



March 18, 2018

Welcome to all! Our mission at ILC: To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we gather and worship, grow in the Word, and serve God by serving people.

A special welcome to guests and visitors! May our time together be a blessing to you.

Information for Visitors ...

Coffee & Fellowship is available in the Lower Narthex each Sunday between services.

A Nursery is available from 8:30am-12:00pm for children through age 4. It is located in the hallway just outside the Narthex.

Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

Elevator is located through the basement and the ushers' room in the sanctuary.

Sunday School is at 9:45am and all ages are welcome. Adult classes meet in the Conference Room, Parlor and Cry Room.

Red Worship Attendance pads are passed during the offering. Please take a moment to register your attendance. Visitors, please let us know if we can be of service to you.

Regular Worship Times: 7:45 & 11:00am – Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45am – Contemporary Worship (Parish Hall)

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness.

At 7:45 service you will be ushered forward to kneel at the railing. Please dispose of the cup in the pedestal baskets located on either side.

At 8:45 & 11:00 service you will commune by intinction, meaning you may dip the wafer in either the wine or grape juice or drink from the common cup.

Gluten-free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.

Please Turn Off All Cell Phones & Pagers
Thank You!!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK (11:00)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN: “*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*” ELW 712

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.

LWR Litany for School & Personal Kits, Quilts, Tie Blankets & Prayer Shawls

P: The eyes of all look to you. O God,

C: And you give them their food in due season.

P: You open your hand,

C: Satisfying the desire of every living thing.

P: Anywhere your children suffer from heat and cold,

C: Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.

P: Where life is war-torn and brims with strife and stress,

C: Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.

P: In lands parched with drought and abounding in hunger,

C: Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.

P: Where the earth is broken with quakes or wrecked with wind and wave,

C: Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.

P: Where poverty is a prison and survival fills the daily hours,

C: Their eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.

P: Here too, where lives are filled with bounty,

C: Our eyes, dear God, are lifted to you.

P: You open your hand,

C: Satisfying the desire of every living thing.

P: You open your hand and tie tops of quilts for relief from sun and shield against the cold,

C: God, take our hands in yours.

P: You open your hand and coins clatter buying toothbrushes for lives lived happier in health,

C: God, take our hands in yours.

P: You open your hand bundling fabric for people to learn the skills of a tailor,

C: God, take our hands in yours.

P: You open your hand and gather pencils, pens and tools for a child's learning,

C: God, take our hands in yours.

P: You open your hand to sew blankets baby-sized for wrapping little ones in warmth and love,

C: God, take your hands in yours.

P: As this is the season of their need, Lord God,

C: By grace it's the season due for our serving.

P: Bless these quilts/kits, gracious God, as you have blessed our eyes, our hands and our hearts in their making.

C: And bless those who received them with life secure, sustainable and beloved. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 119:9-16 (read responsively)

- ⁹How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
¹⁰**With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.**
¹¹I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.
¹²**Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.**
¹³With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.
¹⁴**I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.**
¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.
¹⁶**I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

Second Reading Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

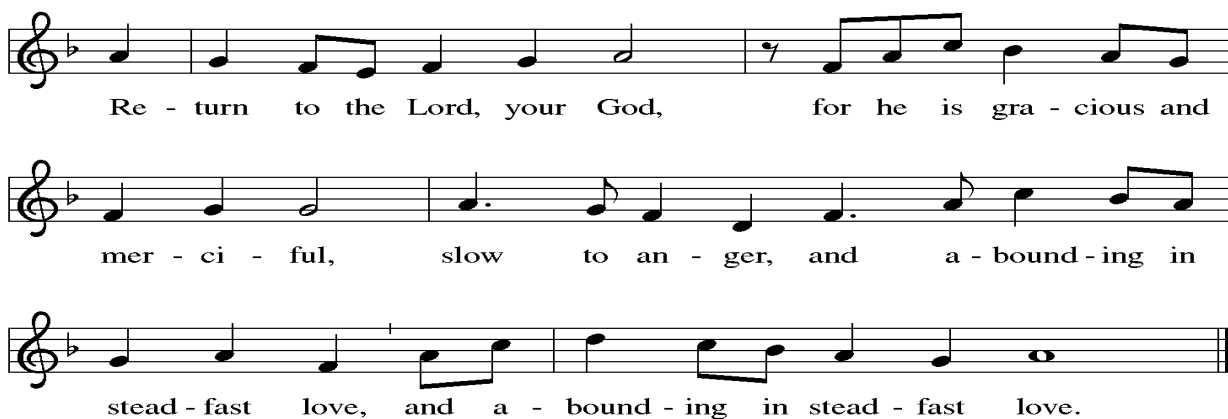
⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00)

VERSE



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.

P: The holy gospel according to John the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "As the Sun with Longer Journey"

ELW 329

APOSTLE'S 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.

The Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

PEACE

CHOIR "Seed That in Earth Is Dying" (11:00)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

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 to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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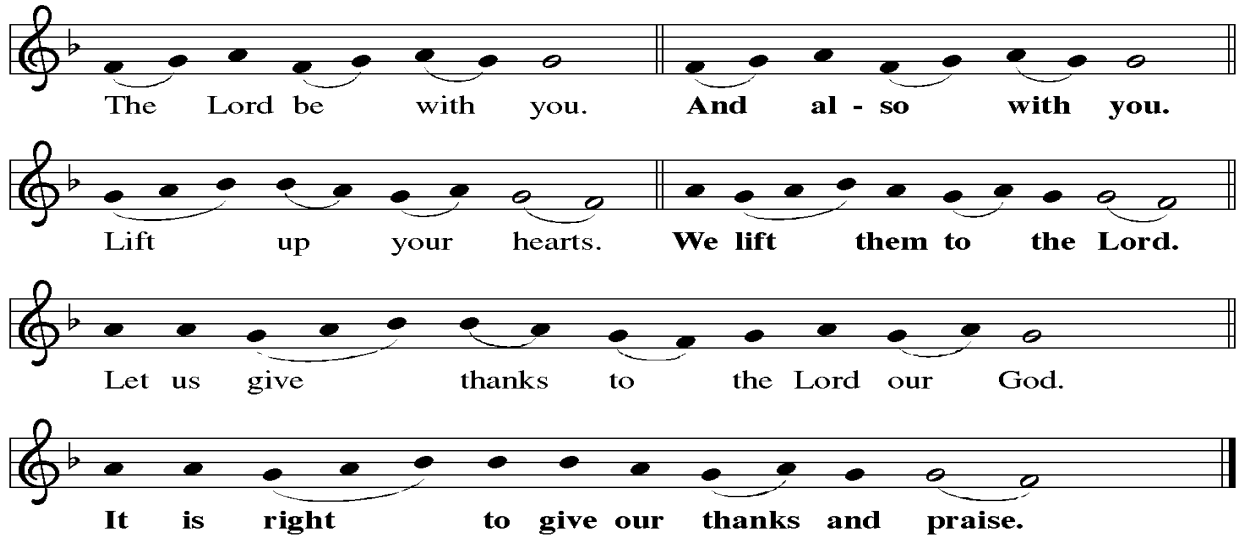
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray,

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



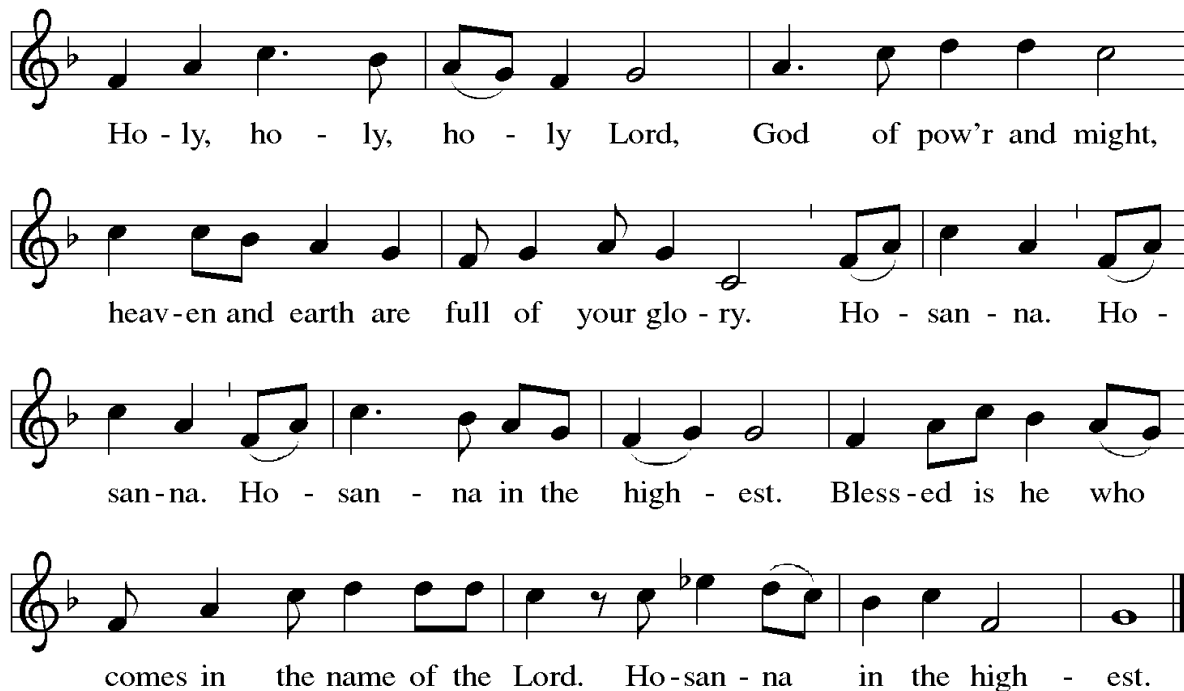
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

PREFACE



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

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.

Hymns during Communion

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

ELW 773

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

ELW 808

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

ELW 697

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love O Lord, and unite the wills of those you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

TEMPLE TALK (7:45)

BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN *“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”* **ELW 771**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



Mission Statement

To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we gather and worship, grow in the Word, and serve God by serving people.

GATHER and Worship

Please pray for these ILC members:

Norman Weiss	Elois Sakewitz	Marie Davis	Max Kuempel
Mildred Huebel	Ellie Diemicke	LaDell Freudenberg	Hal Kuempel
Billie Becker	Dorothy Plattow	Trilba Eschberger	Gladys Pfluger
C.J. King			

Please also pray for these friends & extended family members:

Thomas O'scier	Seth Munk	Rodney Reed	Mike Emken
Judy Emken	Camryn Adkison	Calen Stewart	Diane Miller
Mickey Elsner	Katie Swarts	Randall Foley	Evangeline Neese
Sandy Bailey	Ben Grumbine	Brianna Bonnet	Mathilda Machicek
Hazel Byrd	Matthew Sachs	Evelyn Wuensche	Bobbie Guzman
Cristal Jaimes	Vince Pendergast	Marie Moore	Raymond Lee
Rev. Mark & Sharon Gruebmeier		Larry Schulze	Gail McCollough

This Week's Gatherings:

Today	Domino Group – Narthex	2:00pm
	Bonfire for 6 th -12 th graders @ Mueller's Home	5:00-7:00pm
Mon.	Men's BB	8:00pm
Tues.	UP – Parish Hall	9:00am-3:00pm
	Church Council – Conference Room	7:00pm
Wed.	Men's Breakfast	6:30am
	Quilters	8:30am
	UP – Parish Hall	9:00am-3:00pm
	Lenten Services – Chapel & Sanctuary	10:00am & 6:30pm
	Soup & Sandwich Supper – Parish Hall	5:15pm
	1 st Communion – Basement	5:45pm
	Adult Choir	7:15pm
Thurs.	UP – Parish Hall	9:00am-3:00pm
Sun.	Traditional Worship Service – Chapel & Sanctuary	7:45 & 11:00am
	Contemporary Worship Service – Parish Hall	8:45am
	Sunday School for all ages	9:45am
	Handbell Rehearsal	9:45am
	Easter Egg Hunt @ Kuempel's Farm - immediately after late service	

Backpack Ministry provides a small bag of food for at-need elementary school kids at Ruth Barron Elementary School each Friday. Please prayerfully consider donating any of the following items: single serve mac and cheese; canned chicken noodle soup; instant oatmeal packets or cups; fruit cups, individual servings; ramen cups; peanut butter crackers; popcorn, individual bags; granola bars; fruit snacks; goldfish crackers; shelf-stable milk (8 oz. boxes, any flavor).

Our Wednesday mid-week Lenten services continue at 10:00am in the Chapel and at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This will be our last Soup and sandwich Supper served in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:15 p.m.

Our Lenten Theme this year is “Thy Will Be Done.” Each week, biblical characters will guide us in following our Lord more nearly day by day. Here are the weekly themes and the cast of characters:

Week 5, “God’s Will and My Response: Lydia.” Luke 24:44-49a; Jude 1:20,21,24,25

Holy Week and Easter Schedule!!

Maundy Thursday – March 29th – Worship/Communion 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel
Worship/First Communion 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary/Chapel

Good Friday – March 30th – Worship Service 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel
Tennebrae Service at 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary/Chapel

“Walk to Calvary” – 12:00pm – Starts at United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday – April 1st

Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. (outside weather permitting)
Easter Breakfast served by Youth 8:00 a.m. (Parish Hall)
Family Worship Service 9:30 a.m. (Parish Hall)
Worship/Communion 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary/Chapel)

Women’s Spring Retreat: This invitation is for ALL the women of ILC to attend this year’s Spring Retreat. We are taking a chartered bus to tour the Painted Churches of Texas in Schulenberg on April 28th. We have 30 seats available and the total cost is \$25 per person plus your meal. For more information or to get your name on the list, please contact Susan at susan@ilcpville.org by Sunday, April 22nd.

Put aside the busyness of the world & join us on the "**Walk to Calvary**", Good Friday, Mar. 30th, at 12pm. We will start at the 1st United Methodist Church, walk the hike & bike trail to ILC pausing for scripture & prayer while reflecting on Christ's final journey to the cross. You may carry a large wooden cross for a short distance if you wish. Refreshments/fellowship follow at ILC. Sign-up in the narthex if you can help with the food.

Church Easter Egg Hunt: Make plans to join us on Palm Sunday, March 25th at the Kuempel Farm, 17409 Cameron Rd. following the late service for a delicious bbq'd chicken meal and Easter egg hunt. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert and a dozen filled plastic eggs. Tea and lemonade will be provided. Bring your friends and neighbors. You don't want to miss out on this great Immanuel tradition **for all ages**.

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance: Early: 43 – Middle: 55 – Late: 107

Last Sunday's Sunday School Attendance: Children/Youth: N/A – Adults: N/A

Serving Today Mar 18th

Organists: Joy Arnhamn and Vernagene Mott

Choir Director: Renee Kesselring

Acolytes: Reese Krause & Haidyn Damstrom (7:45)
Alyssa Motloch & Marah Kluge (11:00)

Mar. Elders: Kelly Knobloch(early) Carol Fletcher(middle) Melissa Malinowski(late)

Readers: Annyce Bohls (7:45) Carol Fletcher (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Communion Assts: Annyce Bohls (7:45) Carol & Clint Fletcher, Bob & Vicki Lovett (8:45) Grace Lin, **1 needed** (11:00)

Chapel Assts. Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley (7:45) J.B. Marshall (11:00)

Ushers: **4 needed** (7:45) Clint & Carol Fletcher, Bob & Vicki Lovett (8:45)
4 needed (11:00)

Children's Message: Jennifer Hoffman (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)

Console/Projectionist: Matthew Krieg (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) David Gifford (11:00)

Middle Service Communion Host: Elizabeth Arndt

Coffee Maker: Kristin Adix

Altar Guild: Candy, Mike & Lori Hansen

Serving Wednesday Mar 21st @ 6:30pm:

Acolytes: Rex Kuempel

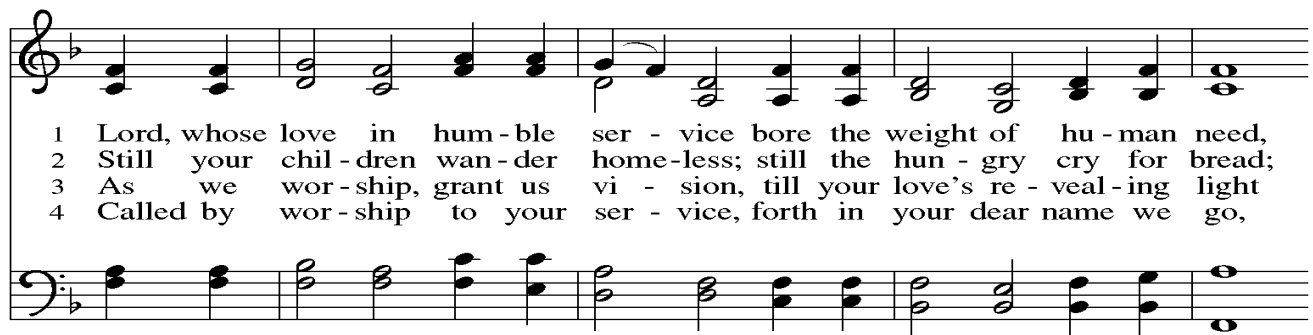
Ushers: Barbara Bohls, Carol & Clint Fletcher, **1 needed**

Console Operator: Charles Kleen

Serving Next Week (Mar 25th)

Organists: Joy Arnhamn and Vernagene Mott
Choir Director: Renee Kesselring
Acolytes: Jacqueline & Catherine Kruse (7:45)
Ava Owen & Emerson Perisho (11:00)
Mar. Elders: Kelly Knobloch(early) Carol Fletcher(middle) Melissa Malinowski(late)
Readers: **1 needed** (7:45) Carol Fletcher (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Communion Assts: **1 needed** (7:45) Carol & Clint Fletcher, **2 needed** (8:45)
2 needed (11:00)
Chapel Assts: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley (7:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Ushers: **4 needed** (7:45) Carol & Clint Fletcher, **2 needed** (8:45)
4 needed (11:00)
Children's Message: Puppets (8:45) Melissa Malinowski (11:00)
Console/Projectionist: Brent Reeder (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)
Middle Service Communion Host: Peggy Parker
Coffee Maker: Kristin Adix
Altar Guild: Candy, Mike & Lori Hansen

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



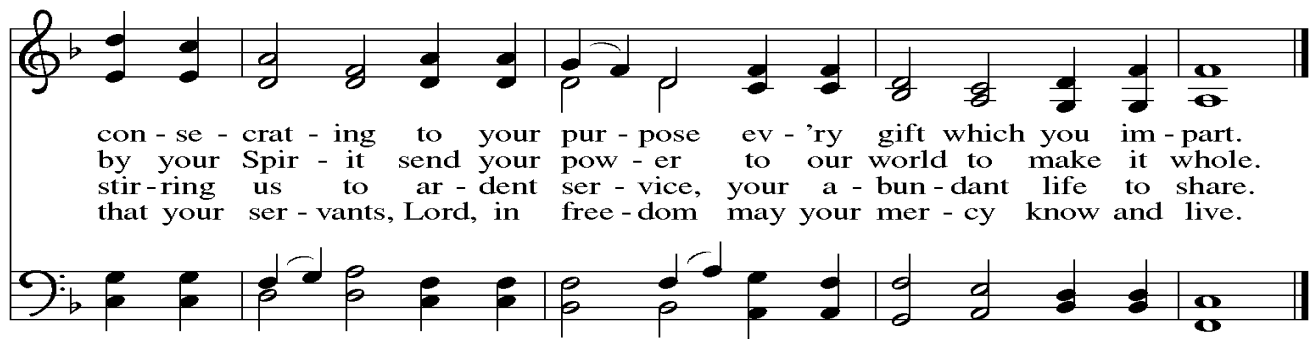
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985
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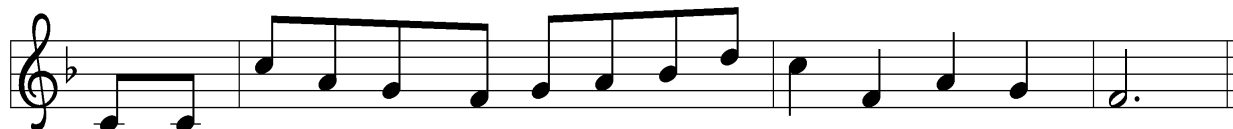
As the Sun with Longer Journey



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,
2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,
3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,
search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it— Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.
we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.
as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

Text: John Patrick Earls, OSB, b. 1935

Music: NAGEL, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

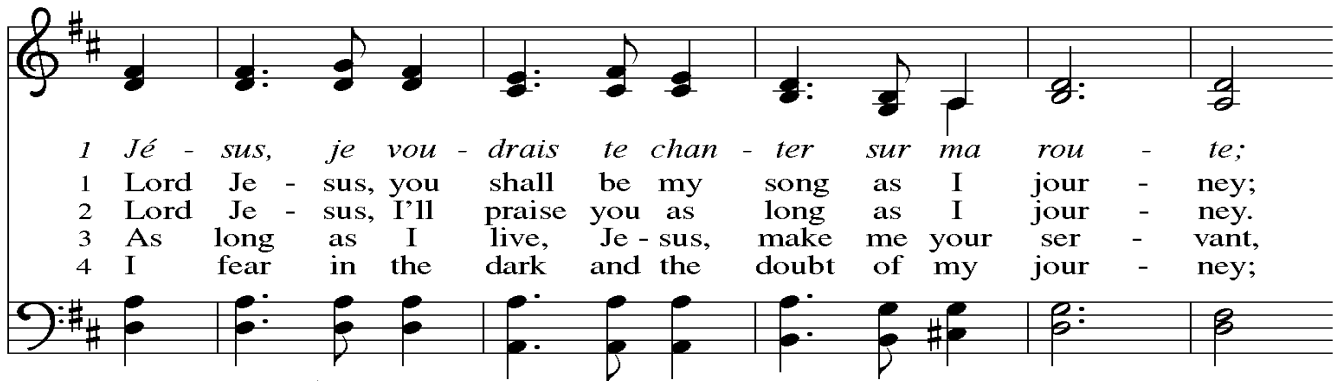
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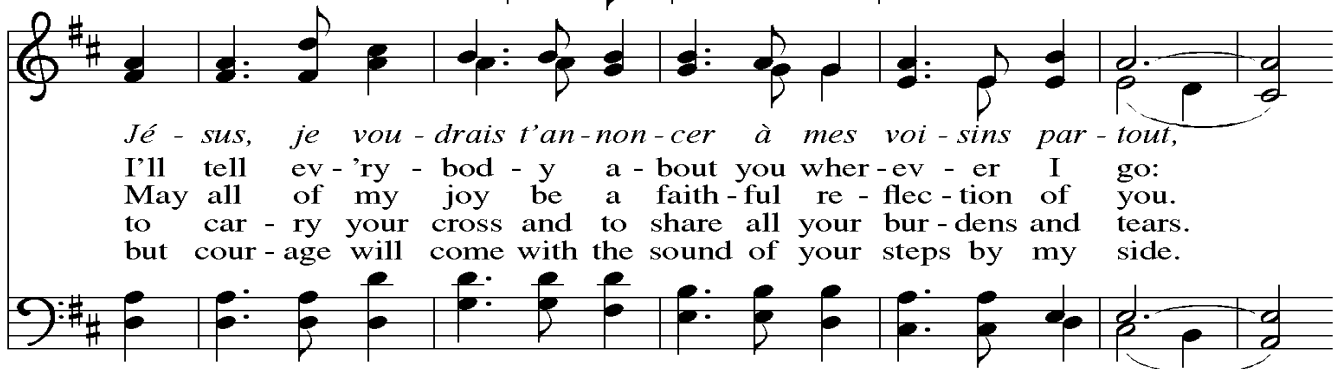
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Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Jésus, je voudrais te chanter



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 2 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 3 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 4 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931
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Just a Closer Walk with Thee



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*



Text: North American traditional
 Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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