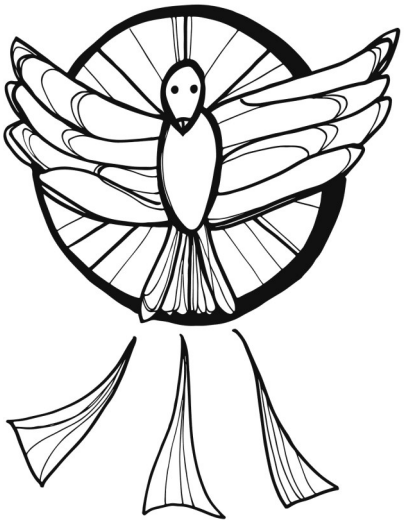
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First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness Rite

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: A: 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. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Kyrie

ELW #157



Kyrie Continued...



The Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

First Reading Genesis 9:8-17

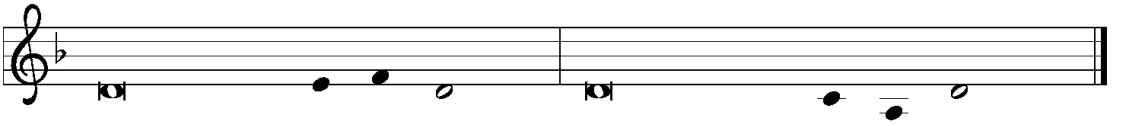
[8]God said to Noah and to his sons with him, [9]"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, [10]and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. [11]I establish 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." [12]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: [13]I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. [14]When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, [15]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. [16]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." [17]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."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 25:1-10 *chanted antiphonally; choir chants bold text*



[1]To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.
[2]**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,**
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
[3]Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
[4]**Show me your | ways, O LORD,**
and teach | me your paths.
[5]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.
[6]**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,**
for they are from | everlasting.
[7]Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.
[8]**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;**
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.
[9]You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.
[10]**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness**
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

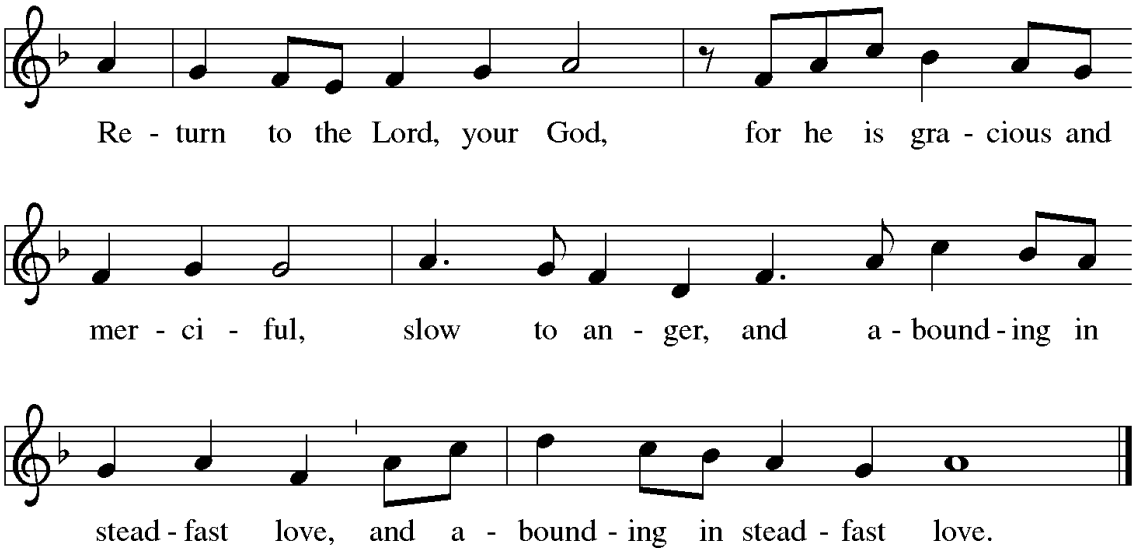
Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

[18]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, [19]in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,
[20]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. [21]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 con-
science, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, [22]who has gone into heaven
and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made sub-
ject to him.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel — Mark 1:9-15

[9]In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. [10]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. [11]And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

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

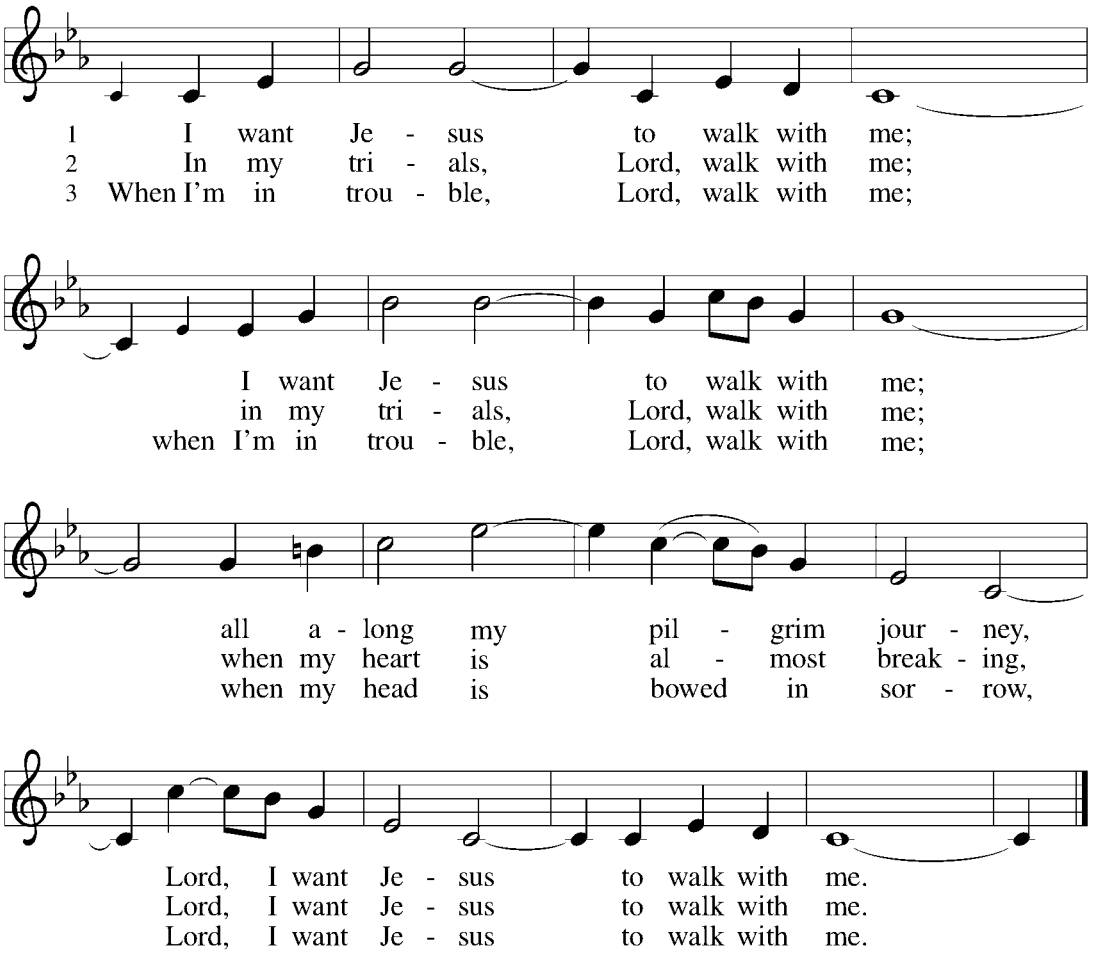
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (Repeat acclamation)

Sermon — Rev. Nicholas Zook



Hymn of the Day ELW #325 "*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*"



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 Bonnie, Glen, Lupe, Galen, Mike, Sandie, Julie, Sandy, Dave, and for those we name before you or silently in our hearts *[pause for names]* ….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.

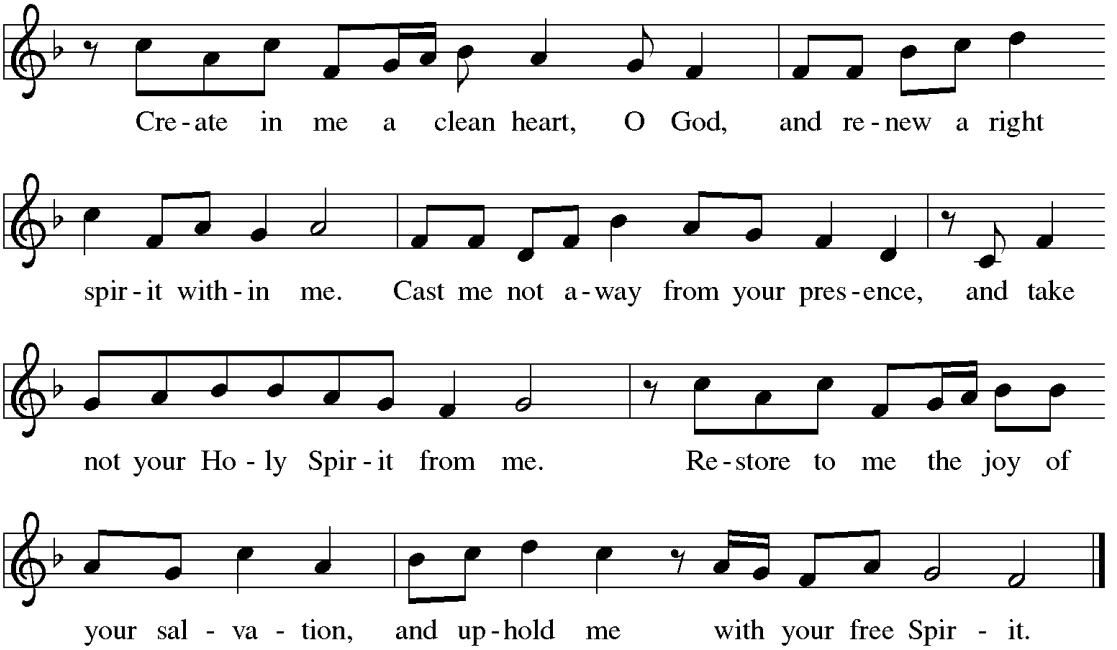
The Offering

We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

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Offertory Hymn ELW #186 *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*



Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray,
Merciful Father

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist
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.

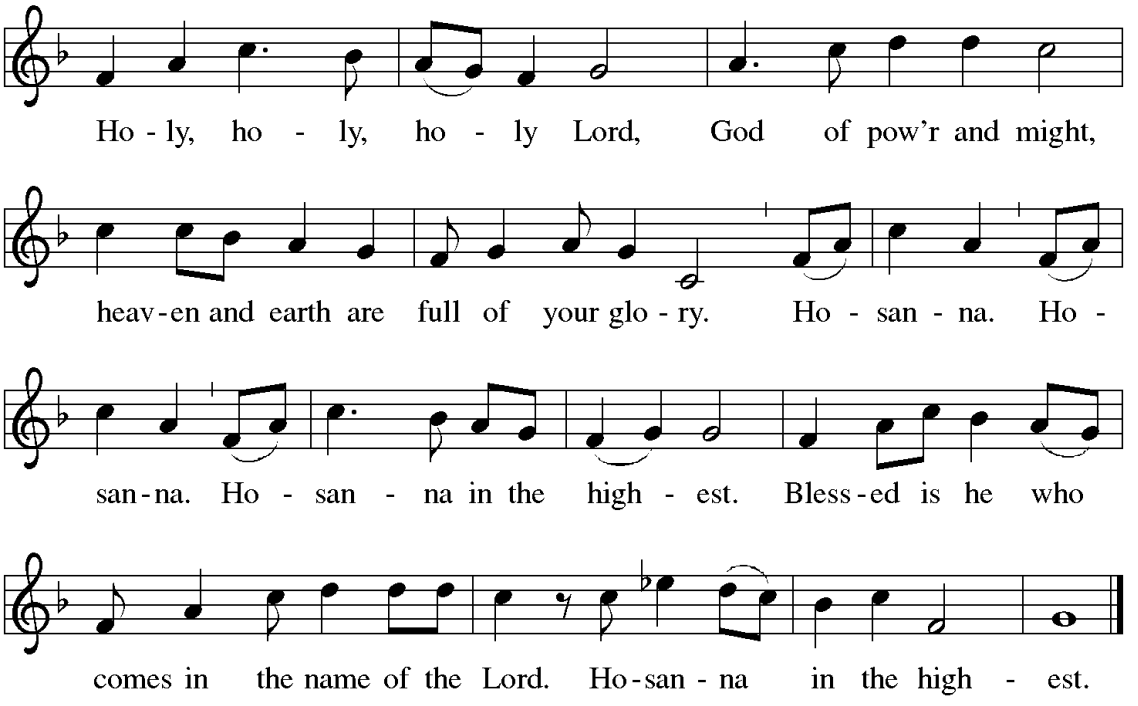
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus



P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: 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.

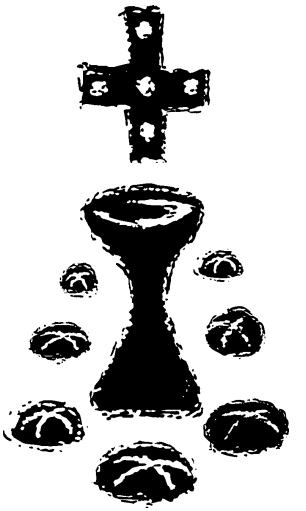
P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.



P: We praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

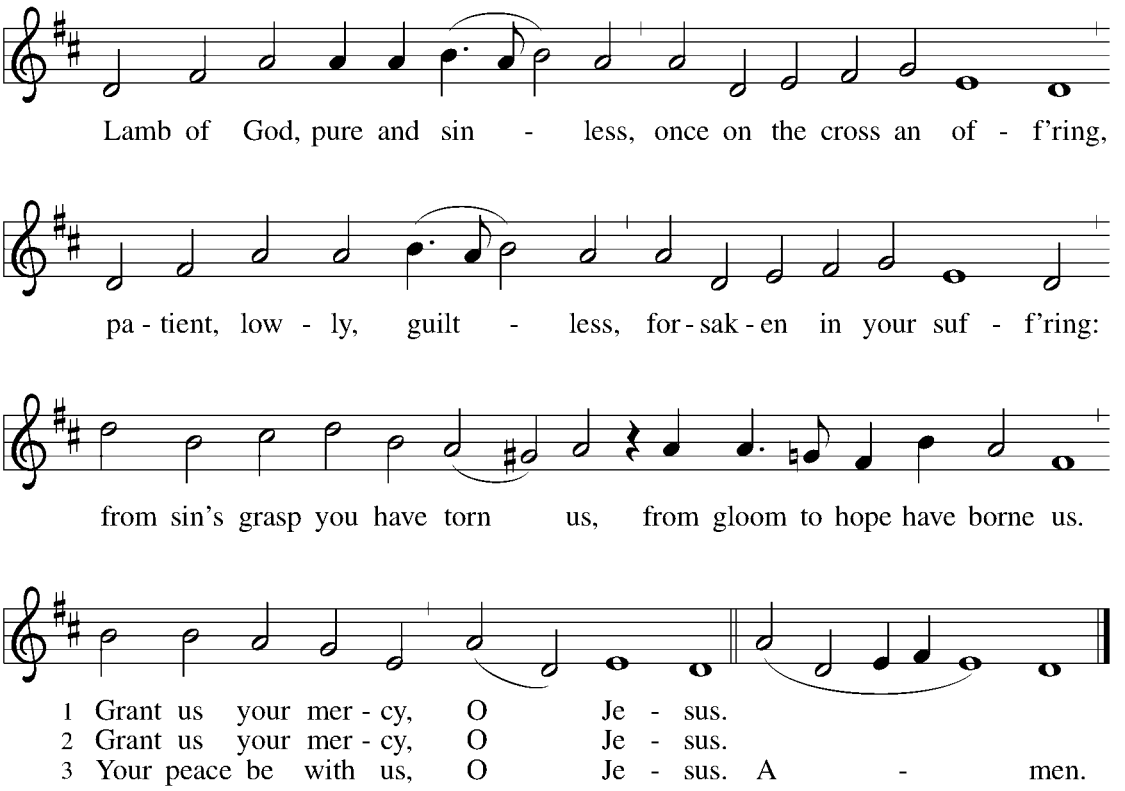
C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are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

Communion Hymn ELW 357 "Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless"



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. Lead us in our Lenten pilgrimage: that 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#763 "*My Life Flows on in Endless Song*"



Announcements

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

We thank today's celebrants:

Deacon: Chris Formeller

Lectors: Leanne Morris & Mike Gregg

Announcements

Today's altar flowers are given in memory or Carol Ressmeyer by the Ogedegbe and Ressmeyer families.

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5 Week Lenten Book Study

February 18th – March 17th

Sundays 9:00-9:45 AM

with Zoom Option

We will host a 5 week Lenten Book discussion of "Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times" by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. We live in a changing climate of polarizing politics and opposing value systems. Rabbi Sacks examines the underlying roots of divisiveness in our global culture and its impact on the loss of a shared perspective of the common good. The impact of social media, wealth and personal over communal goals erodes relationships of mutual care and respect. Looking to a pathway toward the common good, Rabbi Sacks focuses on rediscovering our most important aspects of our human identity.

Our 5 week study will take up a chapter a week:

February 18th The Solitary Self

February 25th Consequences: The Market & The State

March 3rd Can We Still Reason Together?

March 10th Being Human

March 17th The Way Forward

We will meet in the church office Sundays in Lent starting at 9 AM. For those who want to join via Zoom, a link will be available. A copy of the book can be purchased on Amazon for $14.33. Please let Pastor Zook know if you would like the Zoom link.

Important Dates to note:

- **February 18th**: Sunday School during 10am worship
- **February 25th:** Council meeting following worship
- **March 3rd & 17th**: Sunday School during 10am worship
- **March 10th**: Second Sundays concert at 12pm
- **March 24th**: Palm Sunday worship at 10am
- **March 29th:** Good Friday soup supper 6pm | Worship service 7pm
- **March 31st**: Easter Sunday
  Breakfast at 8:30am
  Easter Concert at 9:30am
  Easter Worship at 10am

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Mardi Gras Potluck on *Sunday, February 11th*
Bring a dish to share!





Kid's seasonal activity + cookie bake-off

Ash Wednesday
February 14th

Worship Service 7:00pm
Includes Imposition of Ashes



Adult Book Study
February 18th—March 17th
9:00am in church office

"*Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Modern Times*"
by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Zoom option available
Reach out to Pastor Zook for more details or to get involved.



Sunday Lenten Services
February 18th—March 17th
at 10:00am

All services available in-person, via livestream, or by recorded viewing on our YouTube channel: Concordia Church Chicago

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Gospel Acclamation **"*Alleluia*" Setting 3**

Hymn of the Day **ELW #325 "*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*"**

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

Offertory Hymn **ELW #186 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"**

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Sanctus **Setting 3**

Communion Hymn **ELW #357 "*Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*"**

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Closing Hymn **ELW #763 "*My Life Flows on in Endless Song*"**

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

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