



**First Sunday of Lent**  
**February 18, 2024**  
**8:00 am**

Pastor Matthew Groenke  
Assisting Minister – Charla Dubes  
Altar Guild – Martha Sansom  
AV Console Operator – Andy Eckert  
Greeter – James & Barbara Bohls  
Chapel Greeter – Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing  
Organist/Pianist – Vernagene Mott



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CHURCH

# All Are Welcome!

## OUR 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.*

### Worship Protocol

- ❖ Please stay home if you are sick.
- ❖ Face masks are **a choice**.
- ❖ Masks and large print bulletins are available at the entry table.
- ❖ You are encouraged to converse with each other OUTSIDE.
- ❖ Ushers will direct you to your seat.
- ❖ Worshipers in the same household may sit together.
- ❖ Communion elements are prepackaged.

After the benediction, please follow instructions for dismissal.

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## HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of communion is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness. Currently, we are offering communion at the communion rail. Pre-packaged communion supplies are still available upon request. ✚

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

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***Please silence cell phones***

## **PRELUDE**

## **BELL**

### **O How He Loves You and Me**

O How He loves you and me! O How He loves you and me!

He gave His life what more could he give?

O how He loves you; O How He loves me; O How he loves you and me!

Jesus to Calvary did go; His love for sinners to show,

What He did there bro't hope from despair,

O how He loves you; O How He loves me; O How he loves you and me!

By Kurt Kaiser WORD music 1975

## **WELCOME**

### **OPENING HYMN**

### **Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**ELW 802**

Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
follow his example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us  
and to sin our spirits lure.

Onward in his footsteps treading,  
trav'lers here, our home above,  
full of faith and hope and love,  
let us do our Savior's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus,  
and with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
where he is there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
we shall reap celestial joy:  
all discomforts that annoy  
shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe;  
help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death he conquered death,  
he will free us from destruction,  
give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion

that would lead us into sin;  
and the grave that shuts us in  
shall but prove the gate of heaven.  
Jesus, here with you I die,  
there to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
that to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, you are now our head,  
we are your own living members;  
where you live, there we shall be  
in your presence constantly,  
living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be;  
life eternal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt. Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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.***

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**We confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## KYRIE

ELW pg. 156

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,  
in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn.

We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word;  
ev'ry person lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.

Light of life beyond conceiving,  
mighty Spirit of our Lord;  
give new strength to our believing,  
give us faith to live your word.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

### Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the

covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **RESPONSIVE READING      Psalm 25: 1-10**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## **SECOND READING      1 Peter 3:18-22**

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the

resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

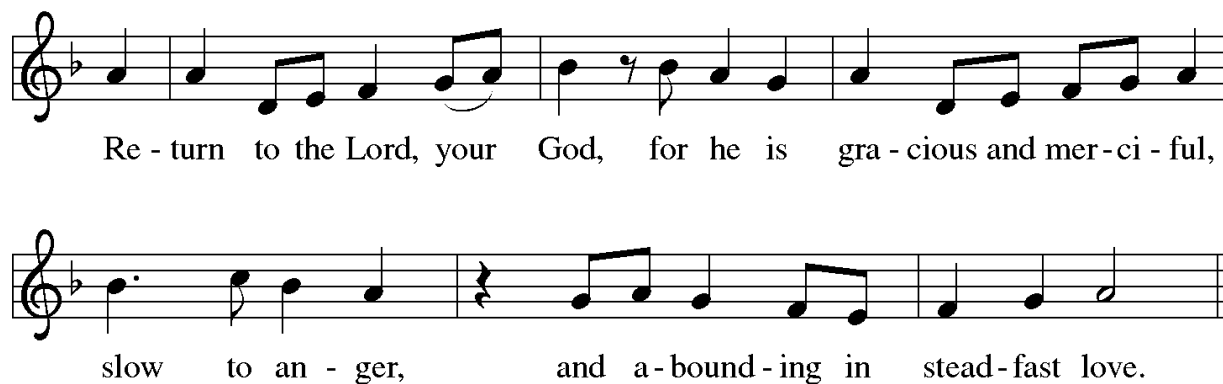
The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**BOTTOM ELW pg. 151**



The holy gospel according to Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

## GOSPEL

### Mark 1:9-15

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON



## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW 517

Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to naught all he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your holy church, that we  
may sing your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

## 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 THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.  
Your mercy is great.

## OFFERING

Ways to digitally give:

**Text:** "ILC" to 73256 + Amount    **OR**    **Realm App or website:** info in bulletins

## SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

## OFFERTORY HYMN

### Our Father, God in Heaven Above

ELW 747

*VS 1, 2, 5, 7, 9 sung to tune ELW 812*

Our Father, God in heav'n above,  
pour out on us the Spirit's love

that we unite in word and deed  
and call to you in ev'ry need;  
help us no thoughtless words to say,  
but, as our Savior taught, to pray.

Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord,  
in faithfulness to keep your word,  
that to the glory of your name  
we walk before you free from blame.  
Let no false teaching make us stray;  
lead all the lost to find your way.

Give us today our daily bread;  
let ev'ryone be clothed and fed;  
in plague and famine, war and strife,  
preserve from all that threatens life;  
that all the world may live in peace,  
that greed be gone and love increase.

In time of trial, rescue us.  
Let your word give success to us  
when, on our left and on our right,  
temptations challenge us to fight.  
Your Spirit be the armor strong  
that steels our faith to right the wrong.

Amen. Yes, yes, it shall be so!  
Build up our faith and make it grow;  
beset by doubt, help us believe  
what here we ask we shall receive.  
So, by your promise, in your name,  
with loud Amen your Yes we claim!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version Text © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

## OFFERING PRAYER

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.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 129

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**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE 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.***

## COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD YOUR ONLY SON

ELW 336

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
Sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty  
Sod and to become the lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of  
God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the  
Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified, We laughed and scorned him as  
he died. The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the  
Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of  
God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the  
Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958 Music: Twila Paris ©1985 Straightway Music/Mountain Spring Music

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### Precious Lord Take My Hand

**ELW 773**

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows dear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A Dorsey, 1899-1993 Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

### Eat This Bread

**ELW 472**

"Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst."

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come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst."

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### Lord Jesus, Think on Me

ELW 599

*Vs 1-3*

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin;  
from selfish passions set me free  
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
by anxious thoughts oppressed;  
let me your loving servant be  
and taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point out your chosen way.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.

## GOOD NEWS

### Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Next Week's Volunteer:

Assisting Minister – Jean Gifford  
Altar Guild – Sherri Hoefling

Greeters – James & Barbara Bohls  
Chapel Greeter – Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Traditional Worship 8:00 am,  
Sanctuary

ALL Ages Sunday School 9:15  
am

Contemporary Service 10:30  
am, Parish Hall

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

Parish Ed Meeting, 11:30a in  
the Conference Room

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month  
Food Pantry Distribution,  
12-2p

### MONDAY

Youth, 6p Youth Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month  
Justice Ministry, 7p Zoom

### TUESDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
Elizabeth Circle, 2p Gather  
Room

Rebecca Circle, 10a  
Grow Room

Mary Circle, 10a Parlor

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
Stewardship Committee, 5p  
Gather Room/Zoom  
ILDS Board Meeting 6:10 p,  
Conference Room  
Music & Worship Meeting 7p  
Long Range Committee  
Meeting, 7p

### WEDNESDAY

Sotaria, 7p Parish Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
Tired and Retired, 11:30a  
Parish Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
Men's Breakfast, 6:30a  
Parish Hall  
Quilters, 8:30a WELCA Room

### THURSDAY

Bible Study with Pastor  
Matthew, 11a Gather Room &  
4:45p via Zoom

### SATURDAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9a  
Gather Room

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDNESDAY LENT MEALS

Join us every Wednesday in Lent Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup> for Soup & Sandwich meals at 5 pm in the Parish Hall.

### WEDNESDAY LENT SERVICES

Join us every Wednesday in Lent Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup> at either 10:00 AM in the Chapel or at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

### FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION TODAY

Food Pantry Distribution today 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Little House.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us at 6:30 AM in the Parish Hall for Fellowship and Breakfast!

### JUSTICE MINISTRY

7:00 pm on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom. Please join as we determine new ways to serve in response to God's love to meet human needs. Contact Elizabeth Arndt at [earndt0@gmail.com](mailto:earndt0@gmail.com) for more information.

### SENIOR APPRECIATION DINNER

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Please sign up to attend: We're working on a pictorial presentation to be viewed at the dinner. Please submit a photograph of yourself as a child, teenager, or young adult. Hard-copy photographs will be returned to you. Be sure to put your name and the date on the back! You can also email pictures to Jessica, be sure to include name and date to go with each photo.

### 150<sup>TH</sup> LUNCHEON TICKETS SALES

Ticket sales start March 1<sup>st</sup> via the Church Office.

## We Lift These Names Up In Prayer

*Sandra Noton, Virginia Weiss, Wilbert & Billie Becker, Judy Tawater, Betty Wolf, Gail Hammett, LaVerne Scott, Betty Wicklund, Hal Kuempel, Gloria Allmon, Marie Davis, Nathzele Pfluger, Robert Boehm, Mary Hufstedler, Linda Lane, Catharine Klein, John Estes, Brenda Hagn, Karen Livingston, Brian Kleen, Robin Rankin, Derek James, Merle Weiss, Daniel Terrell, Elizabeth Miller, Randa Nowotny, Parker McCollough*