



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

First Sunday in Lent | March 9, 2025

PRELUDE: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" T. Tallis | Hando Nahkur

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MINUTE: Peanut Butter Drive and Carter Blood Care.

FOUR-MINUTE SINS: PRIDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand

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 sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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.

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN: "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" ELW 319

Please turn and face the Cross as it enters the sanctuary

YOU ARE WELCOME AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH because God welcomes you. You are welcome here regardless of your religious background, race or ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, ability, national citizenship, economic circumstances, political views, marital status, or anything else that may divide or diminish our common humanity. Sharing faith in Jesus, who came to be the savior of all humanity, we strive to uphold and rejoice in the dignity, value, and gifts of every individual and to celebrate the richness that diverse backgrounds and personal stories bring to our community.

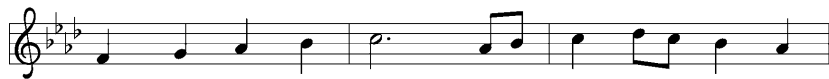
CHILDCARE: We welcome the gift of having young people in worship and want them to experience what is happening in the sanctuary. We understand they (or you) may need a break from sanctuary worship. To accommodate that, we offer two options. The first is our comfort room, located outside the sanctuary and up the stairs. This room is an unattended space for parents and their children to be together while the service is streaming so that you don't miss anything. The second option is a tended nursery classroom where parents can drop off their children with loving, trained teachers. This room is located across from the gym and directly to the left.

SERVICE: In Lutheran worship, we stand to pray and sing, and as a special sign of respect when we hear the words of the Gospel. We sit for the announcements, readings, and sermon. If you ever prefer to sit while others are standing or to stand while others are sitting, please feel free to do so! Sitting or standing is never required. Please let an usher know if you need to receive Holy Communion in your seat.

HYMNAL: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW). The red hymnal in the pew in front of you.



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



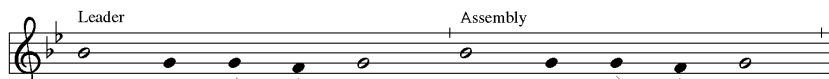
for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

GREETING

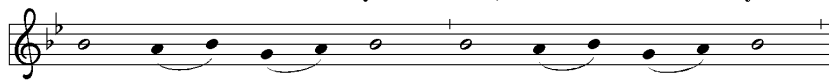
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

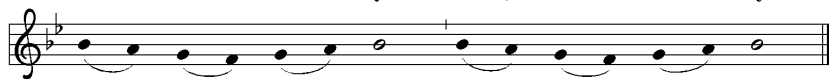
KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria/Hymn of Praise Omitted for Lent

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray (*Silence*). O Lord God,

C: 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. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Please be seated

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, 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. 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." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, 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. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 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; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 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. 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.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16 *(The verses are read responsively)*

You who dwell in the shelter of ¹ the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of ¹ the Almighty—
**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge ¹ and my stronghold,
my God in whom I ¹ put my trust."**

Because you have made the ¹ LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your ¹ habitation,
**no evil ¹ will befall you,
nor shall affliction come ¹ near your dwelling.**

For God will give the angels charge ¹ over you,
to guard you in ¹ all your ways.

**Upon their hands they will ¹ bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- ¹ gainst a stone.**

You will tread upon the lion ¹ cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion ¹ and the serpent.

**I will deliver those who ¹ cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they ¹ know my name.**

They will call me, and I will ¹ answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and ¹ honor them.

**With long life will I ¹ satisfy them,
and show them ¹ my salvation.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand

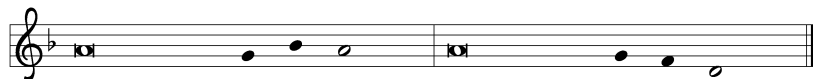
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(The Acclamation is sung by the cantor and repeated by all)*



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



One does not live by | bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the | mouth of God.

Repeat acclamation

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 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. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 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. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

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, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Repeat Acclamation

SERMON: *Fidelia and the Pirates*

Please be seated

After the sermon, silence for reflection is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church" *ELW 321*

Please stand



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

APOSTLES' CREED

(In response to hearing the Word, the church confesses our shared faith. This form of the creed is often used on Sundays, after Pentecost)

A: Let us pray (*Silence*). We confess the faith of the church in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

In the course of the silence after each petition, the People offer their own prayers silently

A: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Erik and Elizabeth;...

Silence

P: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Please be seated

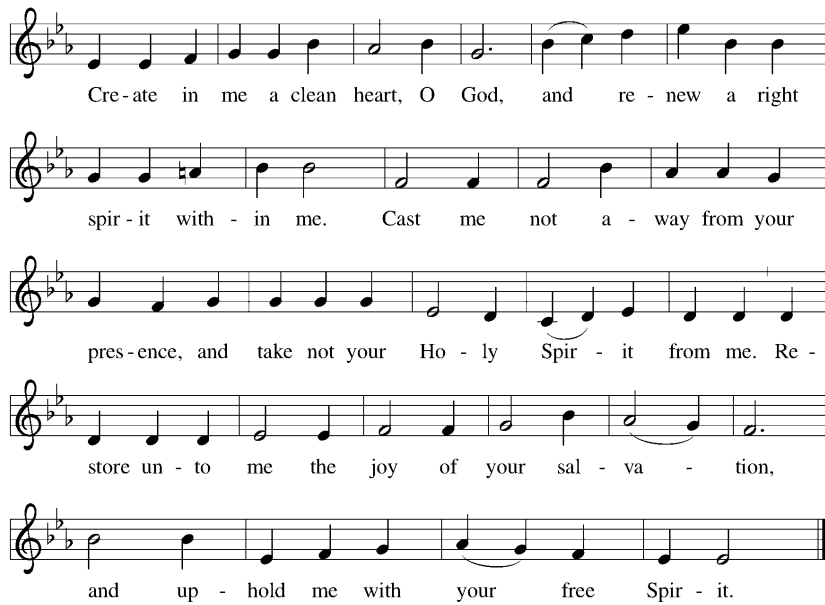
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SPECIAL MUSIC: "God Loved the World" Gesangbuch, Bollhagen, E. Miller | Betsy Lintel

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW 188



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray (*Silence*). Blessed are you, O Lord our God,

C: ruler of the universe; from your goodness we have this bread to offer. Fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become the Body of Christ. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

P: The Lord Almighty accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,

C: For our benefit and the blessing of the whole world. Amen.

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.

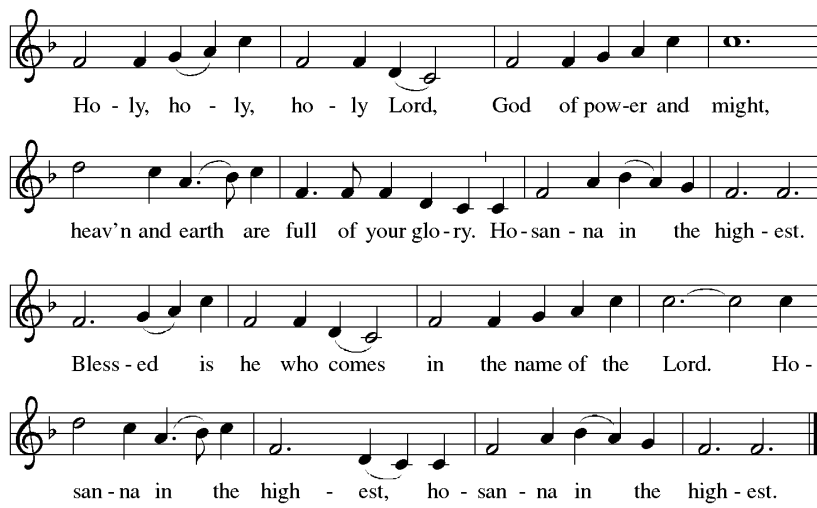
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

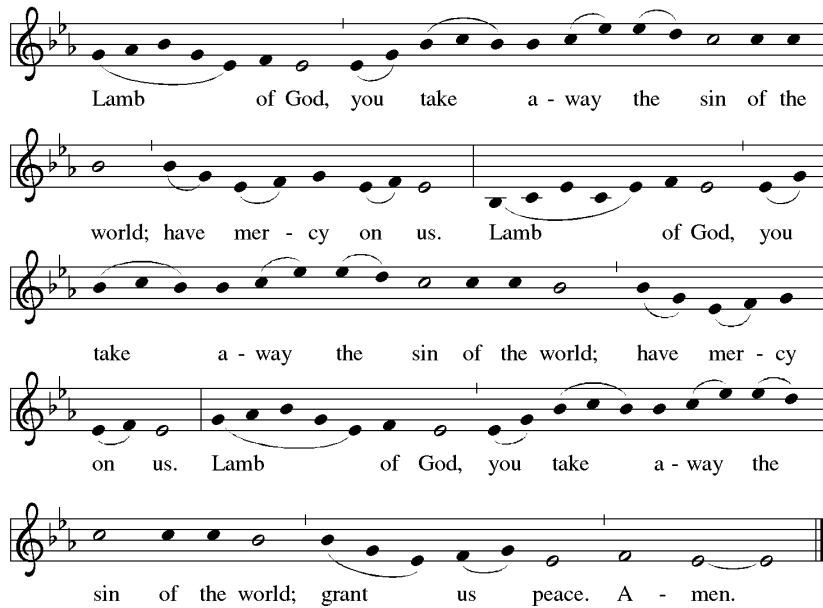
C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD *ELW* Setting 5



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you.

C: But only speak the word and my soul shall be healed.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Please be seated

As you come forward for the Sacrament, please sanitize your hands with the sanitizer in your pew. Communion will be distributed at the rail in front of the altar. You may kneel or stand. You will be given the host, which you may dip in the chalice containing red wine or the chalice containing white grape juice. You may receive only the host or only the chalice if you wish. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please fold your arms in front of your chest. When the altar is cleared, the presider will invite the people to stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

A: Let us pray (*Silence*). Almighty and ever-living God,

C: we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION - *The presider blesses the people*

SENDING HYMN: "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" *ELW* 326