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First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

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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 in the fellowship hall; exit the sanctuary through the back and follow the stairwell downstairs.

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Questions? Contact Desirae, Parish Admin, at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness Rite

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

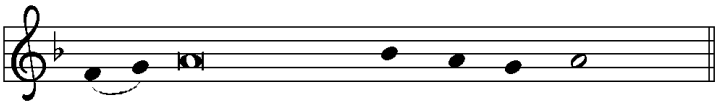
P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.
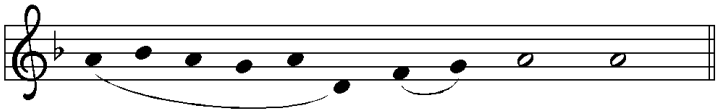
P: A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
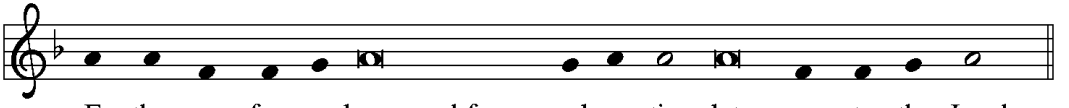
P: Most merciful God,
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake 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.
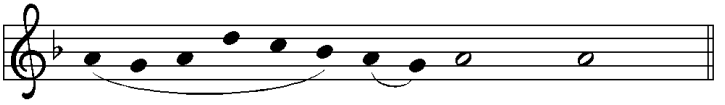
P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
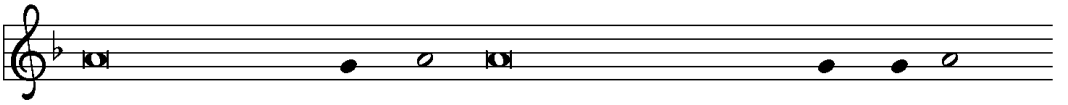
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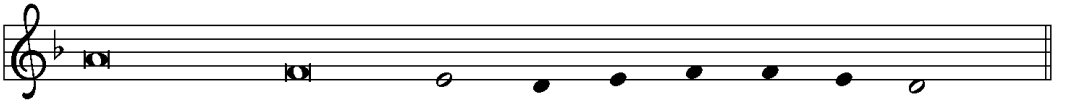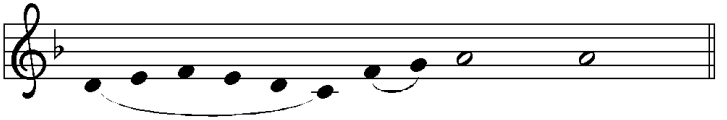






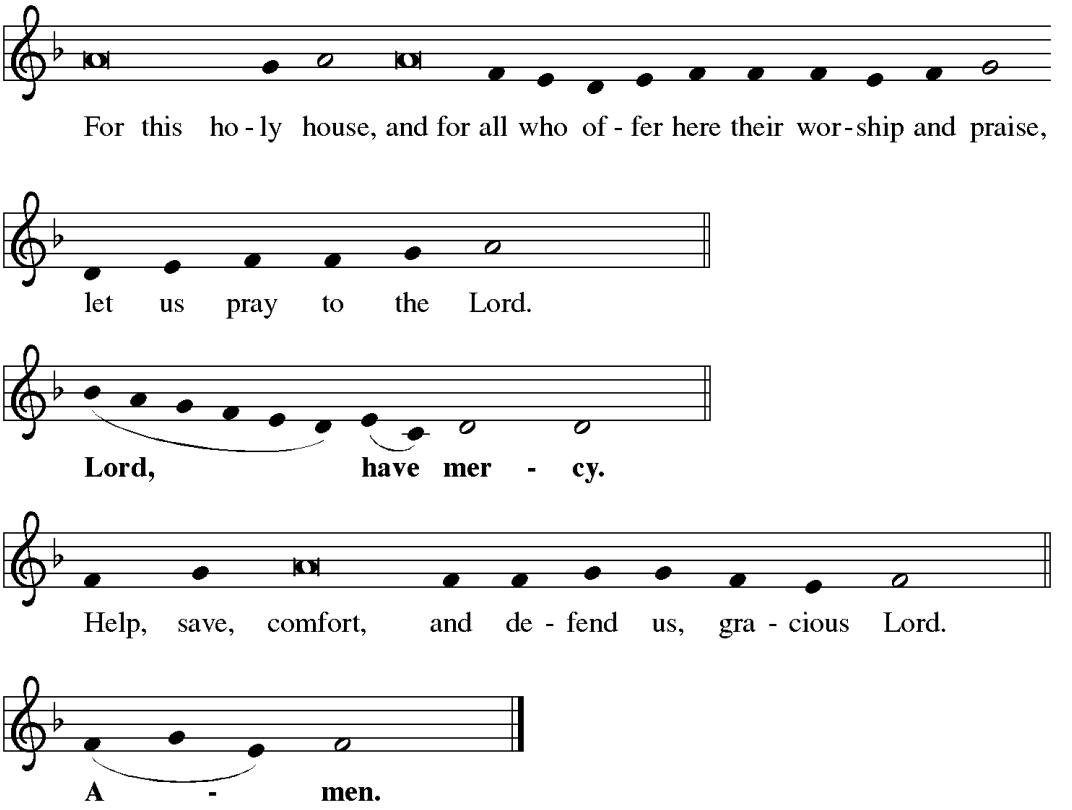








Kyrie Continued...



Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

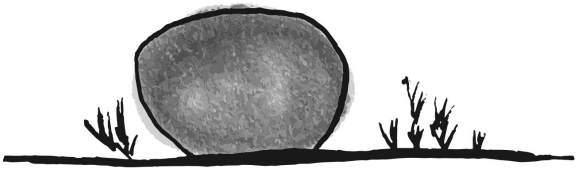
Children's Message

First Reading — Deuteronomy 26:1-11
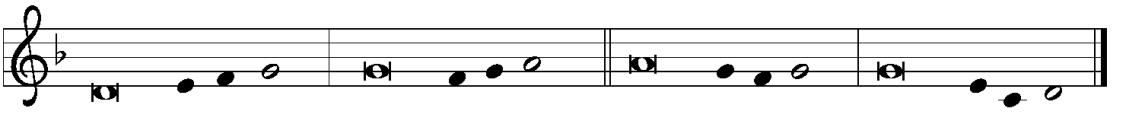
[1] When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an
inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, [2] you shall take some of
the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the
LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place
that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. [3] You shall go to the
priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD
your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to
give us." [4] When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down
before the altar of the LORD your God, [5] you shall make this response before the
LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into
Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great
nation, mighty and populous. [6] When the Egyptians treated us harshly and
afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, [7] we cried to the LORD, the God of our
ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our
oppression. [8] The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an
outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;
[9] and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk
and honey. [10] So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD,
have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down
before the LORD your God. [11] Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens
who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God
has given to you and to your house.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 96:1-2, 9-16 *chanted antiphonally; congregation chants bold text*



1 You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
2 **you will say to the LORD, "My refuge | and my stronghold,**
my God in whom I | put my trust."
9 Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
10 **no evil | will befall you,**
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.
11 For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
12 **Upon their hands they will | bear you up,**
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.
13 You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
14 **I will deliver those who | cling to me;**
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.
15 They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
16 **With long life will I | satisfy them,**
and show them | my salvation.

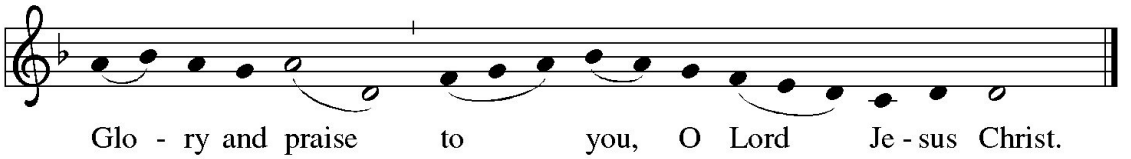


Second Reading — Romans 10:8b-13

[8b] "The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); [9] because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. [11] The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." [12] For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. [13] For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Gospel Acclamation



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

The Gospel — Luke 4:1-13

[1] Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, [2] where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. [3] The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." [4] Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

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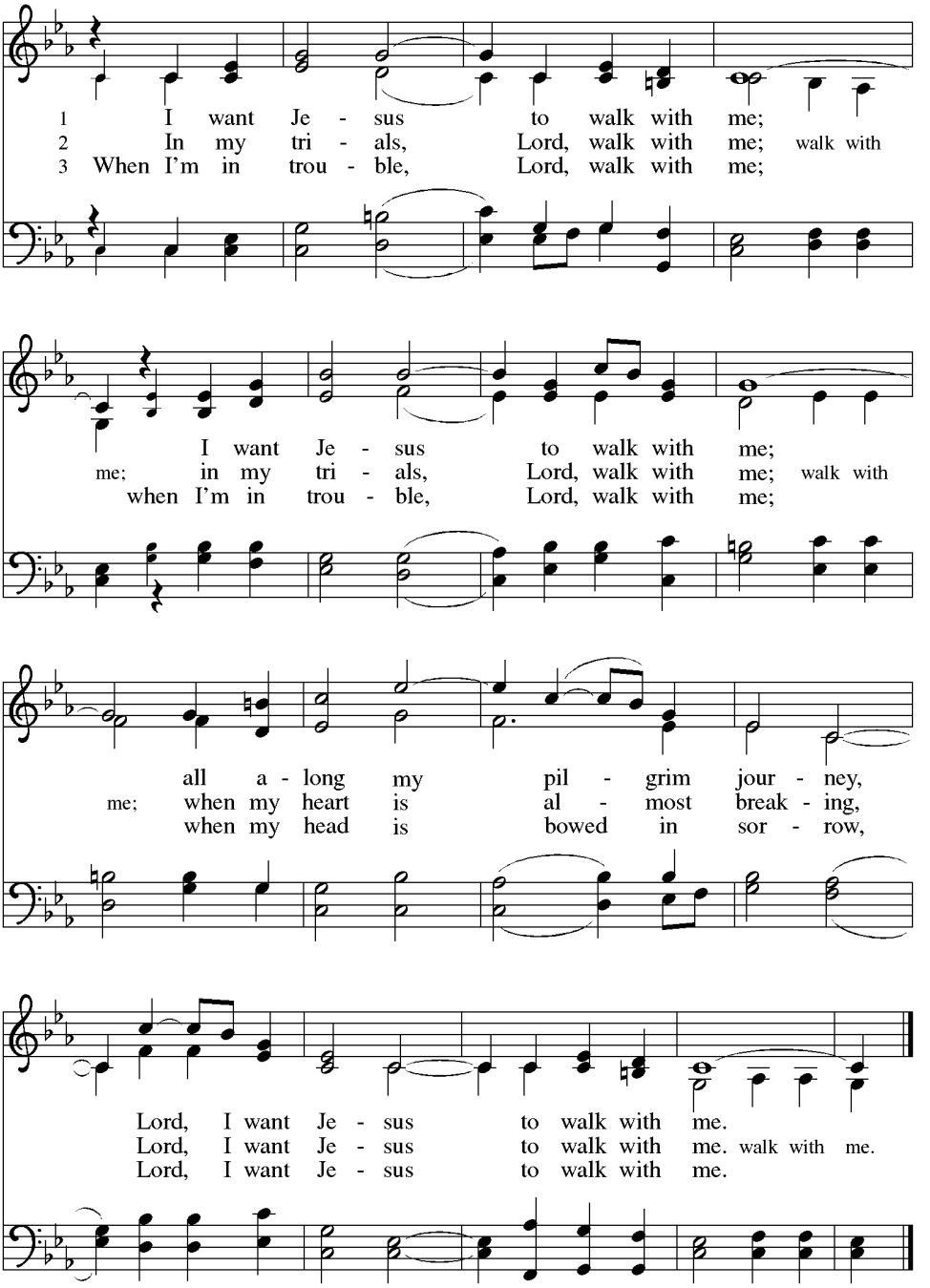
The Gospel continued…

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the
world. 6 And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this
authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you,
then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written,
'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "
9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the
temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,
10 for it is written,
'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'
11 and
'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "
12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " 13
When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune
time.
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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 Lupe, Raymond, Bonnie, Bob, Sandy, Rachel, Mary, Doug, Donna, Lola, Marte, Bernie, Elizabeth, Dee, Nick, Mike, Wilma, Non, Dennis, Pope Francis, 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.

Temple Talk

The Offering

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

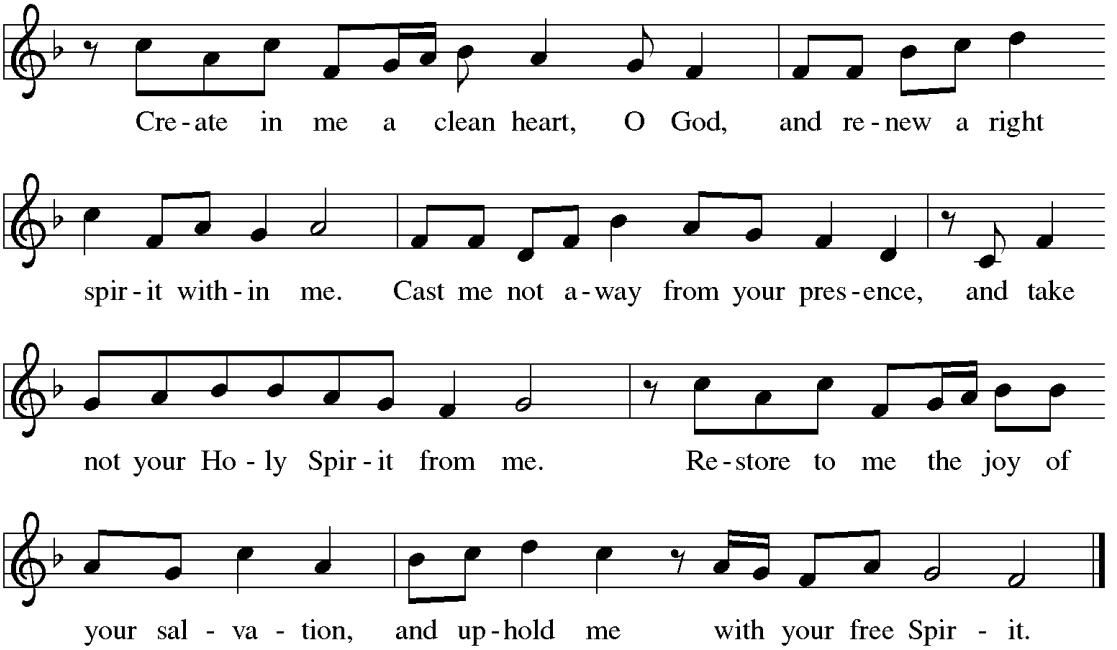
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Support our new neighbors with your Lenten Almsgiving. Give monetary donations or 'most-needed' items to these families in our community.

- Shampoo
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Body Wash
- Lotion
- Hair ties
- Sunscreen
- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric softener
- Dish soap & sponges



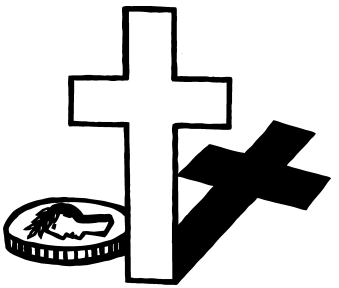
Offertory Hymn ELW #186 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"



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.

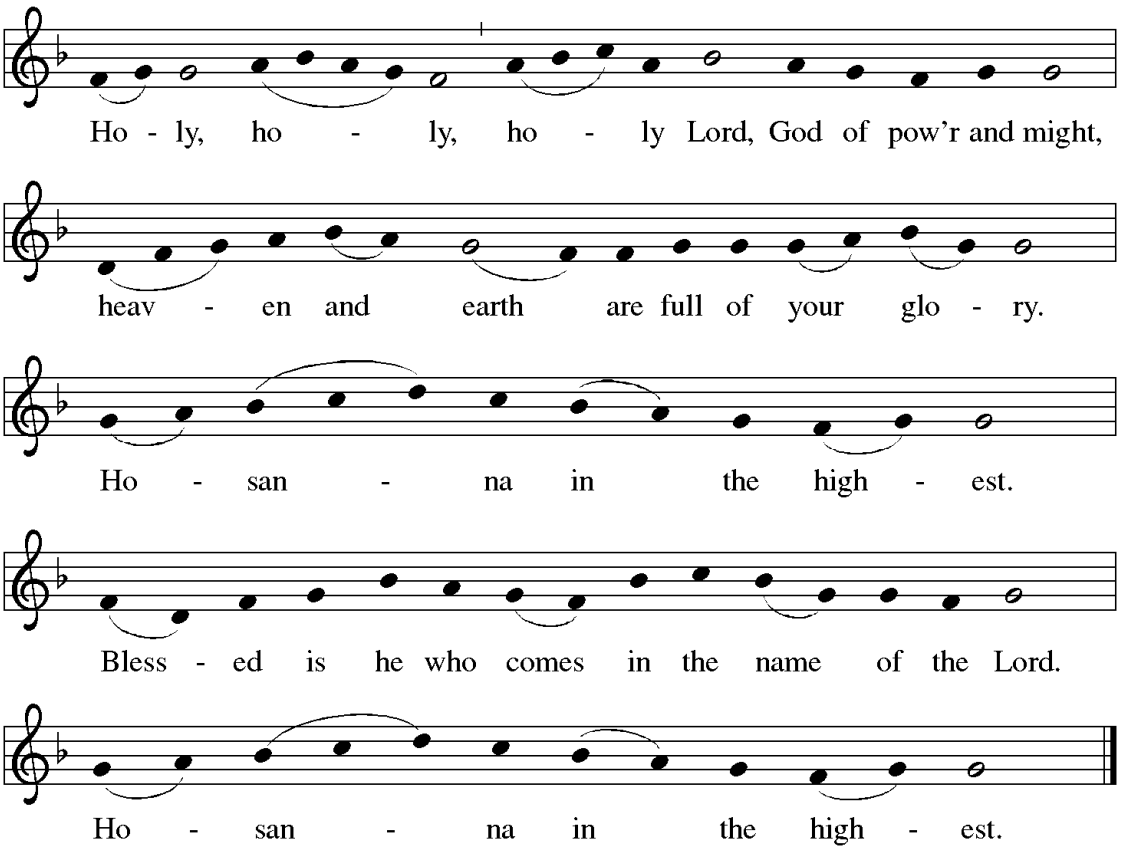
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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
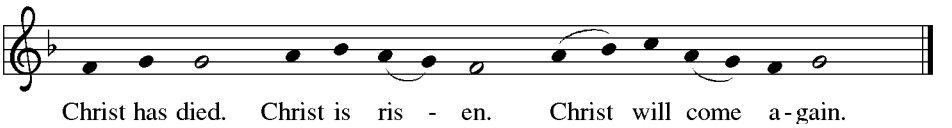


P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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:

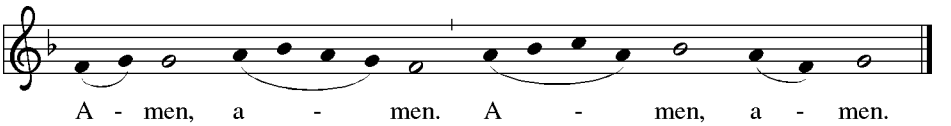


P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

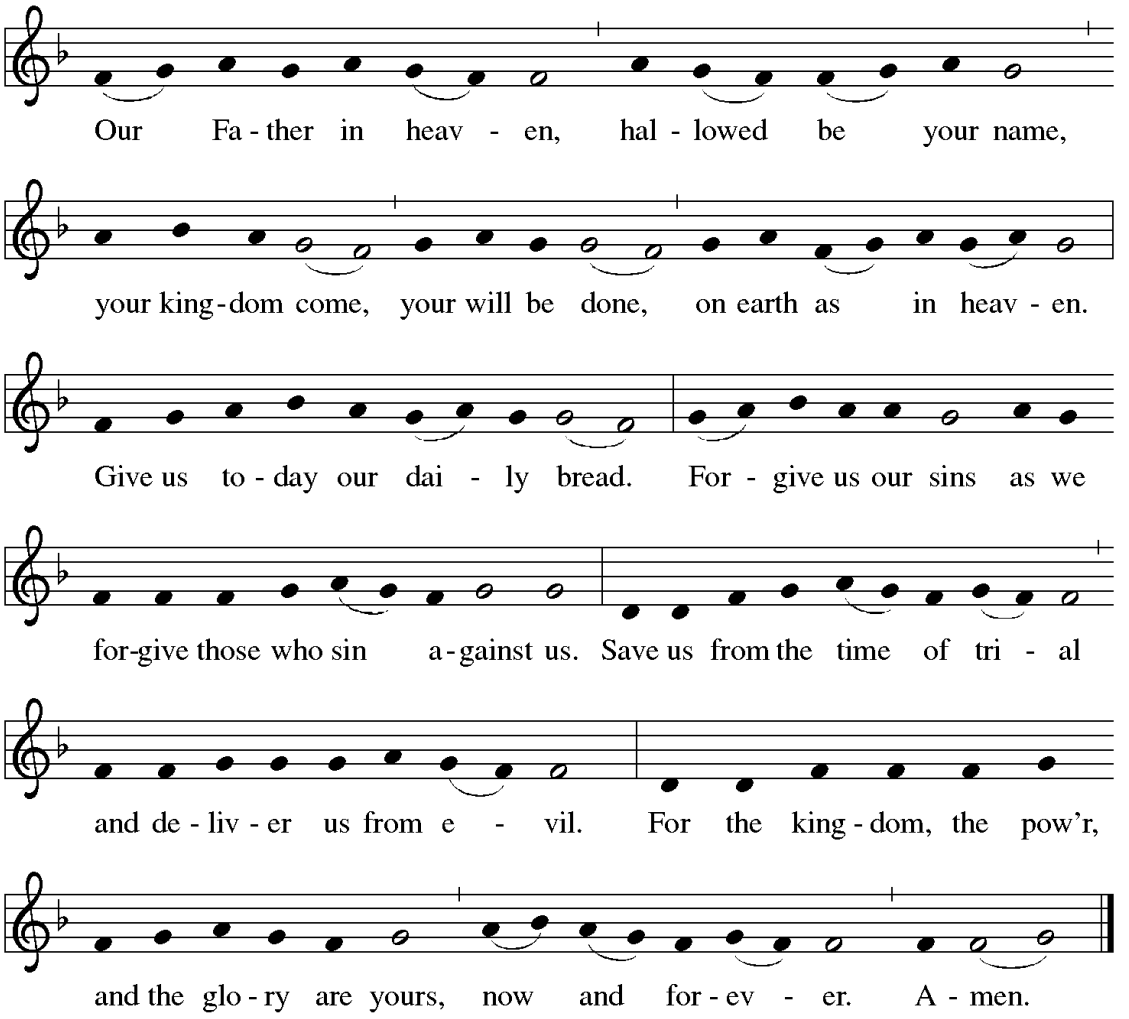
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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

C:



The Lord's Prayer

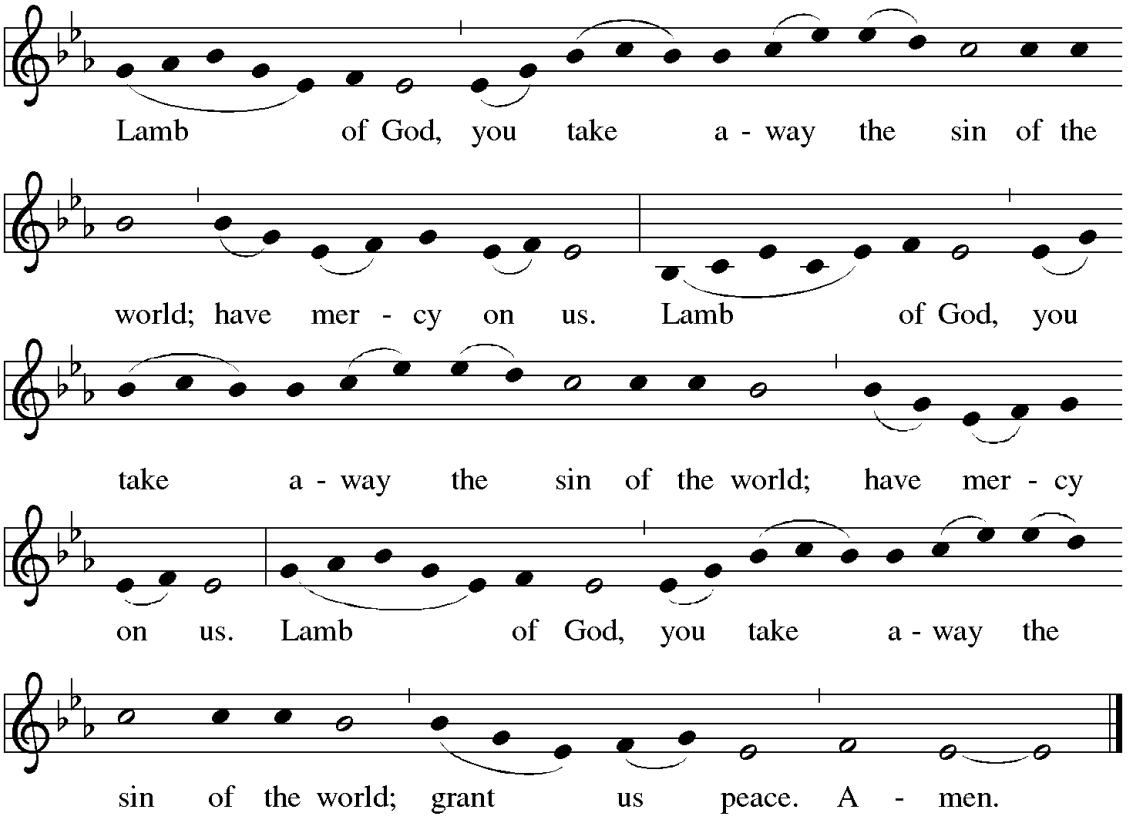


Communion Invitation

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 *"Lamb of God"*



Communion Anthem *"Be Still My Soul"*

Post Communion Blessing

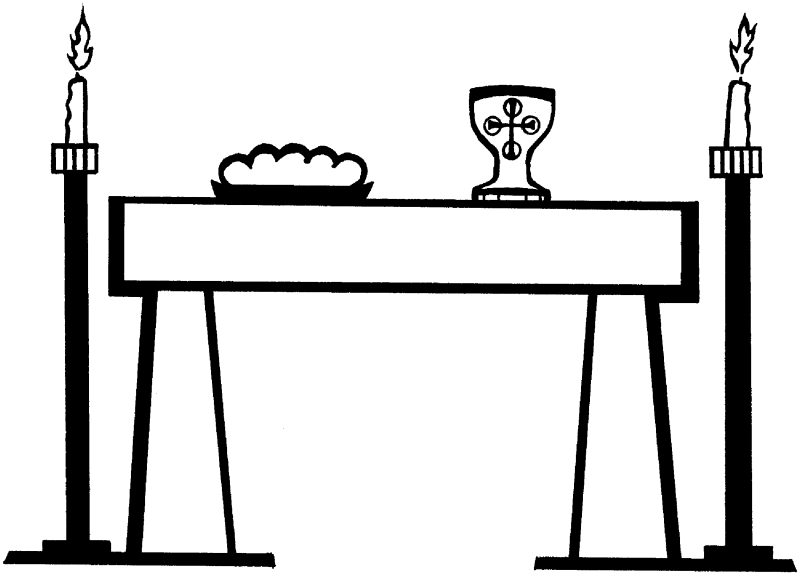
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.
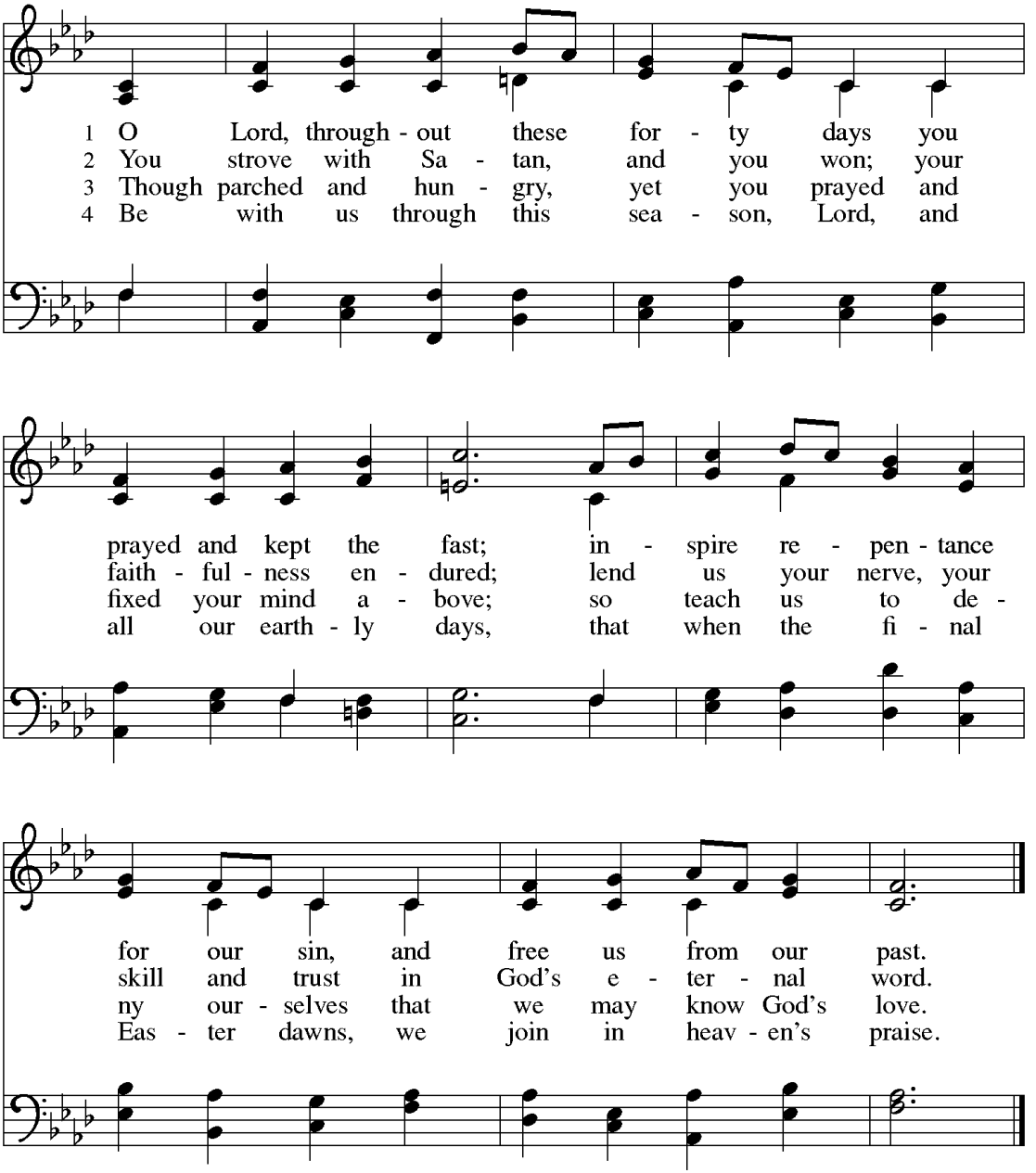
Post-Communion Prayer

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 #319 "*O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*"



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

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Kim Baratta
Lector: TBD
Greeter: Guenter Seidel
Song Leaders: Alexandra Logue, Jade Dasha, Ryan Alexander, Avery Sujkowski
Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

Announcements

Lenten worship is held each Sunday at 10am and available both in-person and via livestream. Sunday School is also held each week during the season of Lent following the Children's Message in each service.

Adult Study is each Sunday during Lent at 9am in the church office. You may also participate via Zoom.

We are collecting both monetary donations and needed hygienic items for our new neighbors. You can put all items in the Almsgiving bowl in the back of the sanctuary.

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Upcoming Events

March 9th: Executive Team meeting at 11am in church office

'Second Sundays' concert at 12pm: Andrew Marlin, bassoon

March 28th: 'Chicago!' with Lakeshore Brass

March 30th: Council meeting following worship

April 13th: Palm Sunday Worship at 10am

April 20th: Easter Sunday Worship at 10am

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Call to MINDFULNESS

Ash Wednesday Service

March 5th at 7pm; includes the Imposition of Ashes

You are invited take up a call of mindfulness over the 40 days of Lent by committing to our threefold Lenten discipline

Lenten Devotion

- Daily Devotional Scripture & Reflection sent to your inbox and posted online
- Weekly vespers with scripture & music *(Wednesdays at 7pm)*

Lenten Reflection

- Sunday School every week with a special Lenten project
- Adult Study *Sundays at 9am*

Lenten Giving

- Weekly Lenten Almsgiving Offering to support our new neighbors and children at Concordia Place

Follow along with all Lenten offerings at concordiafaith.org/lent

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ALMSGIVING
ITEM CHECKLIST

Shop for items to help families in need.
Bring your items to church and put them in the Almsgiving bowl.



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Hair Ties



Body Wash



Sunscreen



Toothbrushes



Laundry Detergent



Toothpaste



Fabric Softener



Lotion



Dish Soap & Sponges

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Concordia Concerts presents

Second Sundays

Free Community concert on the second Sunday of each month at noon!



Andrew Marlin, bassoon

SUNDAY
MARCH 9
12 pm

Free admission

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Bringing our neighbors together to experience God's love through inspiring music.

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

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Closing Hymn — ELW #319 "*O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*"

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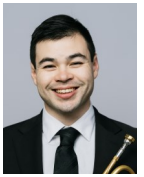
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