

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024
8:00 am

Pastor Matthew Groenke
Assisting Minister – Jean Gifford
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

You Are the Way

ELW 758

You are the way; to you alone
from sin and death we flee;
all those who search for God, you find
and by your grace set free.

You are the truth; your word alone
true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind
and purify the heart.

You are the life; the rending tomb
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
and those who put their trust in you
not death nor hell shall harm.

You are the way, the truth, the life;
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.

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.**

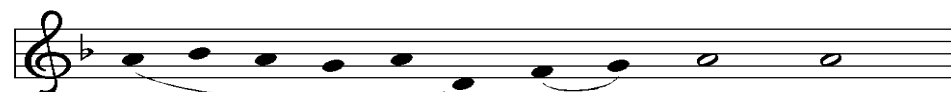
Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.
Amen.

KYRIE

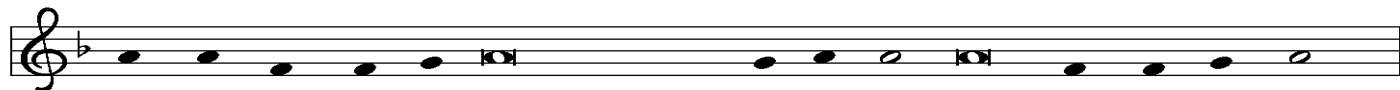
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



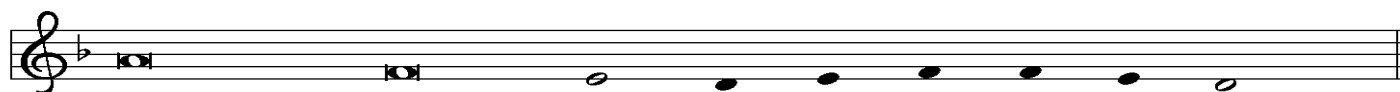
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



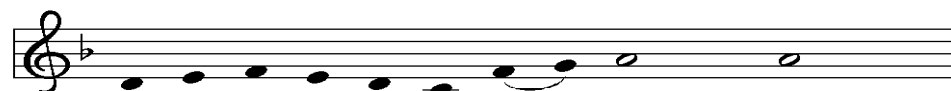
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



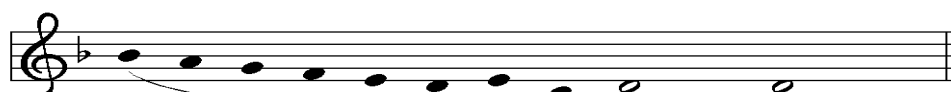
Lord, have mer - cy.



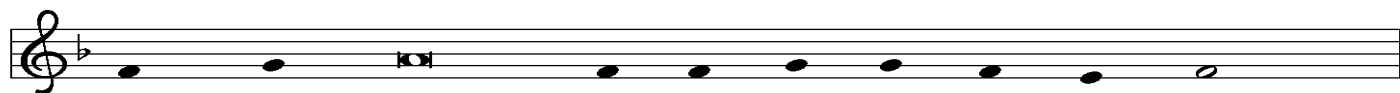
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



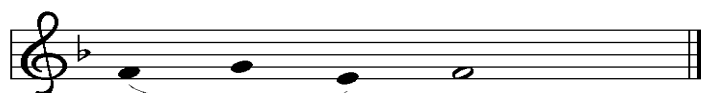
let us pray to the Lord.



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.

God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as ev'ry breath.
love as near as ev'ry breath.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 51:1-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

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."

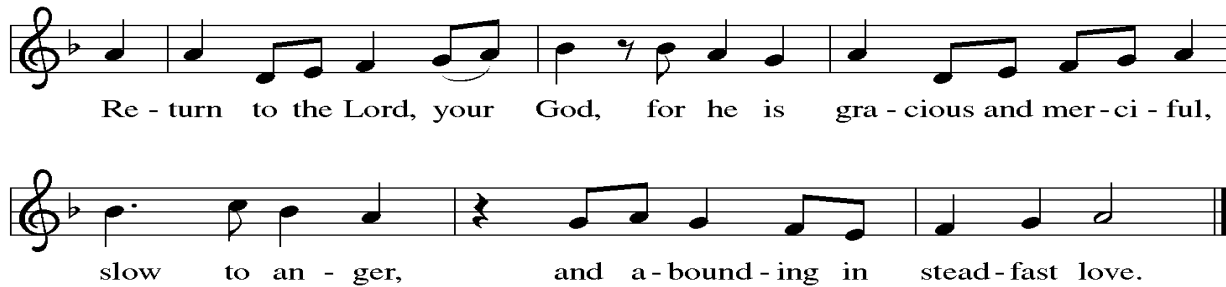
⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, 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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

BOTTOM ELW pg. 151



The holy gospel according to John the 12th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **Christ, the Life of All the Living**

ELW 339

Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving
to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, and merit
life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.

You have suffered great affliction
and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me;
for you chose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.

Then, for all that bought my pardon,
for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden,
I will thank you evermore;
thank you for the groaning, sighing,
for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry,
praise you evermore on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-1681; 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

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SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OFFERTORY HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

ELW 678

sung to tune 836

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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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.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.

We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor,

early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

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."

"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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I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

ELW 325

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

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

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW 774

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

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 – Charla Dubes
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.

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.**

AFTERNOON OF GAMES

Come join us in the Gather Room on Friday, March 22nd at 1:30 PM for an Afternoon of games. 42, train, spades, and more!

WELCA ROAD TRIP LUNCH & LEARN

Wednesday, April 3rd. Lunch: Meyers Smoke House. Learn: Down Home Ranch. Carpool signup on WELCA Board.

LILIES FOR EASTER

We are looking for 10 families to bring lilies for Easter. Please contact the office to sign up!

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, Diana Barkley