

We1 come



Sunday 8:00 am Service
March 30, 2025
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Nobody Knows

arr. G. Blake

WELCOME

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

We oppress others,

even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

Transform our lives

and guide us again in the way of the cross.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Our Father, We Have Wandered*
ELW 606

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Sharing of the Word

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

May this Word of the Lord help you know Jesus and make Jesus known.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM – read responsively

Psalm 32

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,**

and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;**

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;**

I will guide you with my eye.

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

May this Word of the Lord help you know Jesus and make Jesus known.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

May this Gospel of the Lord help you know Jesus and make Jesus known.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME

MESSAGE

Pastor Kevin

Silence for reflection follows the message.

The assembly stands.

APOSTLES’ CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the Apostles’ creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.

**God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.**

*Response at the conclusion of the prayers of intercession: **Amen***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

The assembly is seated.

Sharing of the Meal

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS - at this time,
please take a moment, if you feel called and are able, to
make a financial contribution to the ministry of Zion.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lead Me Back* Pepper Choplin

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Where True Charity and Love Abide

The musical score is written for a single voice part, using a soprano clef (C1) and a bass clef (C2). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano clef, with some notes in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide, God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there." The score includes a triplet of eighth notes in the second system.

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Music: TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

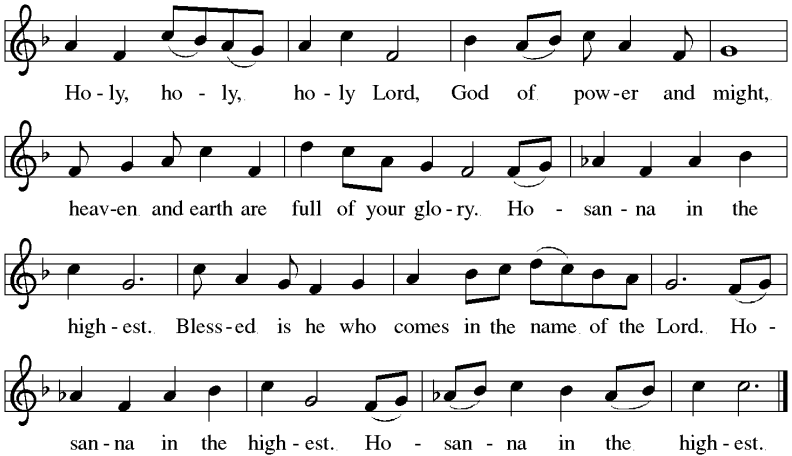
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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:



The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God,
our living Water and our merciful Guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,
who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
wash away our sin,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

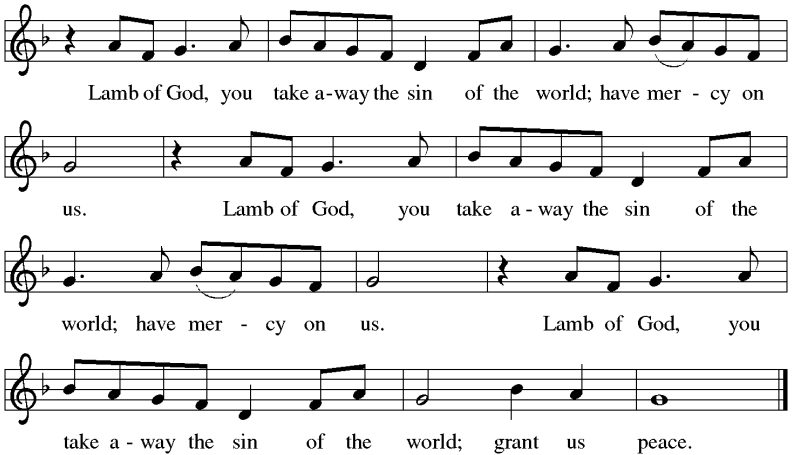
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who believe in Jesus are welcome to commune. Should you prefer a gluten free wafer, please indicate this to the pastor.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Give Me Jesus* Traditional Spiritual

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending Out

GOD MOMENTS

ZEST FOR ZION

BLESSING

The assembly stands.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* ELW 608

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace

arr. Victor Labenske

Welcome To Worship

- If you are a guest, please fill out the Connect Card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.
- children activity bags are available from the tree stands in the narthex.
- *Today we welcome Karl Mincemoyer as our guest organist. We thank him for sharing his musical talents with us and helping to lead us in worship.*

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by

- Trevor and Megan Hoffman Family in memory of Megan's father, Richard Beyer.
- Marty and Bob Kline in honor of their great-grandson Wesley Graver's 7th birthday on March 23rd

Thank you for being the hands and feet of the church especially to those serving this weekend ...

Greeter is Clint Roderick, III

Usher is Daun Metzler

Assisting Minister is Mike Mummert

Offering Counters for this weekend are Lori Wise, Kathy Glass and Linda Doyle

Prayer List

Members

*Faye Schriver Owin Anderson Lee Wagner
^Charles and Mary Dye ^Yvonne Falkenstine
^Gina Campbell ^Rita Ware
^Lester McMackin ^Brenda Hilty ^Ruth Fishel
^Dolly Hoover

Family & Friends

*^Joanne Leib Parker Laird Gary Caboot Vestine McCandless
Jeff Myers Joe Wilt Colleen Lavin Virginia Lorbin
BethAnn LaManna Liam Henretty Joye Jacobson Gale Shaw
Tom Royer ^Steve Leung ^Irelyn Sprenkle ^Reed Phillips
^J J ^Roland Mechler ^Lucas Haney ^James Spang
^Connie Hamilton ^Stephanie Beyer ^Dave McNeil
^Joan Turko ^Doug Barbour ^Phyllis Schafer ^Dick Crock
^Duane Rawson ^Janie Bloom ^Kim Staub

Grieving

*Family and Friends of Norma Woerner
Family and Friends of Mary Smith

Refugees

Afghanistan Families
Sudan Family

Military

^Matthew Brandstedter ^Alec Peckmann

Missionary

^Chad Stout ^Hannah Cunningham

Prayer requests will remain on the list for four (4) weeks.

Long term will remain for a year.

A new prayer request card may be submitted thereafter.

** New Request and ^ Long Term*