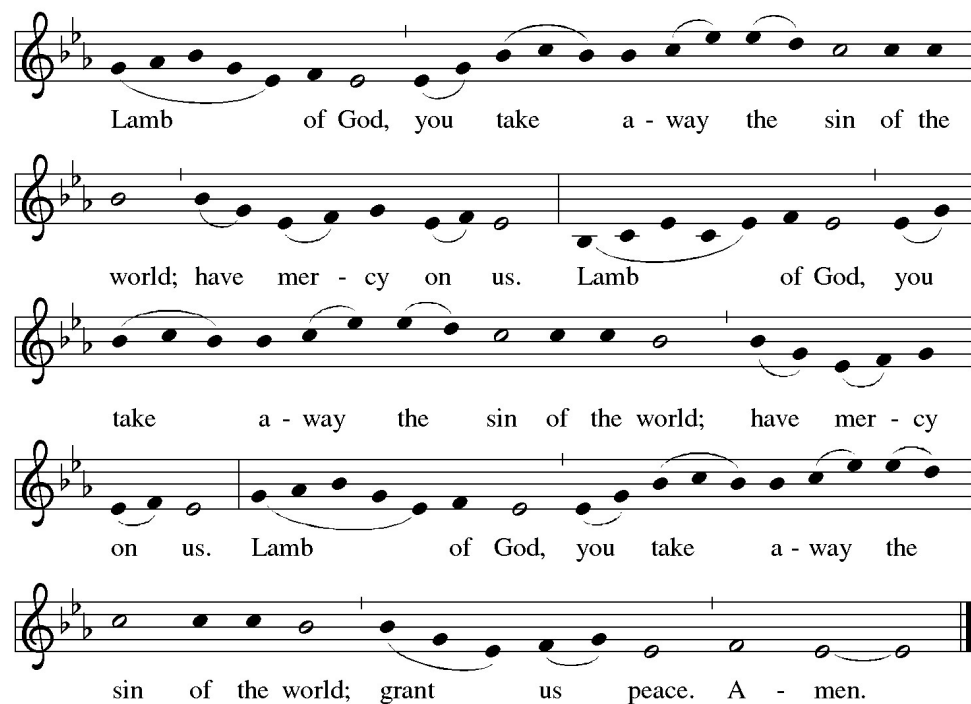
Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ Here is the Lamb of God. Here is the one who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are we who are called to Christ's supper.
- ☑ **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**
- ☐ Those communing at home: take, eat, drink: the body and blood of Christ for you.

The congregation is seated.

AGNUS DEI



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. A - men.

COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.

Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.

White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.

Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.

As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.

*All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine,
please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

LBW 296

Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul of
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es, heal - ing

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
of the mind, yea, all I need in thee to find,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Out of the Depths I Cry to You



1 Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me call - ing.
 2 All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with fa - vor.
 3 In you a - lone, O God, we hope, and not in our own mer - it.
 4 My soul is wait - ing for you, Lord, as one who longs for morn - ing;



In - cline your ear to my dis - tress in spite of my re - bel - ling.
 All our good works are done in vain with - out our Lord and Sav - ior.
 We rest our fears in your good Word and trust your Ho - ly Spir - it.
 no watch - er waits with great - er hope than I for your re - turn - ing.



Do not re - gard my sin - ful deeds. Send me the grace
 We praise you for the gift of faith; you save us from
 Your prom - ise keeps us strong and sure; we trust the cross,
 I hope as Is - rael in the Lord, who sends re - demp -



my spir - it needs; with - out it I am noth - ing.
 the grip of death; our lives are in your keep - ing.
 your sig - na - ture, in - scribed up - on our tem - ples.
 tion through the Word. Praise God for grace and mer - cy!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite
 Music: AUS TIEFER NOT, attr. Martin Luther
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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful God, 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 lift 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.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P ...now and forever.

C Amen.

Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847
 Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

DISMISSAL

A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

We depart in silence.

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COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Jeanne Gaber

VIDEO STREAMING – Christy Adams



Thank You for gathering here in worship today. We hope you will experience personal enrichment and spiritual growth through your participation in our weekly Lenten series.

READINGS AND COMMEMORATIONS

March 6 – Psalm 91:1-2, 6-16; Exodus 5:10-23; Acts 7:30-34

March 7 – Perpetua, Felicitas, and companions, martyrs at Carthage, 202 – Psalm 124; Hebrews 10:32-39; Matthew 24:9-14 -- *Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.*

March 8 – Psalm 91:1-13, 9-16; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 12:27-36

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship services will be held at 8:15am in Faith Chapel and 10:30am in the main church.

Second Sunday Soirée will gather for fellowship and conversation at 9:15am in the parlor.

Adult Forum will meet at 9:15am in the library.

Sunday School for PreK – grade 5 will meet at 9:30am.