

Wel come



Sunday 8:00 am Service

March 23, 2025

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PRELUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
African American Spiritual, arr. Anna Laura Page
Bells of Brandywine

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

As Rain from the Clouds ELW 508

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.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled
world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.
Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your
saving love to fruition in our lives, 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM – read responsively

Psalm 63:1-8

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴ **So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶ **when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷ For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸ **My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 13th 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.



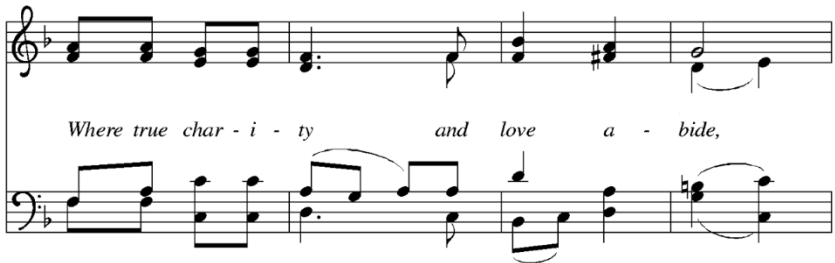
OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Savior, More Than Life to Me*

arr. Stan Pethel

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Where True Charity and Love Abide



Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

The image shows a musical score for a single voice. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, starting with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and Bb4, then a quarter note C5, and a quarter note Bb4. There is a fermata over the Bb4 note. The melody continues with quarter notes A4 and G4, then a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. There is a fermata over the E4 note. The melody concludes with a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The bass staff provides accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics 'God is dwell - ing there;' are written below the treble staff, and 'God is dwell - ing there.' is written below the bass staff.

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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.

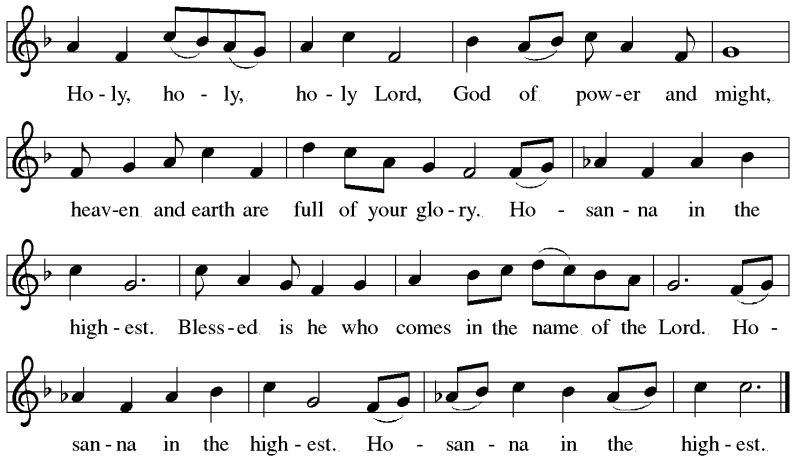
Amen.

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:



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:

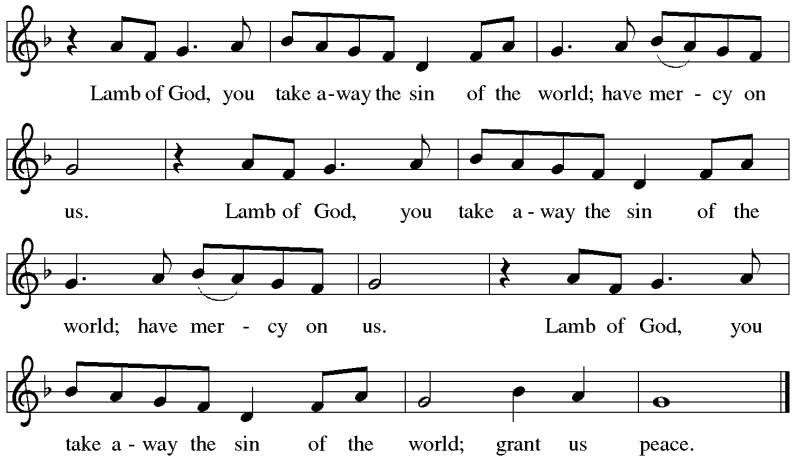
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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, arr. Mary McDonald

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 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* ELW 588
(using tune #712)

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Martyrdom"* arr. Craig A. Penfield

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.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by

- Terri and Al Abruzzese in honor of their son Eric's 35th birthday.
- Suz Smith wishing her mother Dorothy M. Smith a heavenly birthday

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

Ushers are Rick and Karen Marshall

Assisting Minister is Dave Portner

Offering Counters for this weekend are Lori Heathcote and Greg Wolf

Prayer List

March 22 and 23, 2025

Members

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

Family & Friends

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

Grieving

Family and Friends of Mary Smith
Family and Friends of Elwood “Woody” Walker
Family and Friends of Kevin Engleman

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*