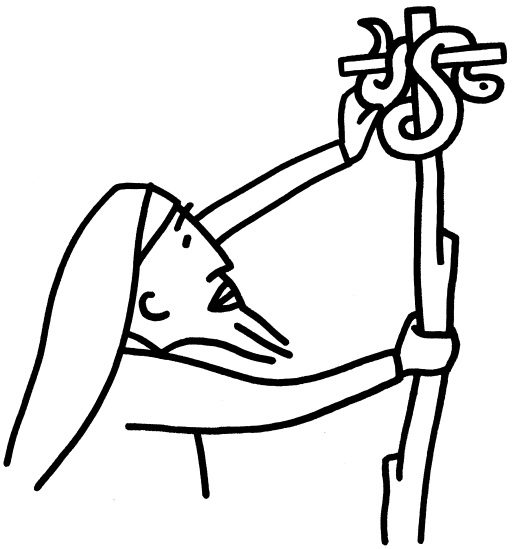
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Prelude "*Serious Song 1 Op 121*" by Johannes Brahms
arr. for Trombone and Piano

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: 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

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Kyrie Continued...



The 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.

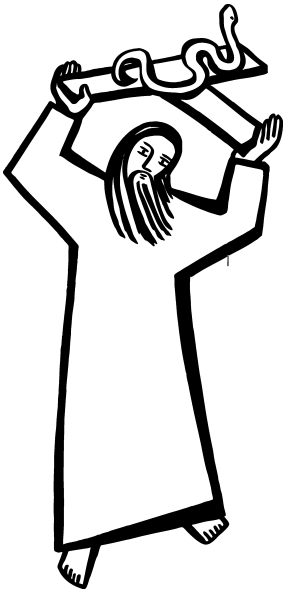
C: Amen.

First Reading **Numbers 21:4-9**

4 From 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. 5 The
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." 6 Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the
people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7 The 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. 8 And 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." 9 So 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.

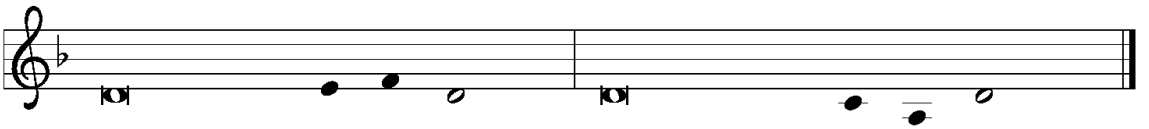
L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

chanted antiphonally; congregation chants bold text



[1]Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good,
for God's mercy en- | dures forever.
[2]**Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim**
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,
[3]gathering 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 re- | bellious paths;**
through their sins they | were afflicted.
[18]They loathed all man- | ner 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. R
[20]You 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.
[22]Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy. R

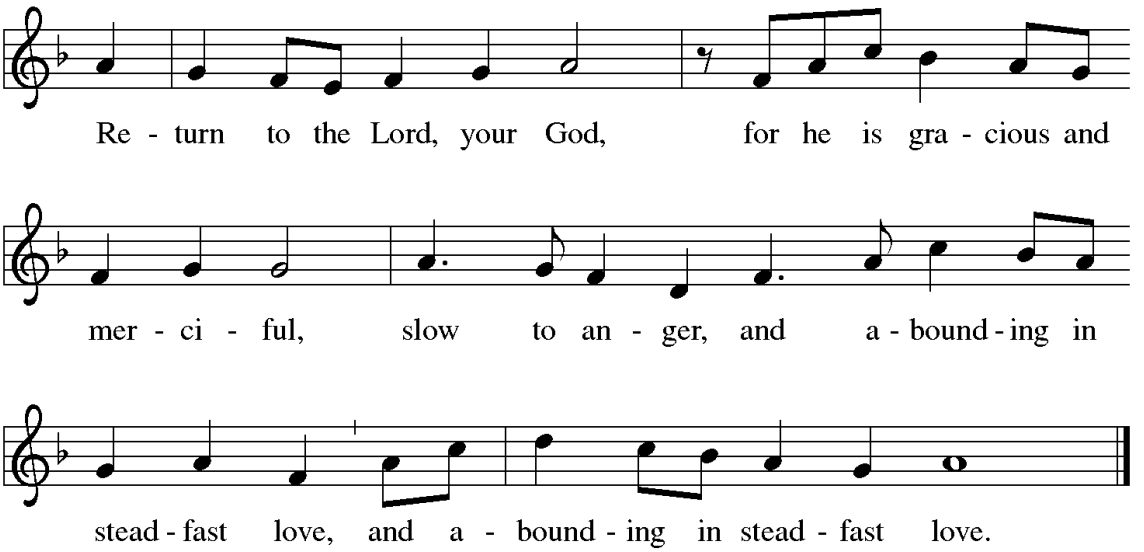
Second Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

[1]You were dead through the trespasses and sins [2]in 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. [3]All 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. [4]But God,
who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us [5]even when
we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by
grace you have been saved—[6]and raised us up with him and seated us with him
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7]so that in the ages to come he might
show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
[8]For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God—[9]not the result of works, so that no one may boast. [10]For we
are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God
prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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

The Gospel — John 3:14-22

[Jesus said:] [14]"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.

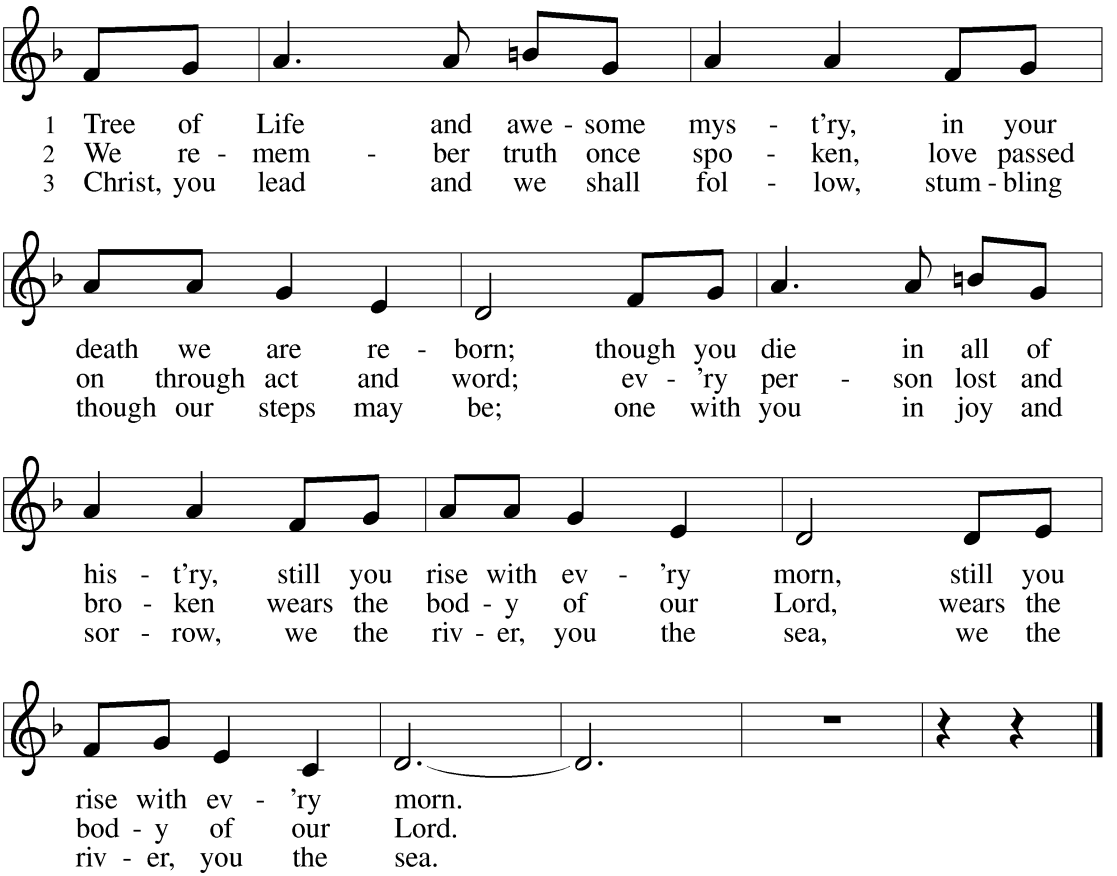
[17]"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. [18]Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. [19]And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

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

Sermon — Rev. Nicholas Zook



Hymn of the Day **ELW #334 "*Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*"**



4 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.

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.

Offertory Anthem "*All That I Am*" by William Grant Still

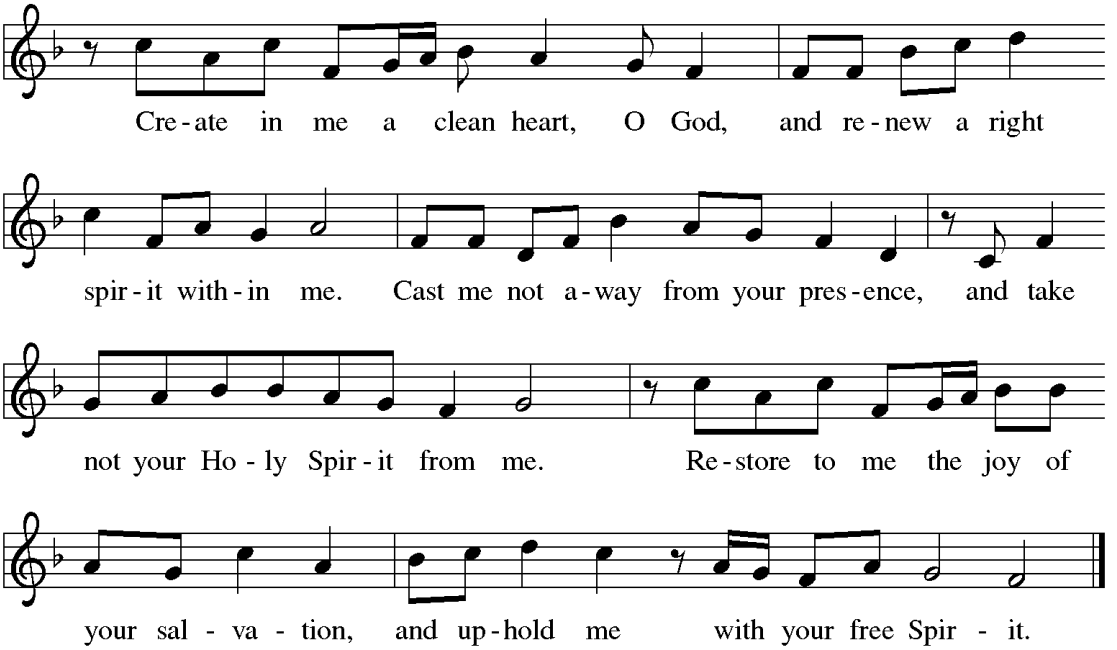
The Offering

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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.

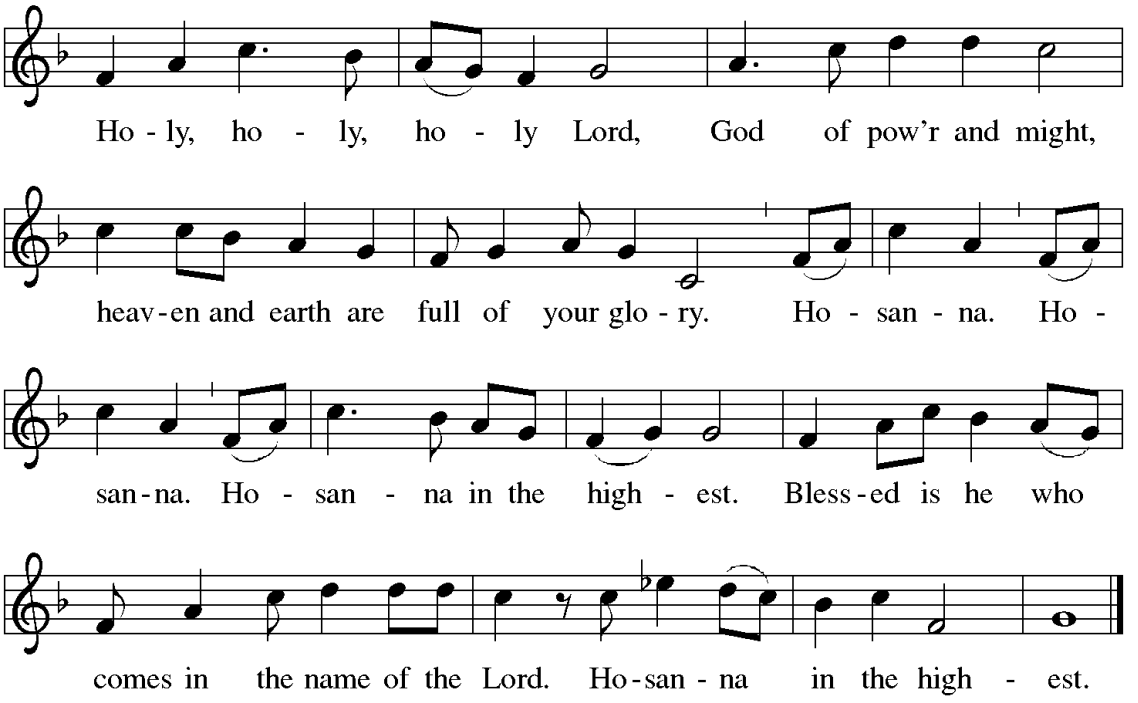
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

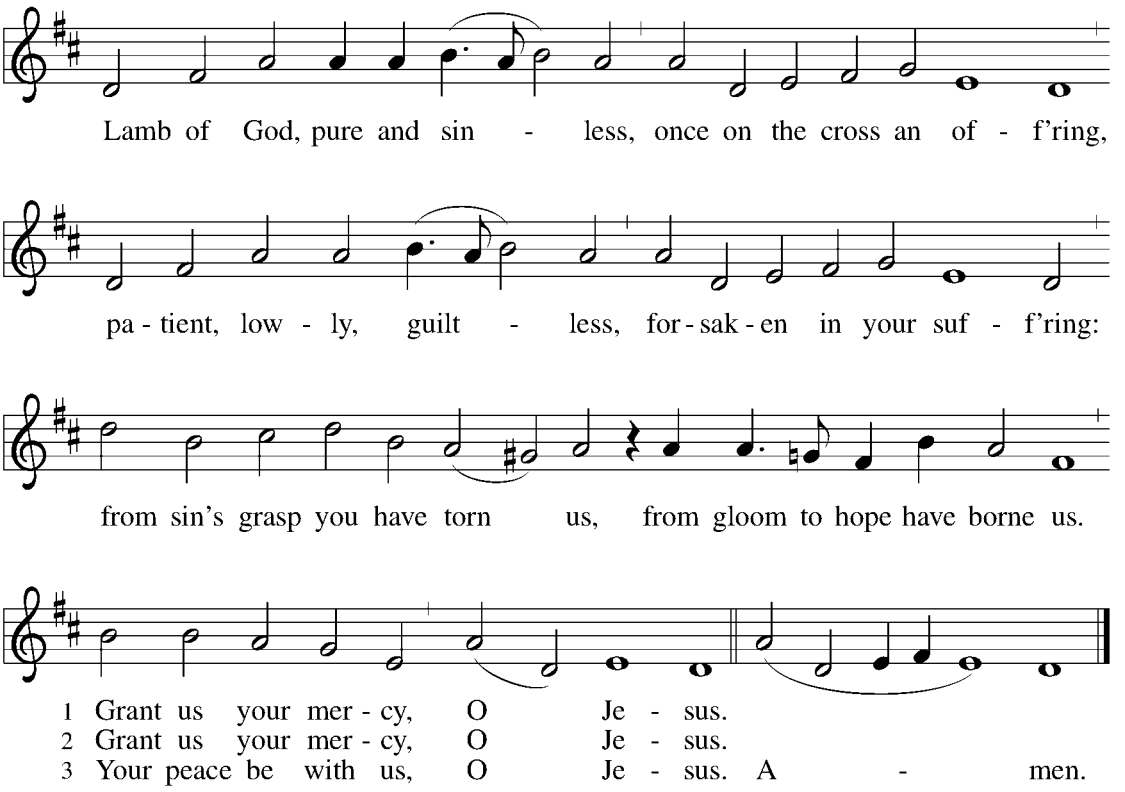
Communion Invitation

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 #779 "*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*"

Verses 1, 2, 5



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 "*Serious Song 2 Op 121"* by Johannes Brahms
arr. for Trombone and Piano

We thank today's celebrants:

Deacons: Kim Baratta & Chris Formeller
Acolyte: Eli Morris
Lectors: Mike Gregg & Kathy Gregg
Greeter/Usher: Guenter Seidel

Announcements

Important Dates to note:

- **March 10th**: Second Sundays concert at 12pm
- **March 17th**: Sunday School during 10am worship
- **March 24th**: Palm Sunday worship at 10am
- **March 29th:** Good Friday soup supper 6pm | Worship service 7pm
- **March 31st**: Easter Sunday
  Easter Concert at 9:30am
  Easter Worship at 10am

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March 24, 2024, 12pm onwards
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- Leggings
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Bring a dish to share!





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

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March 24th Palm Sunday

10:00am Worship

Join us in the Procession of Palms and hear the story of Christ's passion



Good Friday March 29th



6:00pm Soup Supper

Fellowship together over a light meal of soup & bread

7:00pm Worship

Reflections on the 7 last words of Chris on the cross

March 31st Easter Sunday

9:30am Easter Concert

10:00am Worship

Join us as we joyfully celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!



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Hymn of the Day **ELW #334 "*Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*"**

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Sanctus **Setting 3**

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