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Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

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Sunday mornings:

10:00am Worship (In-person & virtual options)

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

Restrooms are located downstairs.

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Prelude "*Andantino, legato e molto espressivo*" by Cesar Franck

Renewal of Baptism

P: Blessed be our God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
The fountain of living water,
The rock who gave us birth,
Our light and our salvation.
C: Amen

P: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of Baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life.

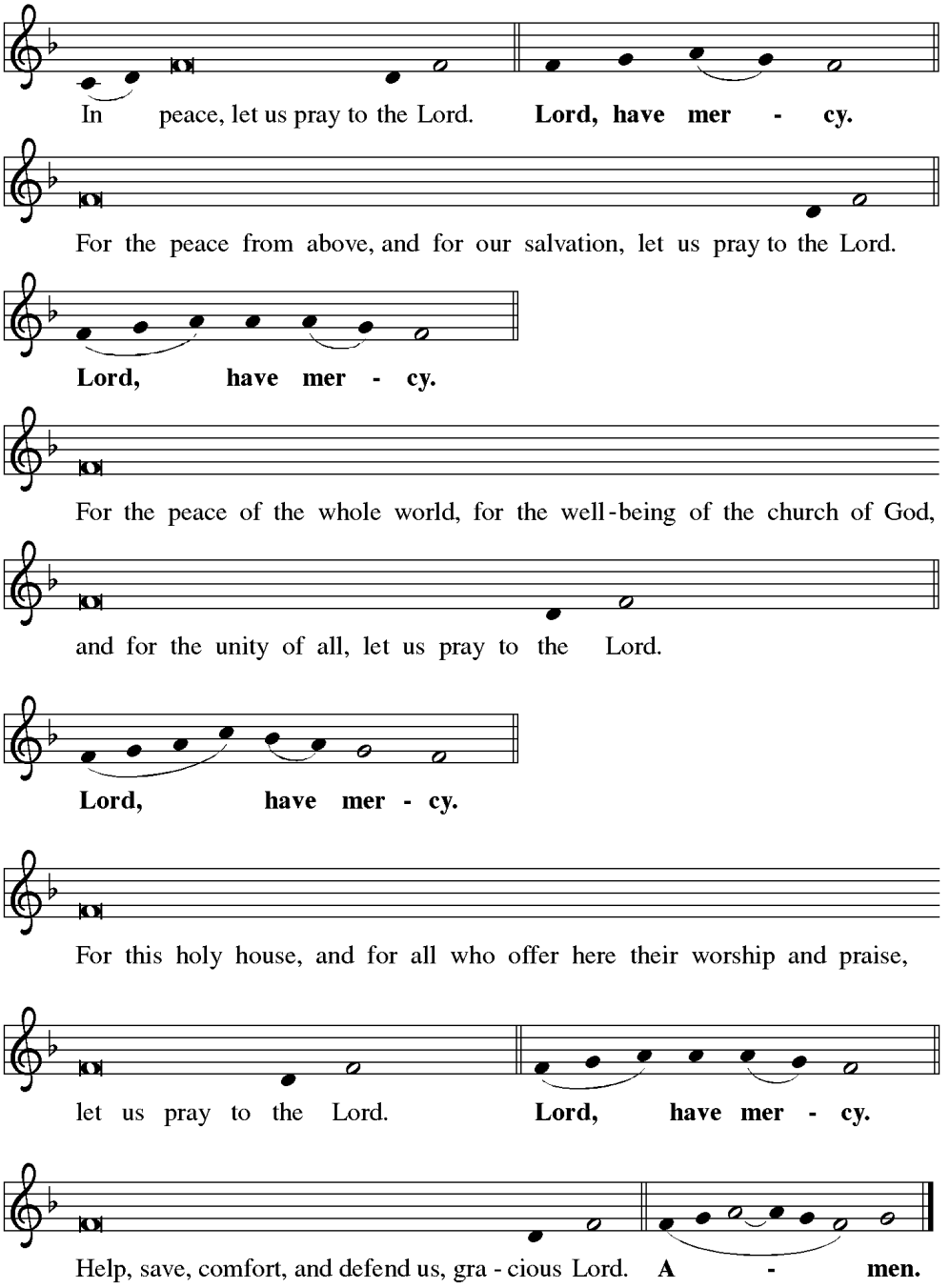
C: We praise you for the gift of our baptism and for uniting us with Christ in his death and in his resurrection. Send your Spirit upon us that we may live as your people and walk in newness of life.

P: When you were baptized, you were marked with the cross of Christ forever. Remember your baptism with thanksgiving and joy.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
C: **Amen.**

Kyrie

Congregation chants the bolded text



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.

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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 — Genesis 12:1-4a

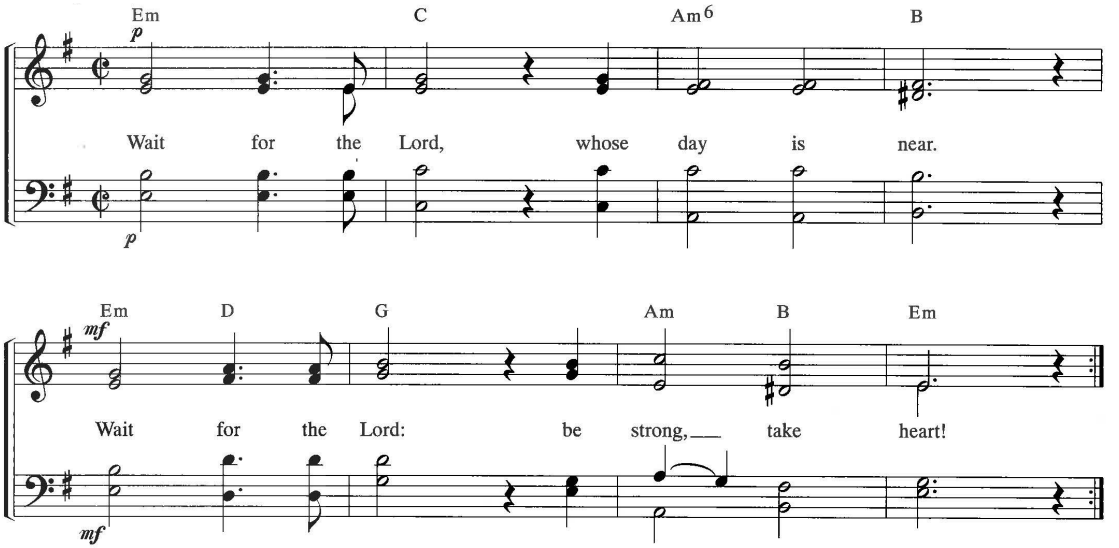
[1]The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. [2]I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. [3]I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
[4a]So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Is it too much to set aside two hours out of 168 hours given to us every week. The self-discipline required will not only be good for us – it will be worth it.

-Historical quote from February 22, 1953

Psalm — Taize #12 "*Wait for the Lord*"



Second Reading — Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

[1]What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? [2]For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. [3]For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." [4]Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. [5]But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

[13]For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. [14]If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. [15]For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

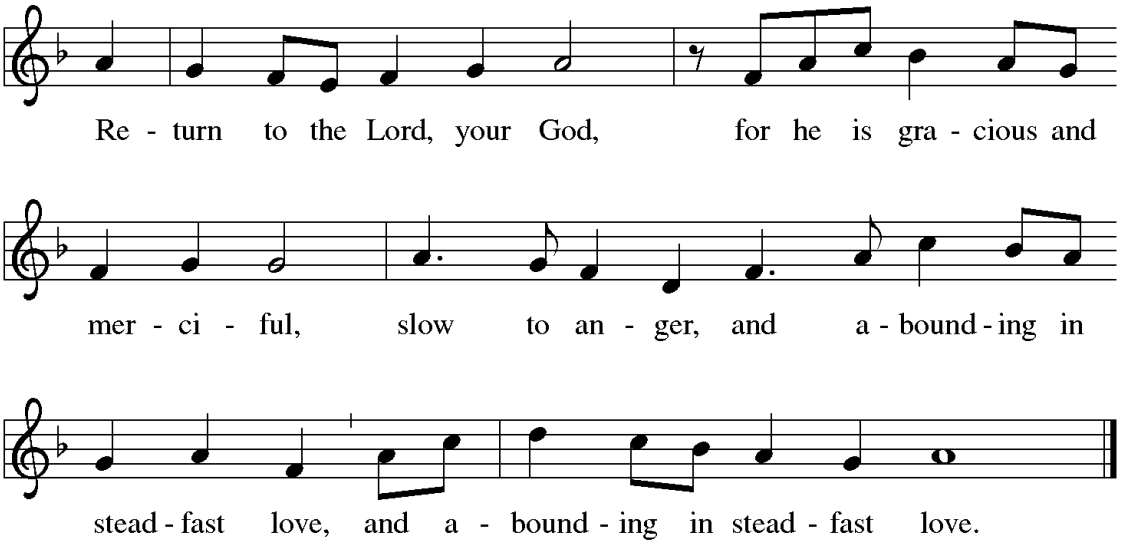
[16]For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, [17]as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Setting 3



We should regularly attend God's temple. Empty pews in the temple of God mean empty hearts.

-Historical quote from February 14, 1954

P: The Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel **John 3:1-17**

[1]Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. [2]He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." [3]Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." [4]Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" [5]Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. [6]What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7]Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' [8]The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." [9]Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" [10]Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

[11]"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. [12]If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? [13]No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. [14]And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15]that 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
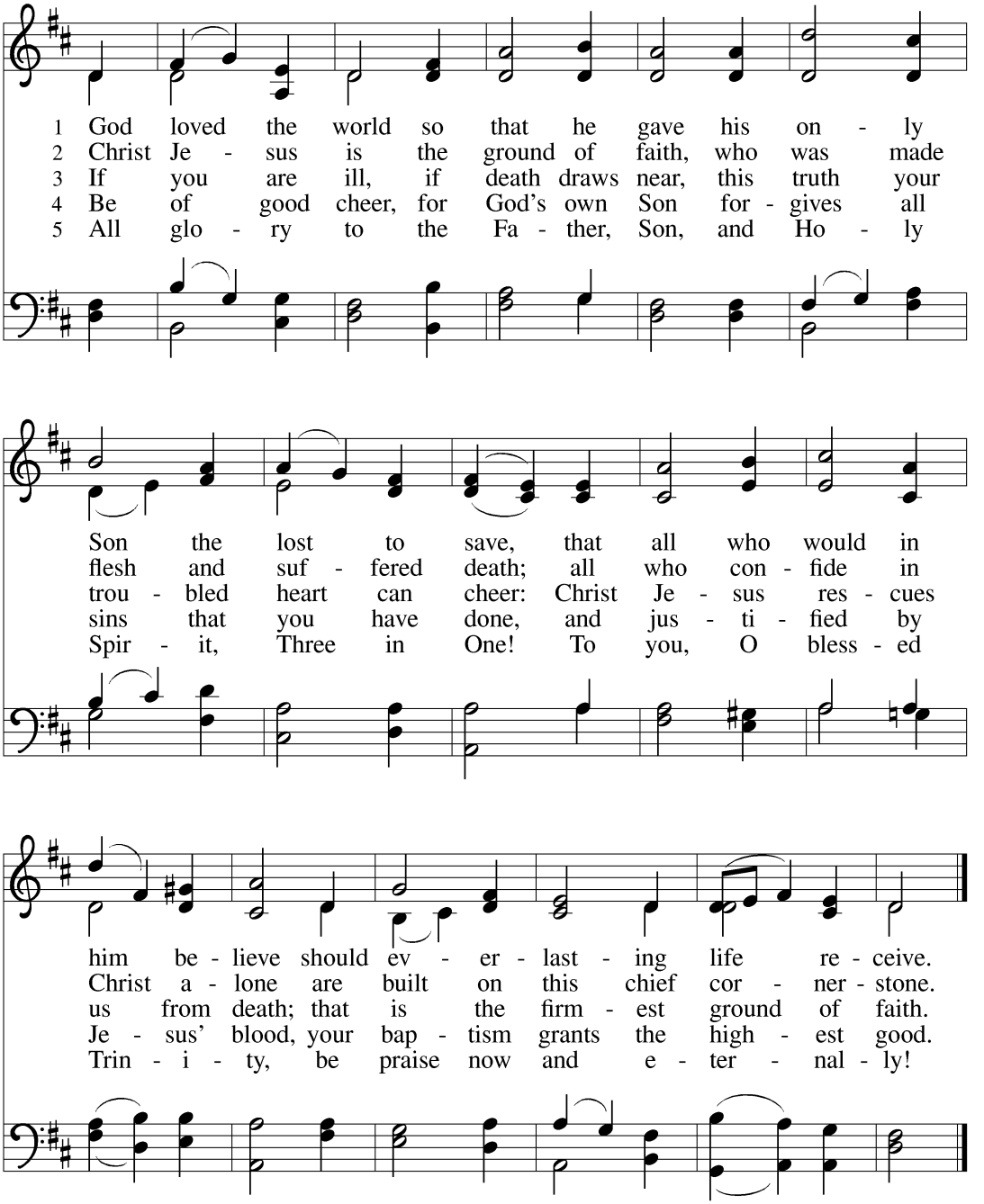
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Sermon Rev. Nicholas Zook

Hymn of the Day

ELW #323 "*God Loved the World*"



Apostle's Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 Thanksgiving

A: Called to the renewal of our faith in Lent, let us offer our prayers to God.

A: In the waters of baptism, you join us to the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For the gift of forgiveness, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us your Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. For all the gifts of the Spirit, we thank you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You nourish us with your word and welcome us to your table. For all the ways you care for us, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You call us to tell others about Jesus. For willingness to show Jesus by what we say and do, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us to help other people and to work for what is right. For courage to be the body of Christ, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send your spirit of healing and strength to all who call upon you. For those who seek your healing presence, especially *Gary*, *Glen*, *Lupe*, *Galen*, *Mike*, *Harry*, *Dennis*, *Sandie*, *Gianna*, *Bob*, *Luis*, *Lance*, *all those diagnosed with COVID-19*, and those we hold in our thoughts, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Lord our God, through Jesus Christ, for your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

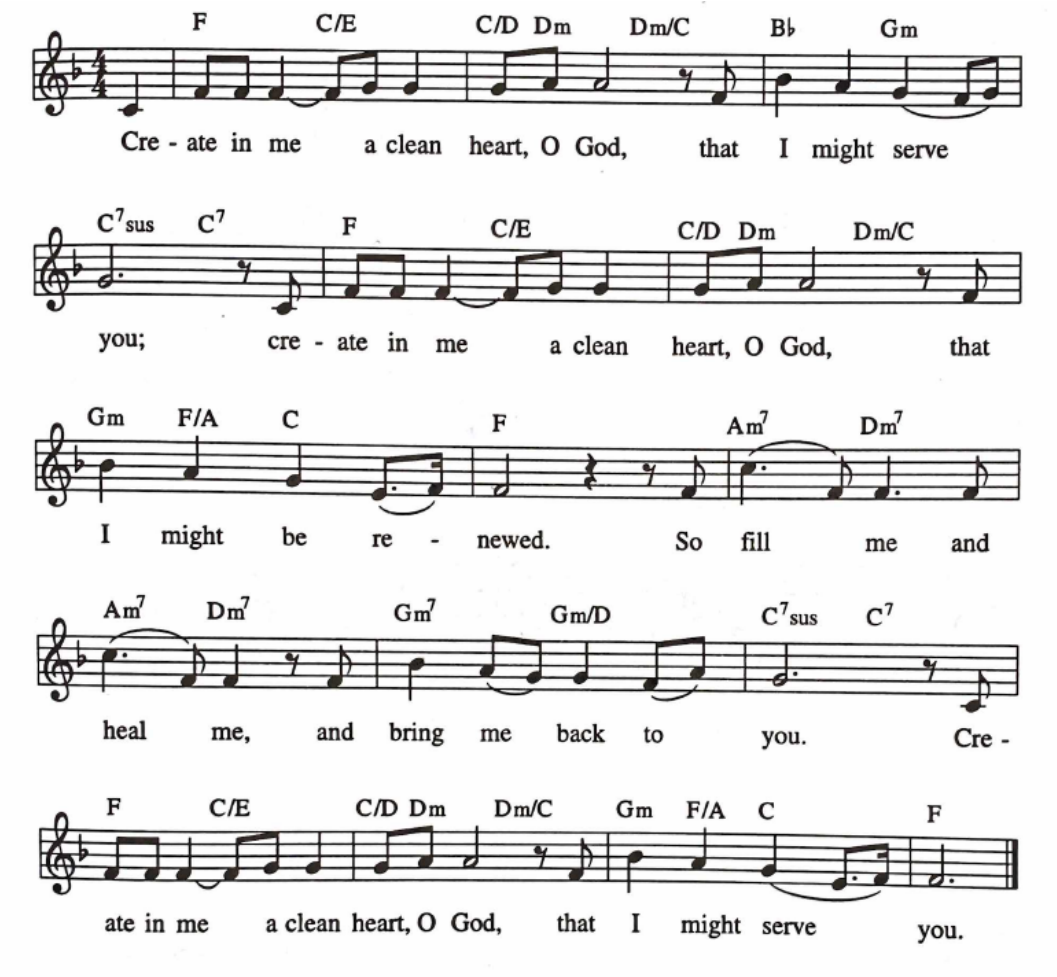
The Offering

See page 20 for ways to support our ministries.

Stewardship Campaign Temple Talk

by Dan Formeller & Linda Storbeck

Offertory Hymn W&P #35 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"



Offertory Prayer

A: God our provider,

C: you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

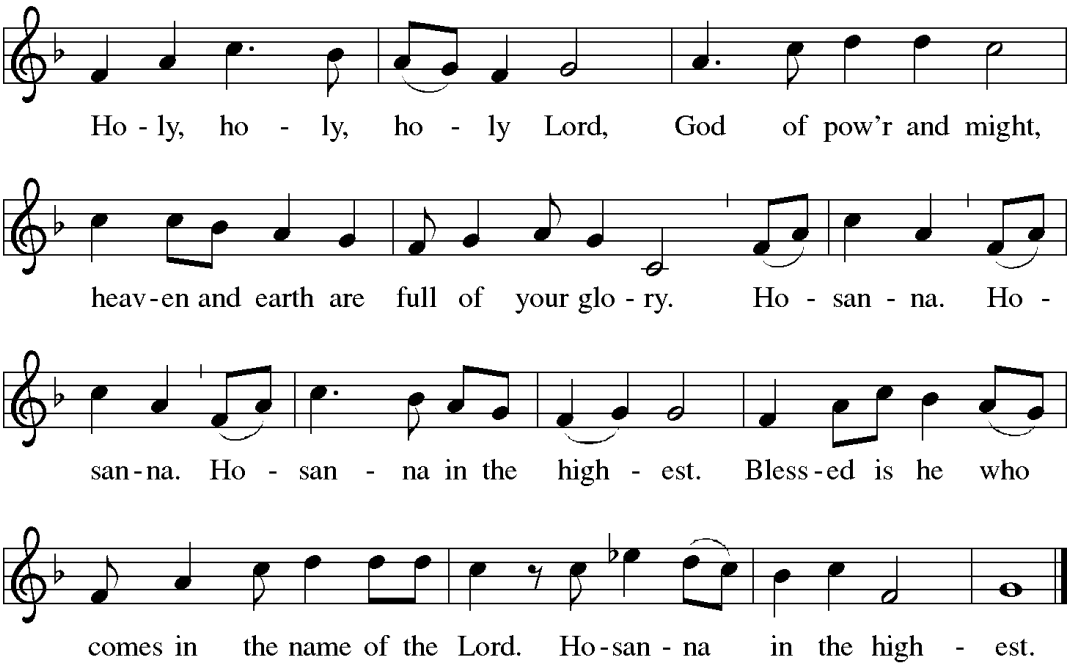
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise…..we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus



P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

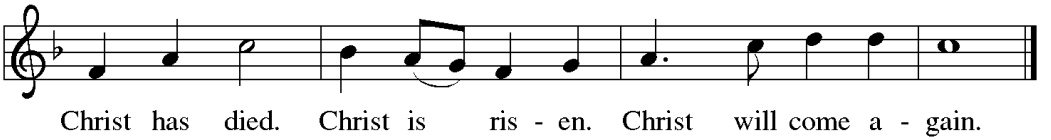
We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

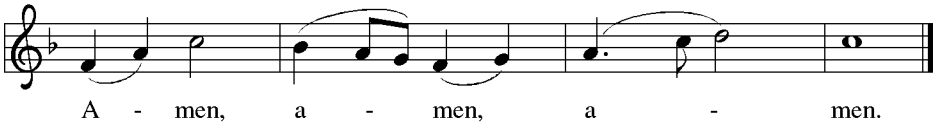
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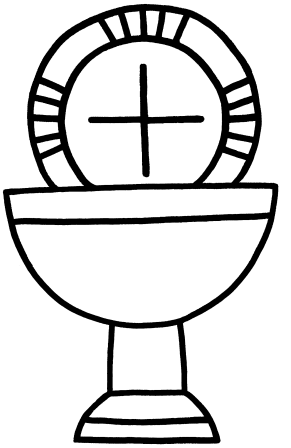


P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C:





The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion Invitation

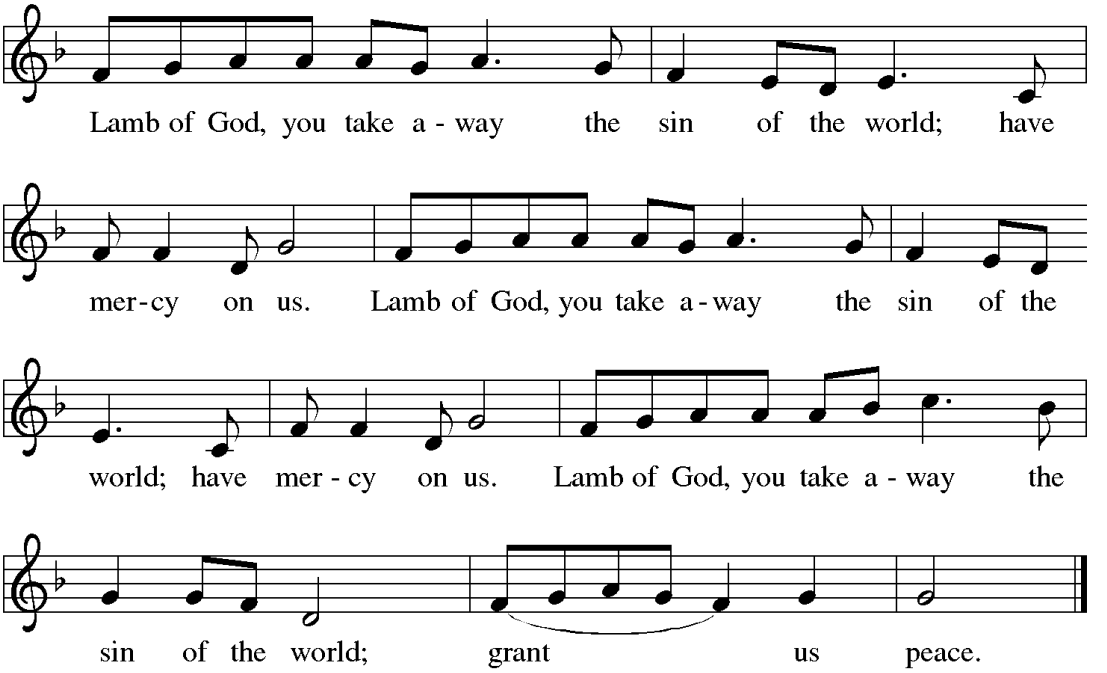
We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

I would rather walk with God in the dark than go alone in the light.

-Historical quote from September 19, 1954

Communion Hymn *"Lamb of God"*



Communion Anthem "*Save Me Lord, Save Me*" by Florence Price

Post Communion Blessing
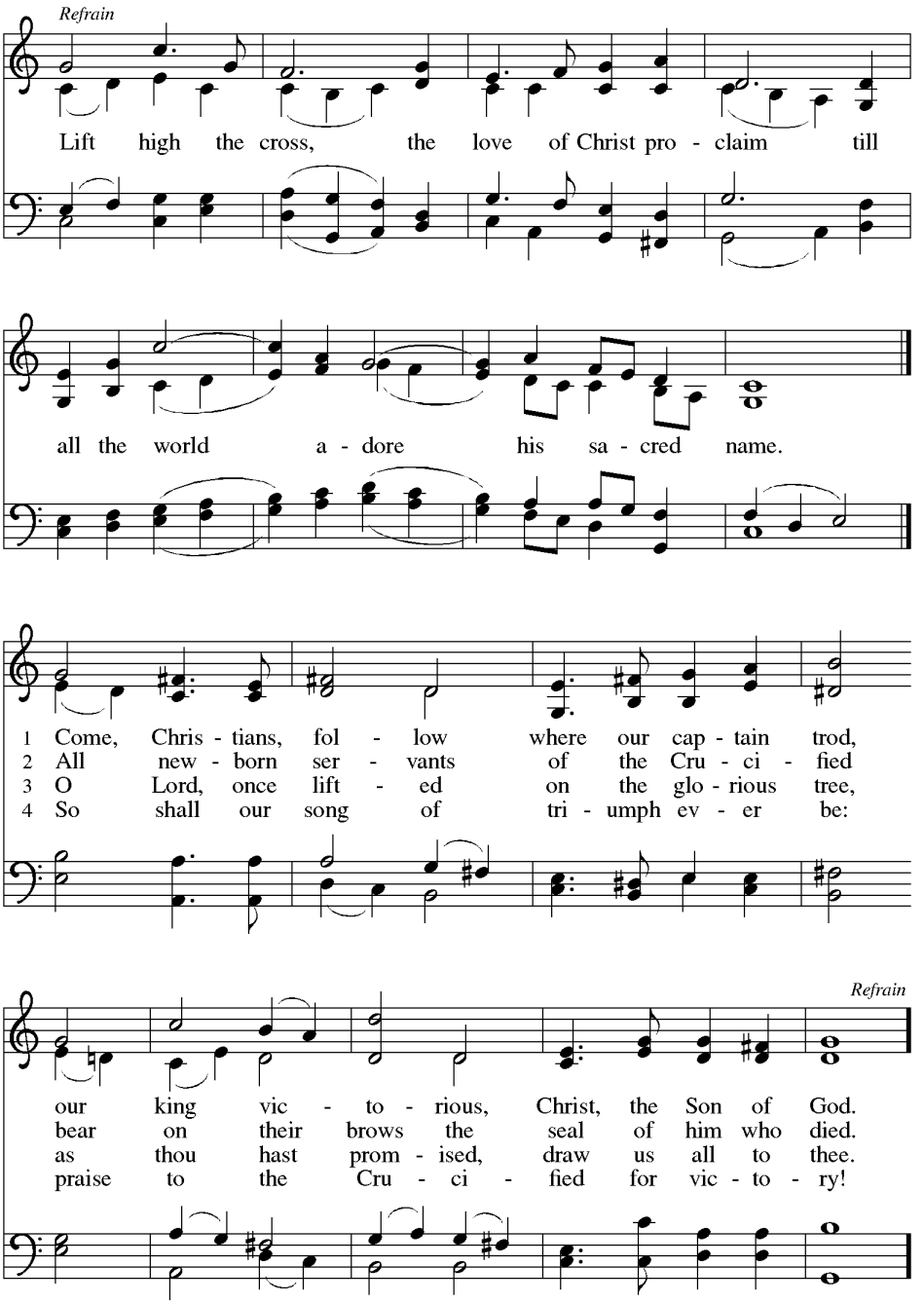
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

ELW #660 "*Lift High the Cross*"



Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude **"*Sweet the Moments*" (Fughetta) by Rudold Moser**

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook	*Usher:* Guenter Seidel
Deacon: Jennifer Phillips	*Organist:* Paul Dykstra
Lectors: Dan Formeller	*Song leaders:* Jade Ferrell & Benjamin Burney

Community Service Forum
March 5th following worship

The small group forum on the Community Service ministry will be held today after worship in the sanctuary. Today's session will focus largely the Common Pantry partnership that the Community Service team has been nurturing over the past year+. Anyone is welcome! Check out the upcoming topics for subsequent weeks:

March 12th—Music Ministry & Virtual Worship

March 19th—125th Anniversary Activities & Plans

**As we prepare for the kick-off of our 2023 stewardship campaign, we will begin hosting small group forums after worship on certain Sundays. The purpose of these forums will be to both provide educational information about various ministries and other aspects of our church, while also providing an opportunity for discussion for those who are either currently involved in these ministries or who would like to become involved.

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Build the art of connection!
Enjoy friendship, food, and fun!

Wednesdays, March 1 - April 5
12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.
Concordia Place
3300 N. Whipple, Pavilion Entrance, Chicago
Each 90-minute session begins with lunch.

If you would like to participate in this program, or if you have questions, contact:
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Kyrie — **Setting 3**

Gospel Acclamation — **Setting 3**

Hymn of the Day — **ELW #323 "*God Loved the World*"**

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Offertory Hymn — **W&P #35 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"**

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Sanctus — **Setting 3**

Communion Hymn — **"*Lamb of God*" (Setting 3)**

Closing Hymn — **ELW #660 "*Lift High the Cross*"**

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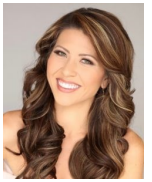
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