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Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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.
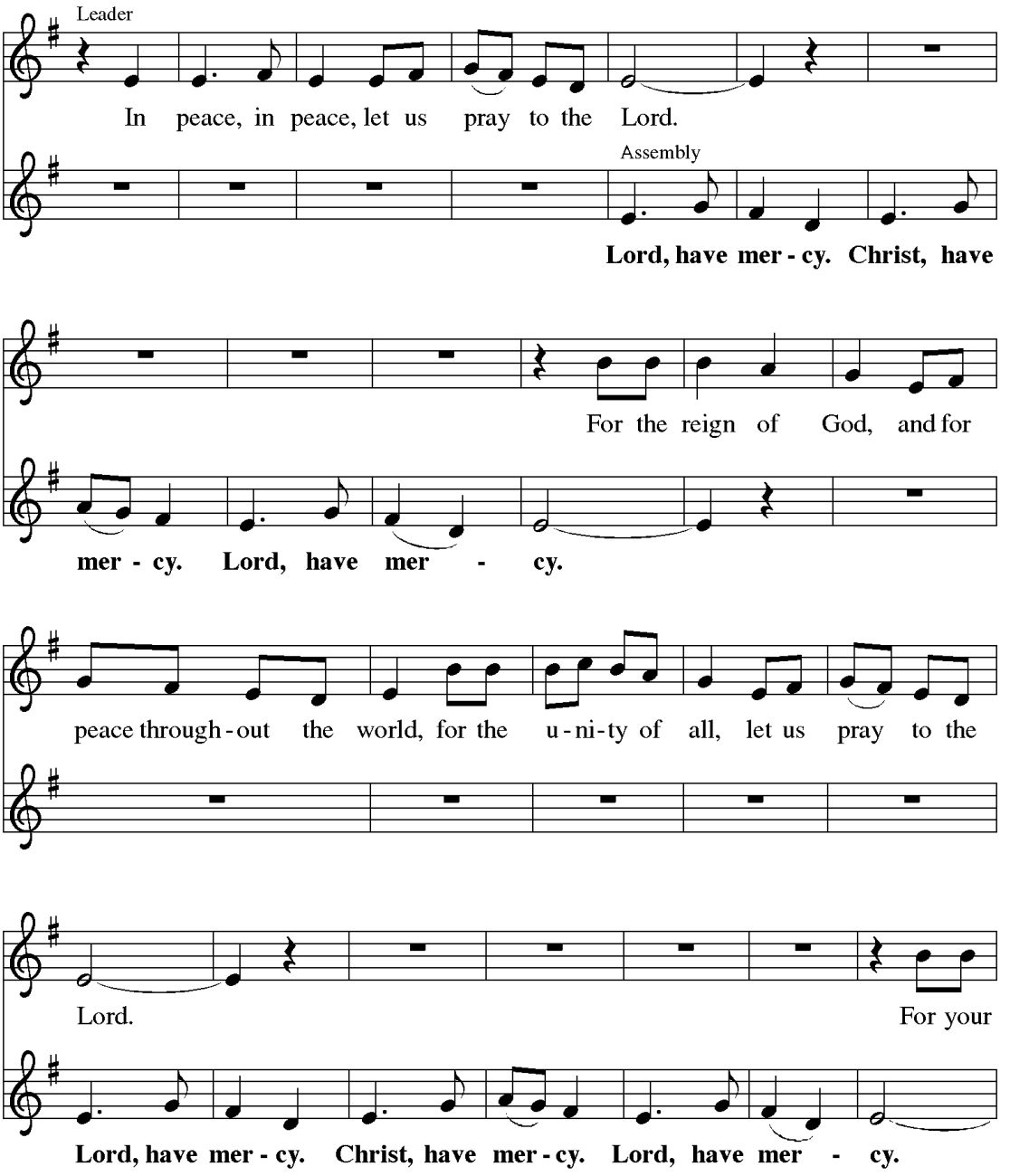
P: A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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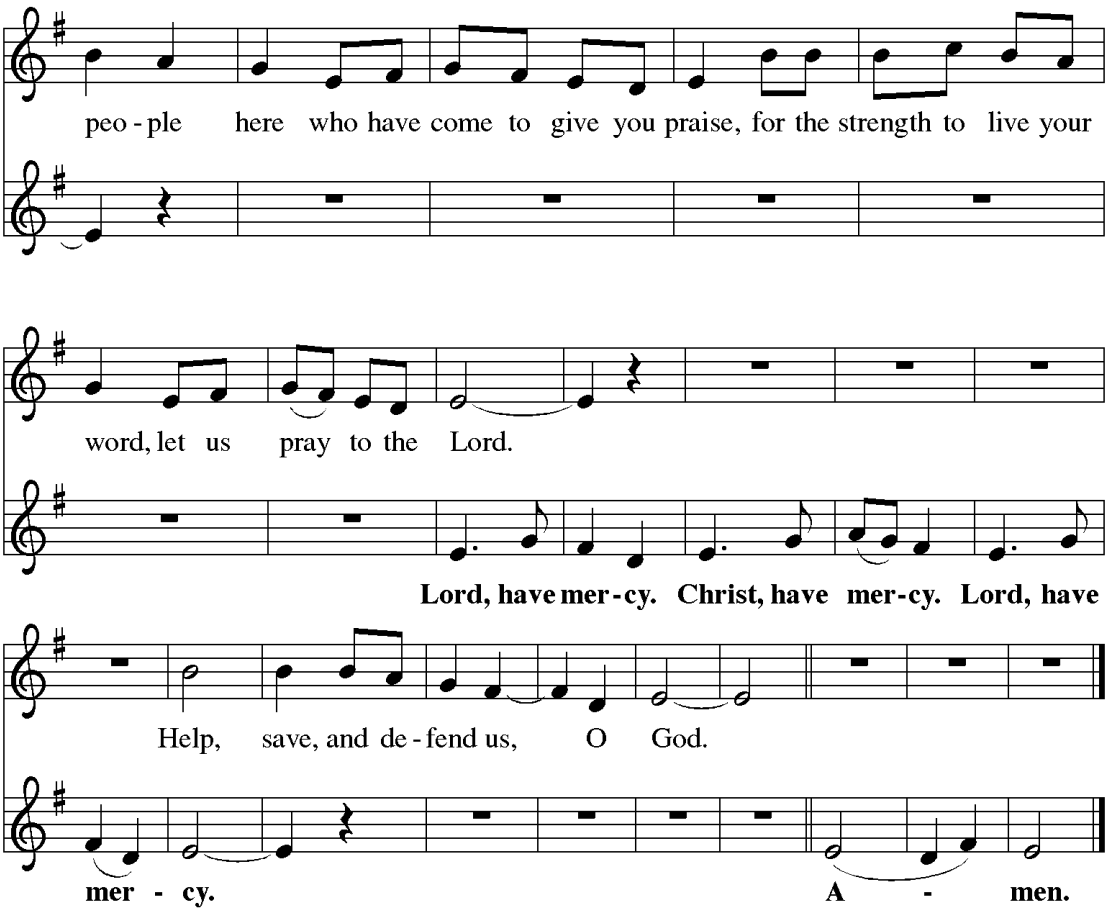
P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of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

Kyrie

ELW #157



Kyrie Continued...



The Prayer of the Day

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

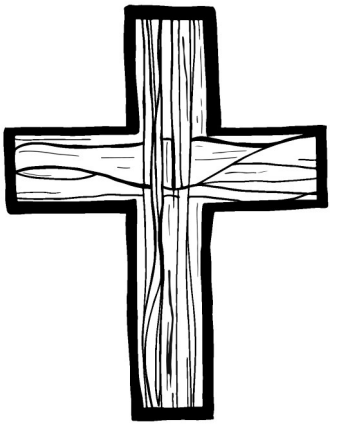
First Reading — Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

[1]When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. [2]And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." [3]Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, [4]"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. [5]No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. [6]I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. [7]I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

[15]God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. [16]I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

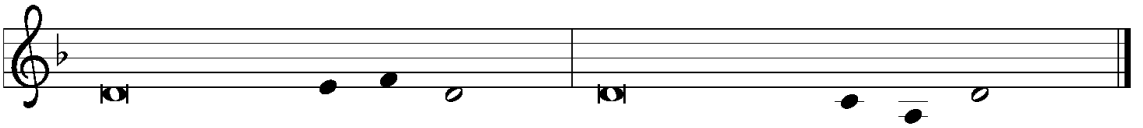
L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 22:23-31 *chanted antiphonally*

congregation chants bold text; choir sings response



[23]You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
[24]**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them; but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**
[25]From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.
[26]**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever! R
[27]All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
[28]**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,**
who rules o- | ver the nations.
[29]Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.
[30]**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,**
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.
[31]They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" **R**

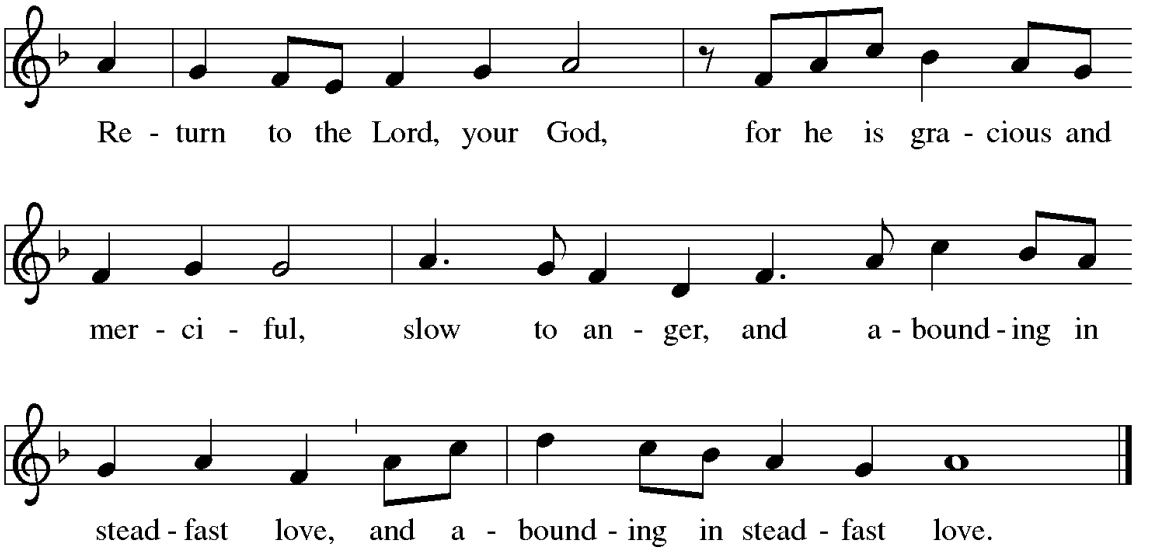
Second Reading Romans 4:13-25

13 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. 18 Hoping against hope, he believed
that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said,
"So numerous shall your descendants be." 19 He did not weaken in faith when he
considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a
hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.
20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew
strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 being fully convinced that God was
able to do what he had promised. 22 Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as
righteousness." 23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for
his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him
who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was handed over to death for
our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
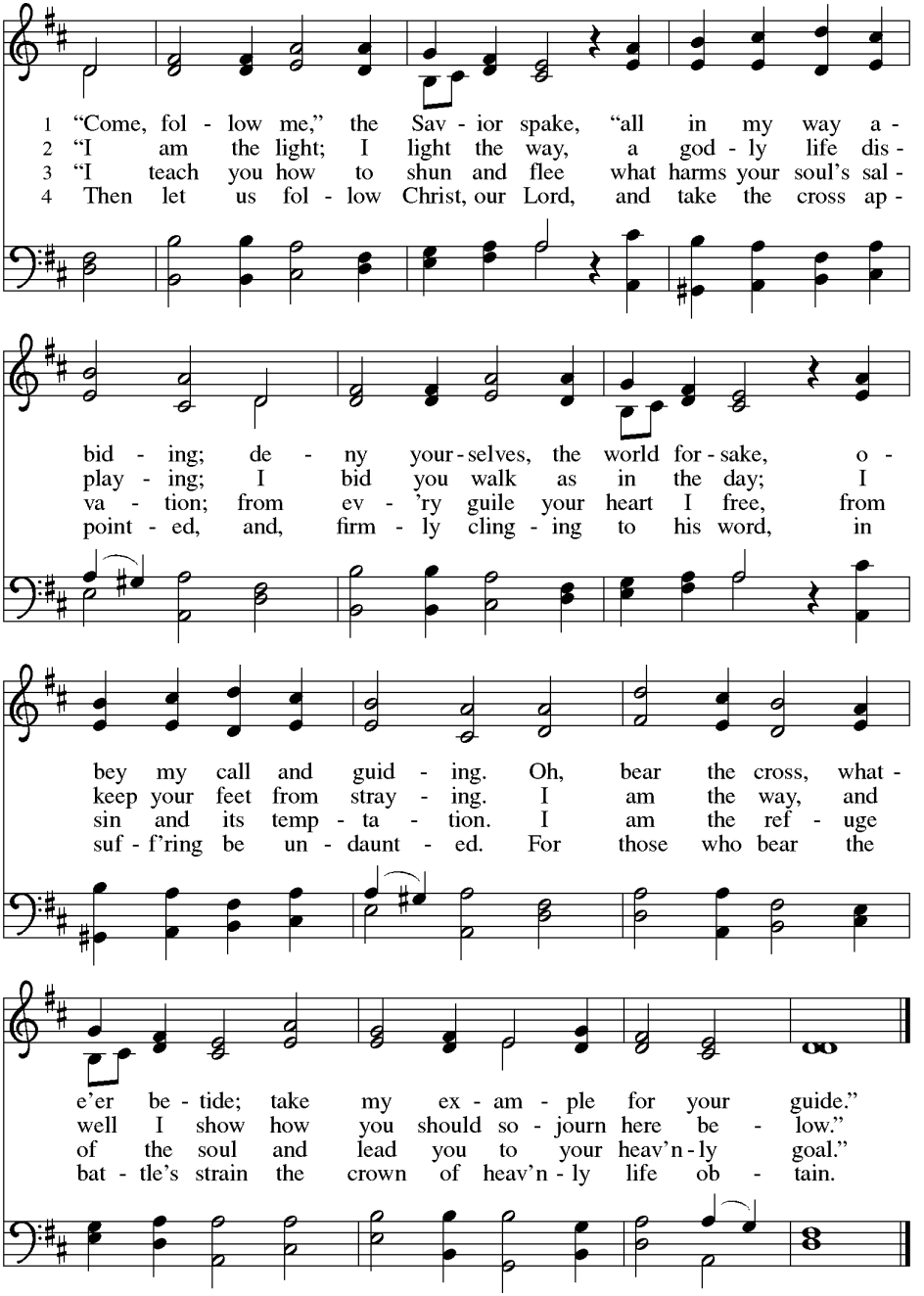
The Gospel — Mark 8:31-38

[31]{.verse_num}[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.[32]{.verse_num}He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. [33]{.verse_num}But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

[34]{.verse_num}He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. [35]{.verse_num}For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. [36]{.verse_num}For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? [37]{.verse_num}Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? [38]{.verse_num}Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Rev. Nicholas Zook

Hymn of the Day **ELW #799 "*Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake*"**

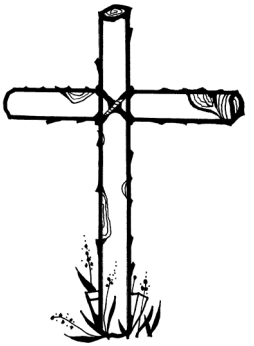


Apostle's Creed

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.

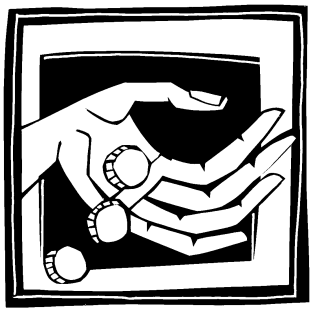
You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

The Offering & Anthem

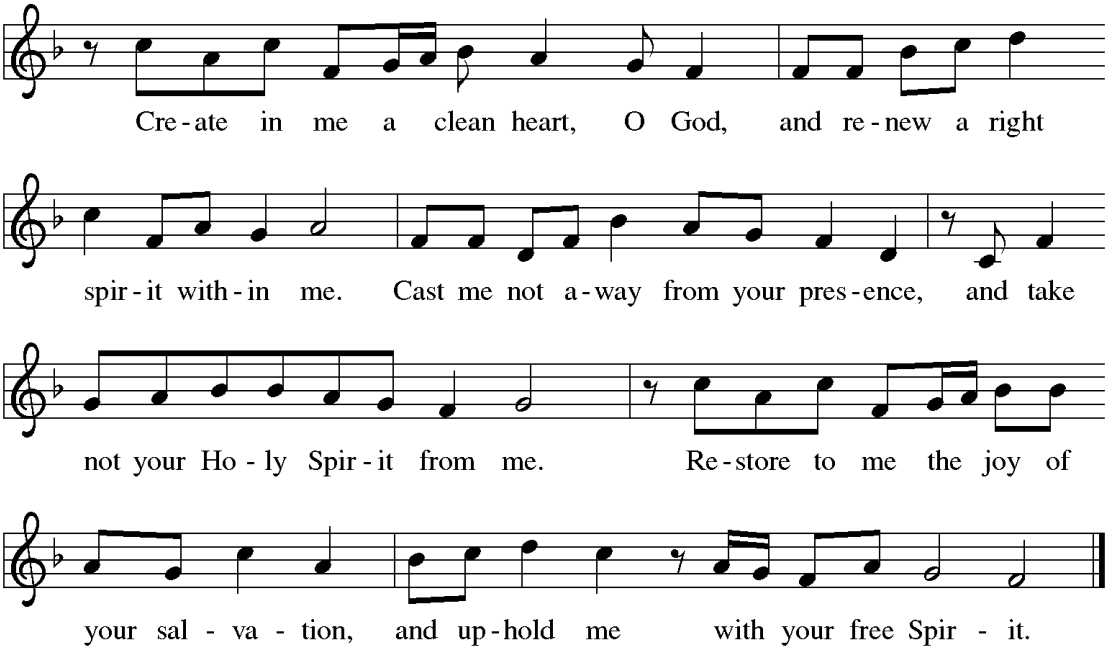
"*Borning Cry*"

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.

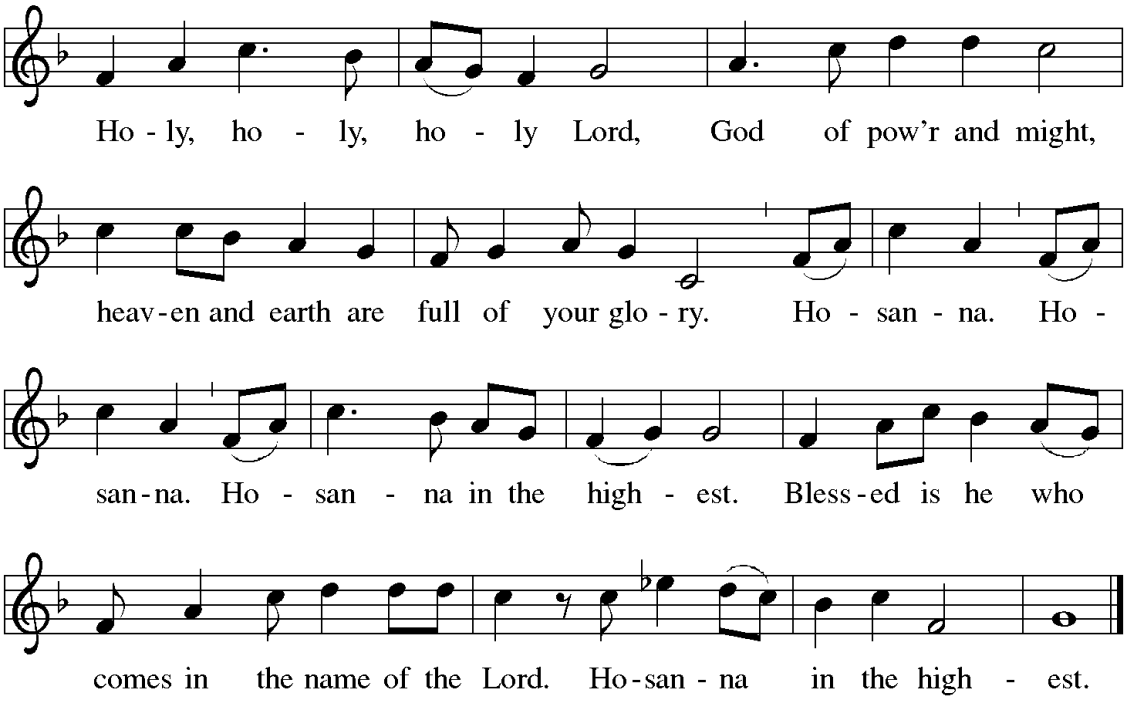
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

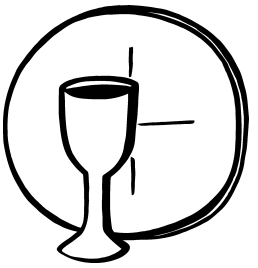
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

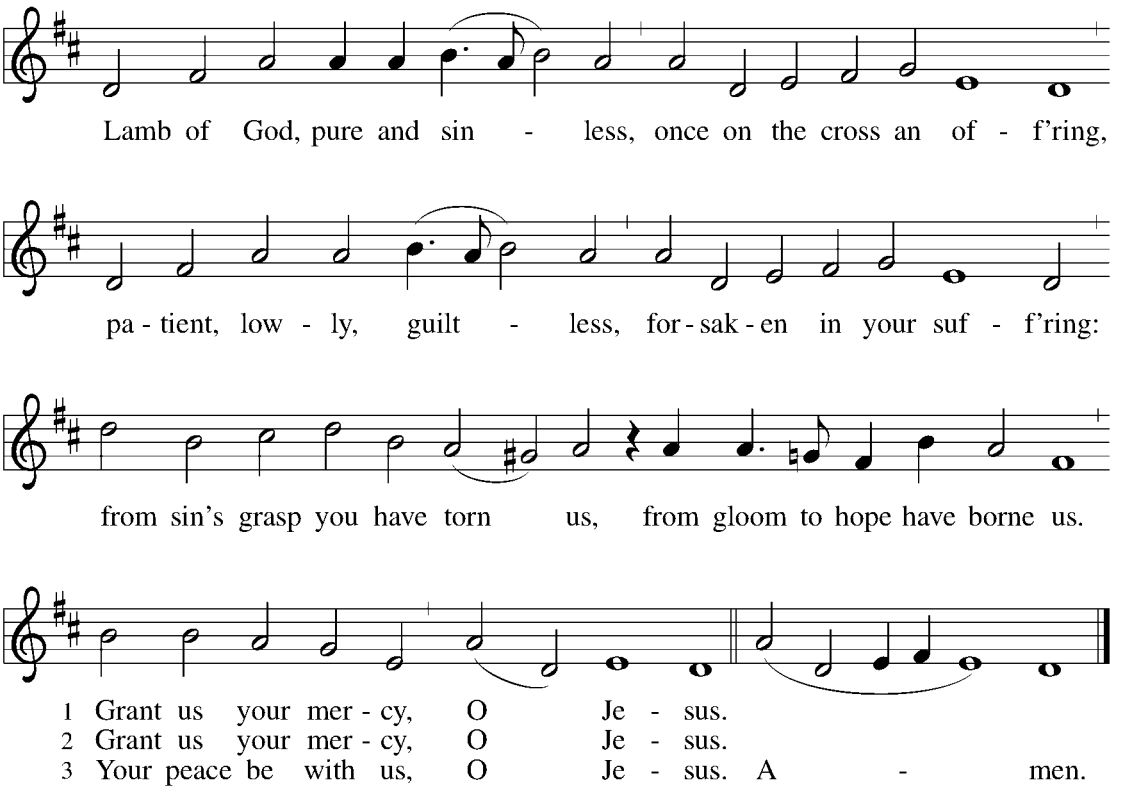
Communion Invitation

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.

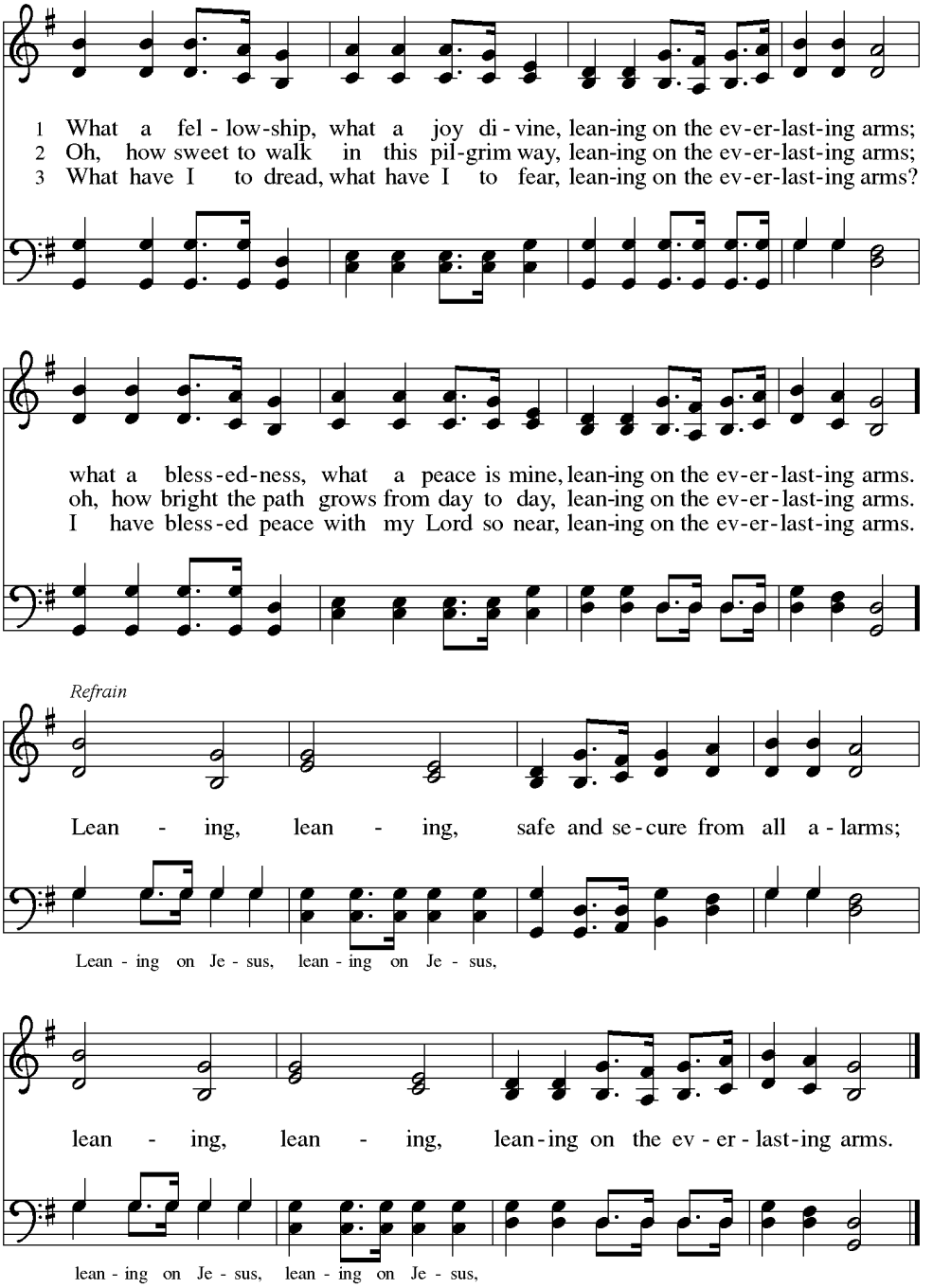
C: Amen.

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 #774 "*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*"



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: Leanne Morris & Mark Neukirch

Lectors: Marne Turner

Greeter/Usher: Richie Marrero

Announcements

Important Dates to note:

- **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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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:

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.

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Support Migrant Families

We invite you to donate **new** items from the list below to be shared with migrant families in our community.



- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Hand sanitizer
- Feminine products
- Band-Aids
- Shampoo
- OTC medications
  - Acetaminophen (adults & children)
  - antihistamines
  - decongestants
  - antacids
  - laxatives
- Thermometers
- Body Wipes
- Body Lotion
- Lice Kits
- Bras (sizes A-D for adults)
- Bralettes (preteens & teenagers)
- Leggings
- Undershirts & tank tops
- Sandals (adults & children)
- Thick blankets
- Pillows





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Join us during Lent

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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

For all details and livestream links, visit www.concordiafaith.org/worship

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Psalm

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

Hymn of the Day **ELW #799 "*Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake*"**

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677; tr. Charles W. Shaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.
Music: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT, Bartholomäus Gesius, 1555–1613; adapt. Johann Herman Schein, 1586–1630

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 #774 "*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"***

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

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