

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024
8:00 am

Pastor Matthew Groenke
Assisting Minister – Steve Barczi
Altar Guild – The Hansen Family
AV Console Operator – Andy Eckert
Greeter – NEEDED
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

Our Father, We Have Wandered

ELW 606

Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.

But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.

O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.

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.

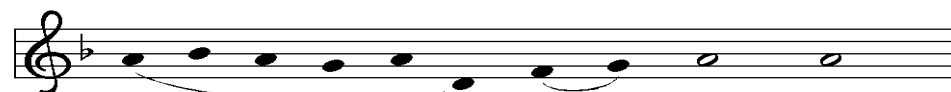
Amen.

KYRIE

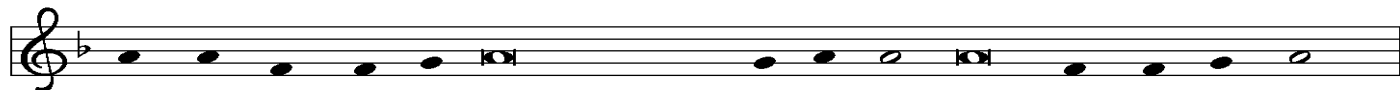
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



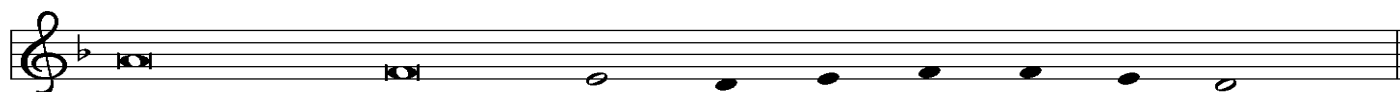
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



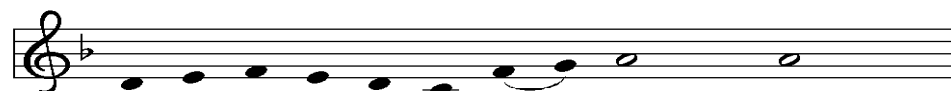
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



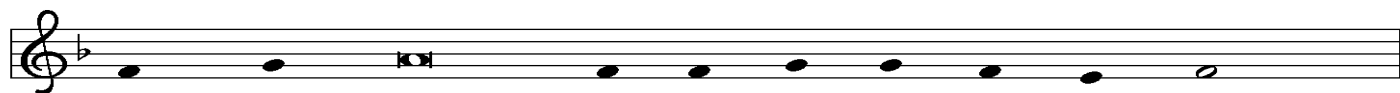
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



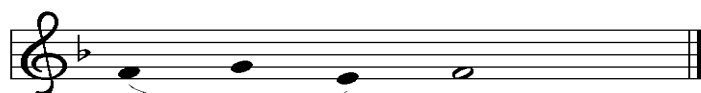
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men.

Lent 4 ending

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.

Give us eyes to see you clearly;
make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright.
as your gospel shining bright.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect 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.**

FIRST READING**Numbers 21:4-9**

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to

take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death’s door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may

boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

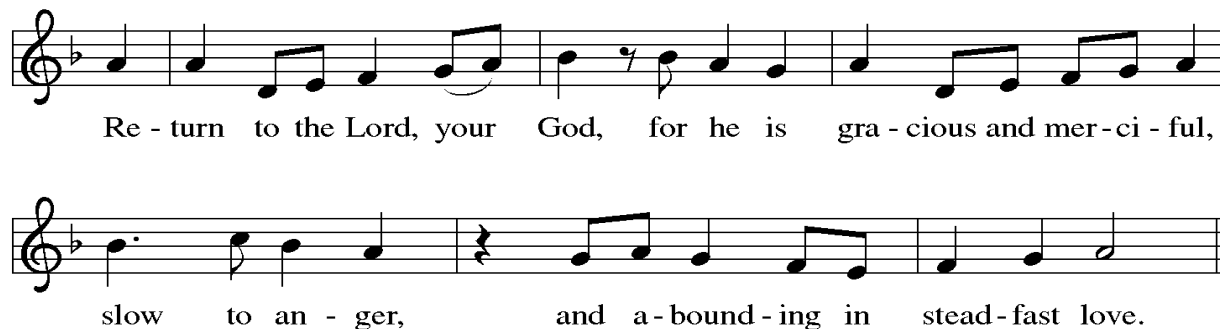
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

BOTTOM ELW pg. 151



The holy gospel according to John the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

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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:

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SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, Be Glorified

ELW 744

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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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. 161



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.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

ELW 767

Lord, take my hand and lead me
upon life's way;
direct, protect, and feed me
from day to day.

Without your grace and favor
I go astray;
so take my hand, O Savior,
and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages,
are always near.
Close by your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding,
in peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen
and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen
my steps toward home,
then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me
unto the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825-1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship* Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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

Oh, Love, How Deep

ELW 322

Vs 1, 4, 5, 6, & 7

Sung to Tune ELW 883

Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380-1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-1885, 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. Share your bread.
Thanks be to God.

Next Week's Volunteer:

Assisting Minister – Jean Gifford
Altar Guild – The Hansen Family

Greeters – NEEDED
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

1st Sunday of the Month

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

3rd Sunday of the Month

Food Pantry Distribution,
12-2p

MONDAY

Youth, 6p Youth Room

2nd Monday of the Month

Justice Ministry, 7p Zoom

TUESDAY

1st Tuesday of the Month

Elizabeth Circle, 2p Gather
Room

Rebecca Circle, 10a
Grow Room

Mary Circle, 10a Parlor

2nd 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

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Tired and Retired, 11:30a
Parish Hall

3rd 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

2nd Saturday of the Month

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9a
Gather Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY LENT MEALS AND LENT SERVICES

Join us every Wednesday in Lent Feb. 21st – March 20th at either 10:00 AM in the Chapel or at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. And for Soup & Sandwich meals at 5 pm in the Parish Hall.

150TH LUNCHEON TICKETS ARE ON SALE

Via the Church Office or on Realm. When buying multiple please include individual names for each ticket.



EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS

We are accepting donations for the Easter Egg Hunt. Plastic Eggs // Candy // Small Trinkets please look for the collection bins outside the Parish Hall or Church Offices.

SPIRIT NIGHT AT P.TERRY'S

Join us on Tuesday, March 12, 4 to 10 PM. 18801 FM 685 Pflugerville 10% of ALL sales will go to helping the Youth with NOLA!

TIRED AND RETIRED

We will meet this Wednesday, March 13, at 11:30 am for another brown bag lunch. Won't you come and bring a friend to celebrate Easter and springtime.

LWR: BABY CARE KITS

WELCA continues in March to collect BABY CARE ITEMS, sizes 6-24 months. Any of the requested clothing items listed below can be new OR gently used (no stains or tears) from local resale charity sellers or garage sales. **SEE HANDOUTS FOR DETAILS.**

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, Nathzele Pfluger, Robert Boehm, Mary Hufstедler, Linda Lane, John Estes, Brian Kleen, Derek James, Merle Weiss, Elizabeth Miller, Richard Arndt, Jake Dillon Bally, Melanie Hudson, The Family Betty Warren