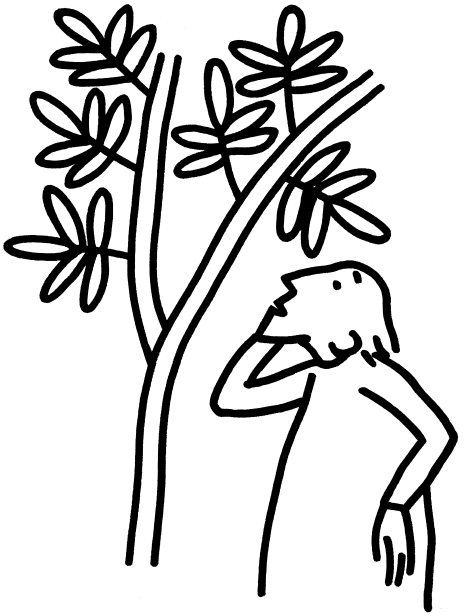
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Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

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

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

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Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness Rite

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

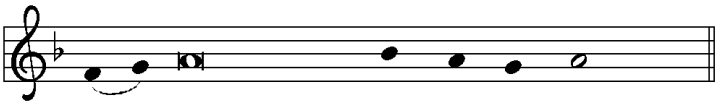
P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.
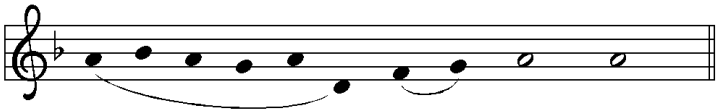
P: A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
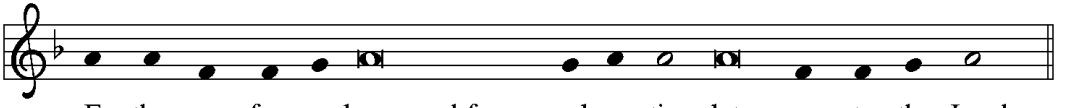
P: Most merciful God,
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake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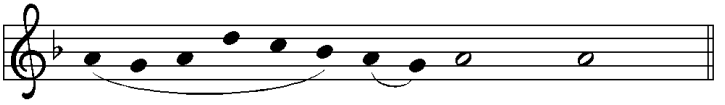
P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of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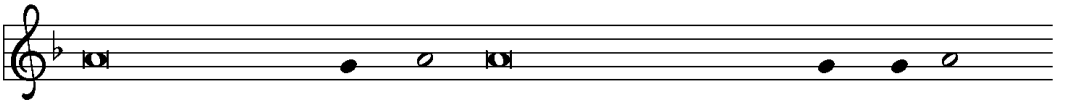
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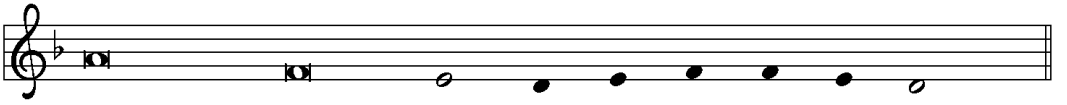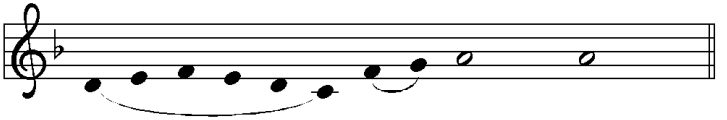






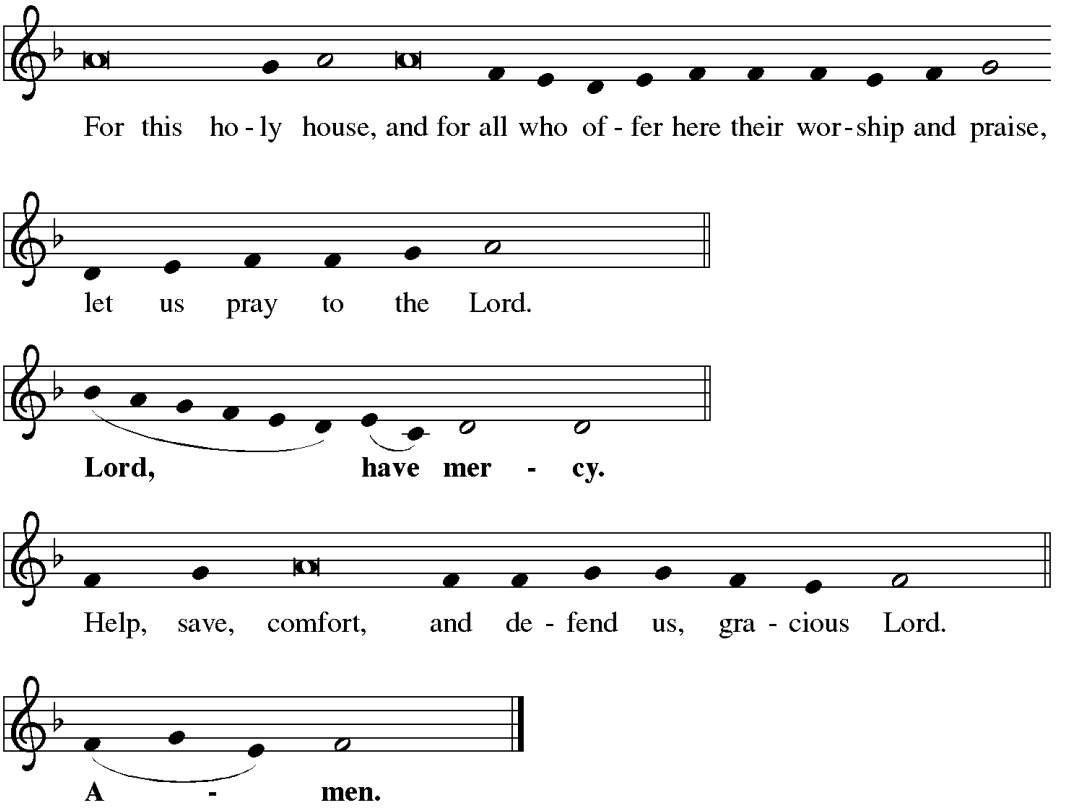








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Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.
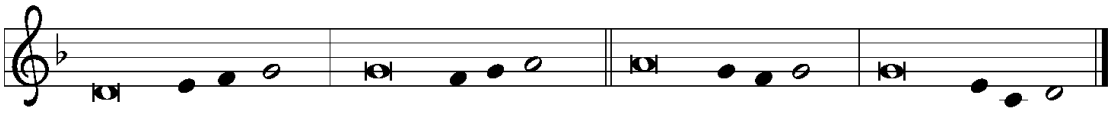
Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 55:1-9

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
6 Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Psalm 63:1-8 *chanted antiphonally; congregation chants bold text*



[1] O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land
where there | is no water.
[2] **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,**
that I might behold your power | and your glory.
[3] For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.
[4] **So will I bless you as long | as I live**
and lift up my hands | in your name.
[5] My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,
[6] **when I remember you up- | on my bed,**
and meditate on you in | the night watches.
[7] For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.
[8] **My whole being | clings to you;**
your right hand | holds me fast.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

[1] I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, [2] and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, [3] and all ate the same spiritual food, [4] and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. [5] Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

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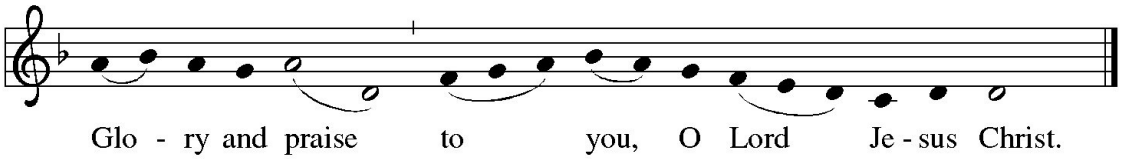
Second Reading con't — 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

[6] Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. [7] Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." [8] We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. [9] We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. [10] And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. [11] These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. [12] So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. [13] No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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 13:1-9

[1] At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. [2] [Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? [3] No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. [4] Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? [5] No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

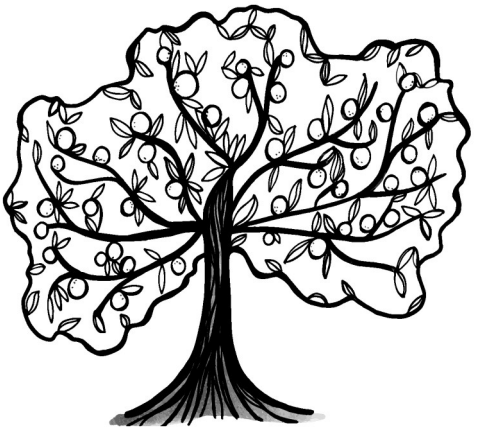
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The Gospel con't **Luke 13:1-9**

[6] Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he
came looking for fruit on it and found none. [7] So he said to the gardener, 'See here!
For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none.
Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' [8] He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for
one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. [9] If it bears fruit next
year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.
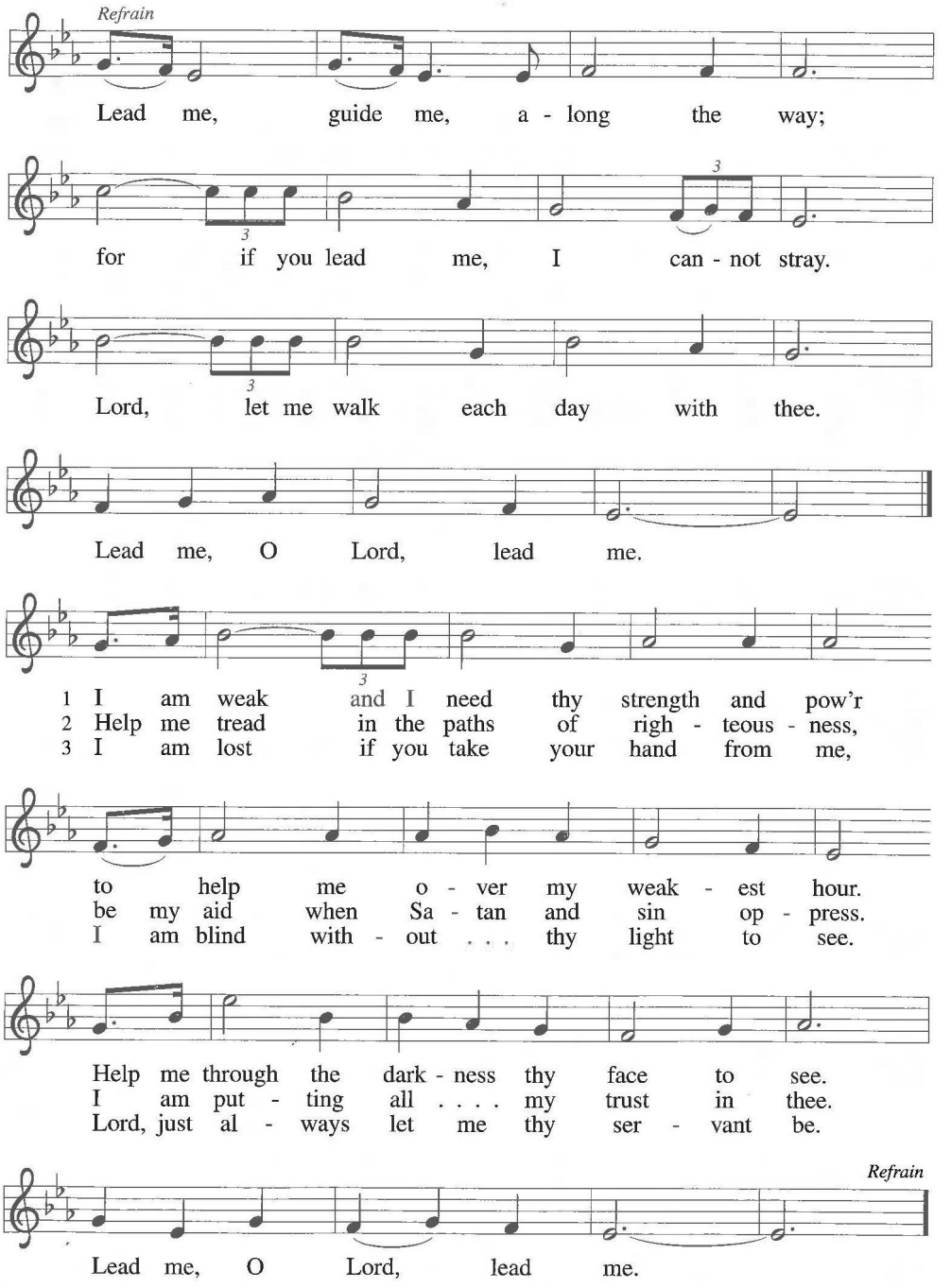
Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Sermon **Rev. Nicholas Zook**



Hymn of the Day

ELW #768 "*Lead Me, Guide 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, Ellen, Don, 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.

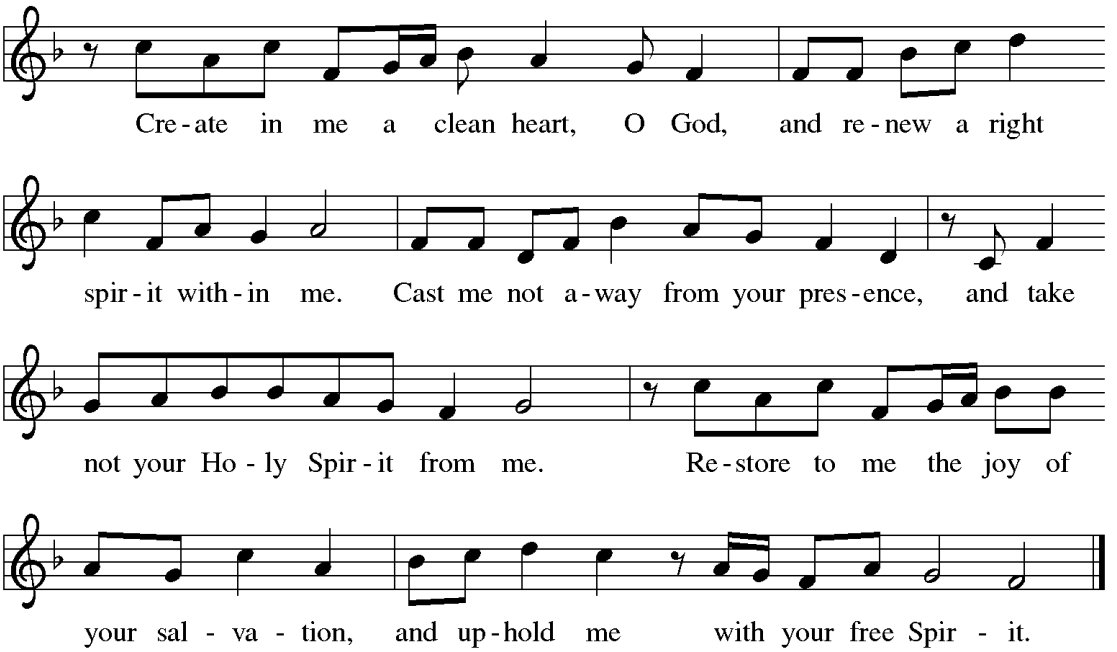
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Support our new neighbors with your Lenten Almsgiving. Give monetary donations or 'most-needed' items to these families in our community.

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- 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.

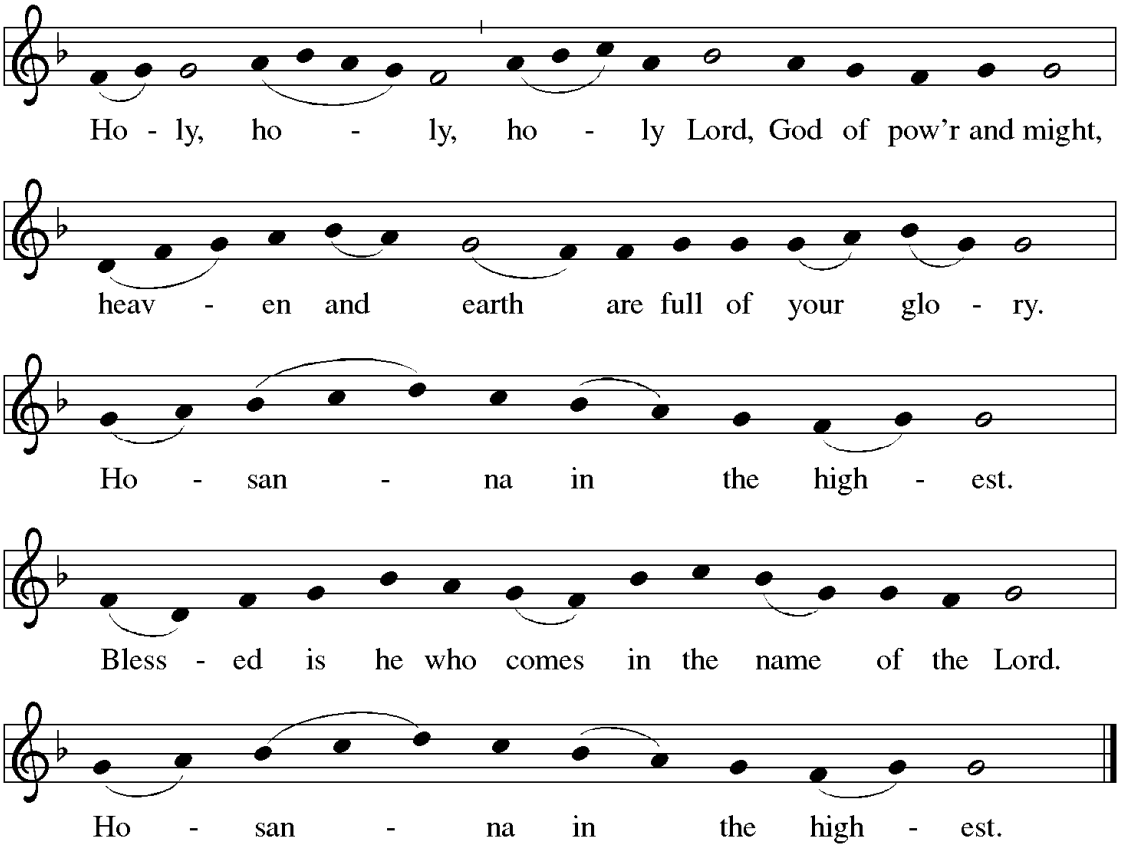
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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.

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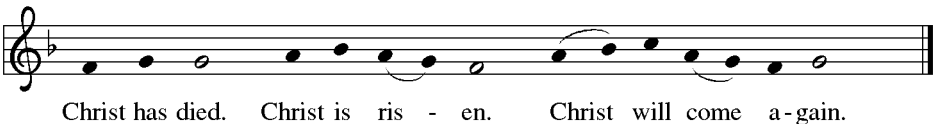


P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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:

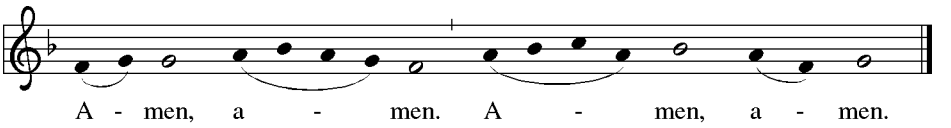


P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

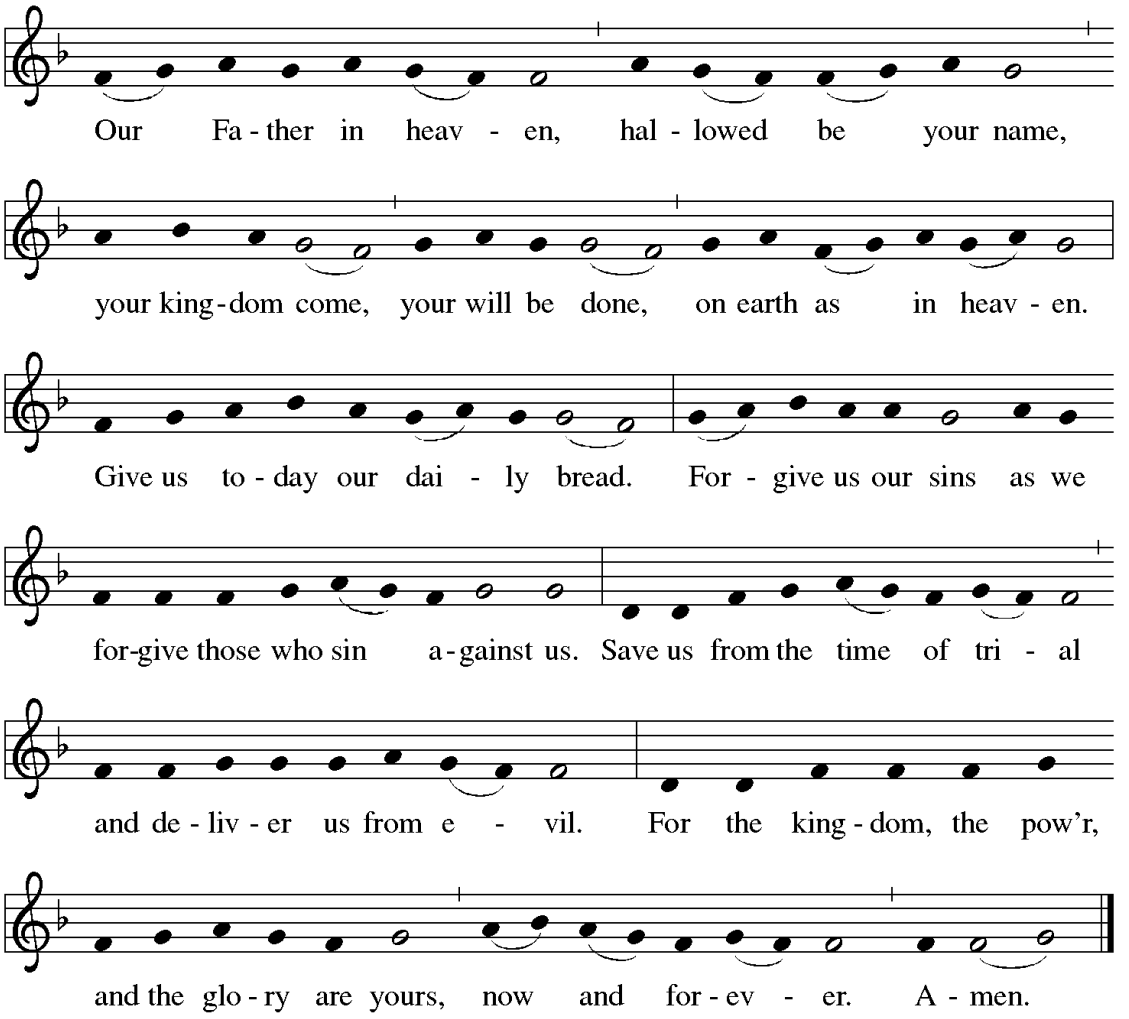
C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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

C:



The Lord's Prayer

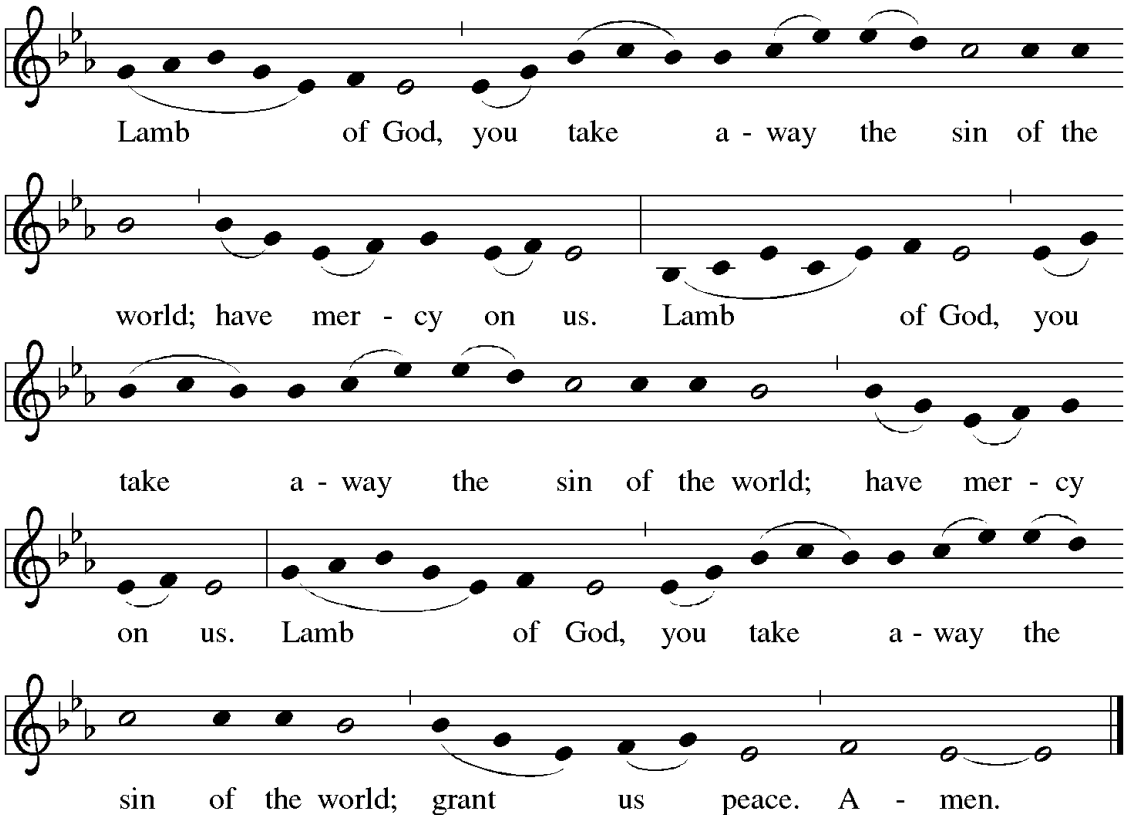


Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. You are invited to kneel at the railing. 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

Post Communion Blessing

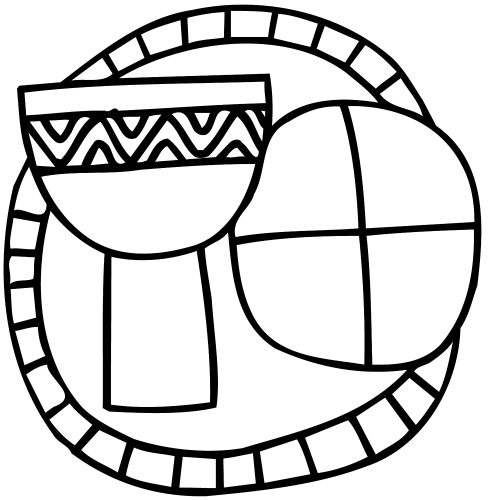
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.
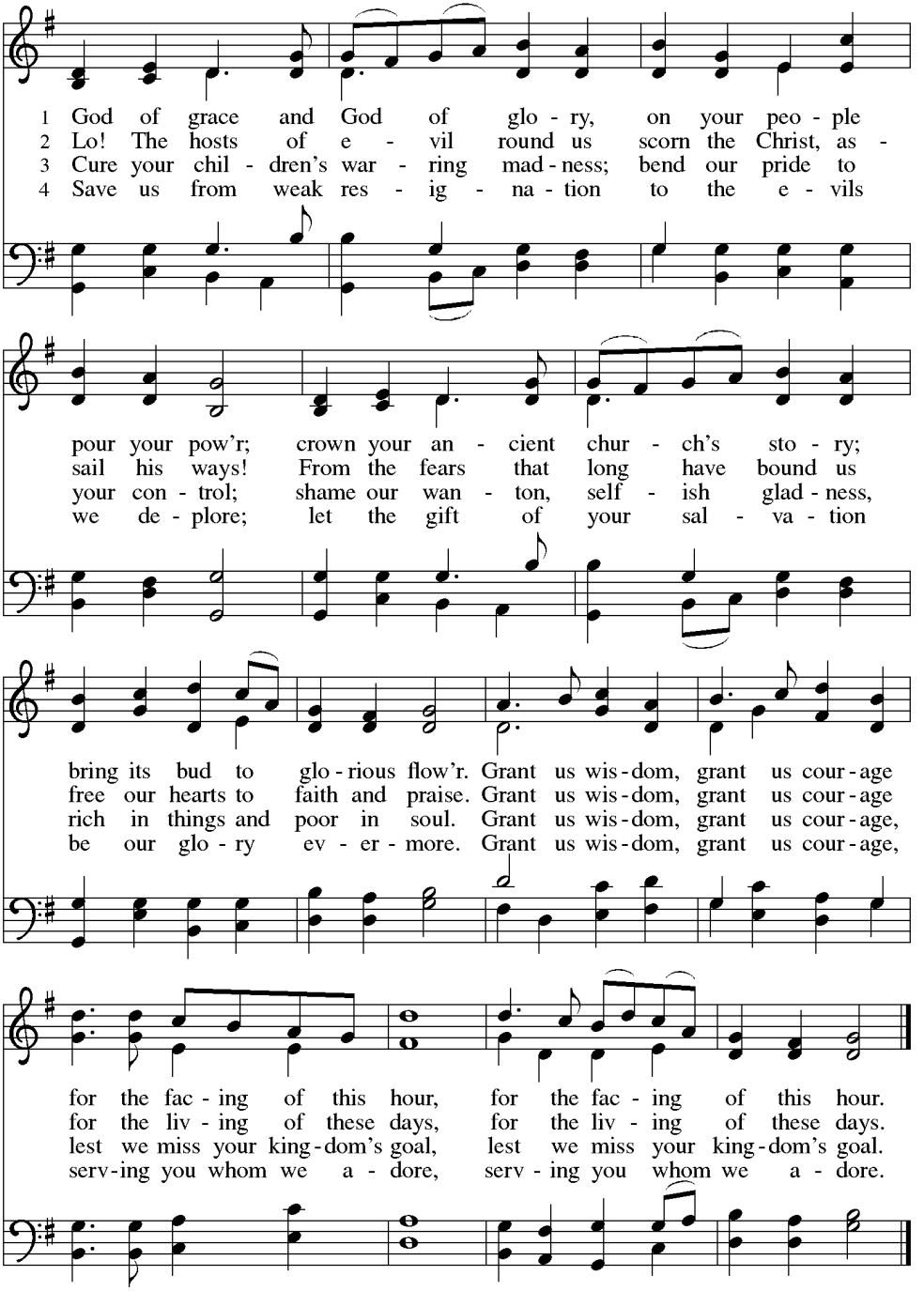
Post-Communion Prayer

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 #705 "*God of Grace and God of Glory*"



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: Christina Formeller
Lector: Mary-Ann Lupa
Greeter: —
Song Leaders: Marisa Buchheit**,** Jade Dasha, Ryan Alexander, Avery Sujkowski
Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Élider DiPaula

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 28th: 'Chicago!' with Lakeshore Brass at 7pm

March 29th: From Crisis to Community: The Concordia Solution, 2-4pm at Whipple Pavilion

March 30th: Council meeting following worship

April 13th: Palm Sunday Worship at 10am

April 18th: Good Friday service at 7pm

April 20th: Easter Sunday Worship at 10am

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2) Online: Visit www.onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give
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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.



Shampoo



Hair Ties



Body Wash



Sunscreen



Toothbrushes



Laundry Detergent



Toothpaste



Fabric Softener



Lotion



Dish Soap & Sponges

Lakeshore
BRASS

plays

CHICAGO

March 28th

7:00pm

3855 N. Seeley Ave.



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FROM CRISIS TO COMMUNITY

THE CONCORDIA PLACE SOLUTION



Join us for a transformative afternoon exploring Chicago's migrant journey through the landmark documentary "Desde Cero" and discover how Concordia Place is building pathways to success for new arrival families.

Featuring

- Screening of "Desde Cero"
- Panel discussion on community driven solutions
- Light refreshments

March 29, 2025
2pm to 4pm

Swartz Pavilion
Concordia Place
3300 N Whipple St
Chicago, IL 60618

Register

- RSVP at concordiaplace.org/community
- Questions? Contact Katie Bernabei at kbernabei@concordiaplace.org

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Closing Hymn — ELW #705 "*God of Grace and God of Glory*"

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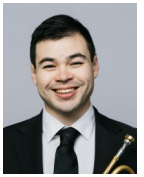
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