

**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 sounds and sights of young people in our Sanctuary and want them to experience worship. If your young worshiper (or you) need a break from the Sanctuary, we offer a nursery to the left and down the hall from the rear Sanctuary doors.

**SERVICE:** In Lutheran worship, we usually stand to pray and sing, and as a special sign of respect when we hear the words of the Gospel. We sit to listen to the announcements, the readings, and the sermon. If you ever prefer to sit while others are standing or to stand and stretch your legs 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 rather than coming to the front.

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



## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024

**PRELUDE:** D. Hurd. "The Word of God is Source & Seed." Hando Nahkur

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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: “Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church.” ELW 321**

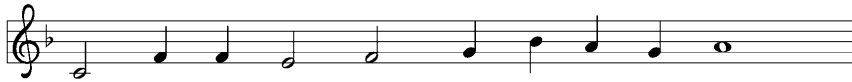
(Please turn and face the Cross as it enters the sanctuary)



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,



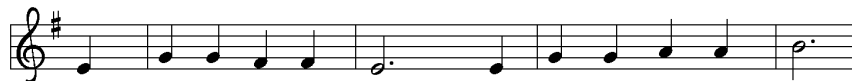
far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

## **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**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*(Gloria/Hymn of Praise Omitted for Lent)*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C:** with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## WORD

**READING:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

*Please be seated*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**A:** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 51:1-12** (The refrain is sung once by the cantor and repeated by all. The cantor sings the verses and the congregation joins in the refrain)



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
 in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.  
 Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
 and cleanse me | from my sin.

For I know | my offenses,  
 and my sin is ev- | er before me.  
 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
 so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.

**C: Refrain**

Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
 a sinner from my | mother's womb.  
 Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
 and would have me know wisdom | deep within.  
 Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
 wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.  
 Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
 that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

**C: Refrain**

Hide your face | from my sins,  
 and blot out | all my wickedness.  
 Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
 and renew a right spir- | it within me.  
 Cast me not away | from your presence,  
 and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.  
 Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
 and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

**C: Refrain**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 177** (*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.

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a | single grain;  
 but if it dies, it | bears much fruit.

**GOSPEL:** John 12:20-33

P: The holy Gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**


*Repeat Acclamation*

*Please be seated*


**SERMON** *(After the sermon, silence for reflection is kept)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** “The Word of God is Source and Seed.” ELW 506

*Please stand*



1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to  
2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to  
3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to



die and sprout and grow. So make your dark earth  
heal and wake and save. So let the Spir - it  
sing, to laugh and cry. So dare to be as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.  
touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.  
Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.



*Refrain*

Gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,  
In the Lord let us re - joice, in the Lord let us re - joice,



gau - de - a - mus Do mi - no!  
in the Lord let us re - joice!

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *(When invited by the presider, the congregation may offer up their prayer petitions either silently or aloud)*

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**

*Please be seated*

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED** *(Many of our members give electronically. Learn more at [clcdallas.org](http://clcdallas.org))*

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** F.J. Crosby, W.H. Doane. "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross." Laura Haynie

### **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) Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

**C: 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.**

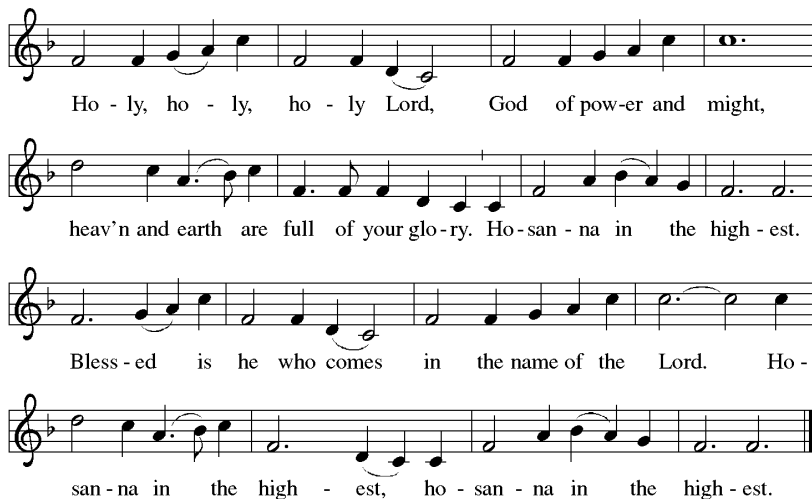
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### PREFACE (*The presider continues*)

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:**



## EUCCHARISTIC 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 10



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## 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*

*Please use the sanitizer in your pew as you come forward for the Sacrament. Communion will be distributed at the front of the center aisle. You will be given the host, which you may dip in the chalice containing red wine or white grape juice. If you want to receive a blessing instead, fold your arms before your chest. Remember that communion in one kind (only host or chalice) is a proper way to receive the Sacrament. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail for prayer after you receive communion. Someone can pray with you if you wish. When the altar is cleared, the presider will invite the people to stand as they can.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand*

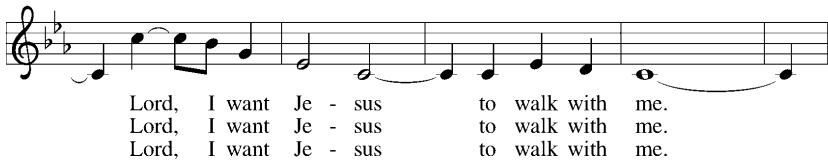
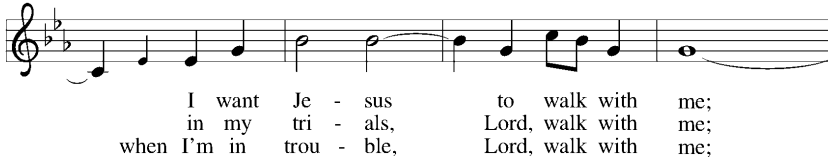
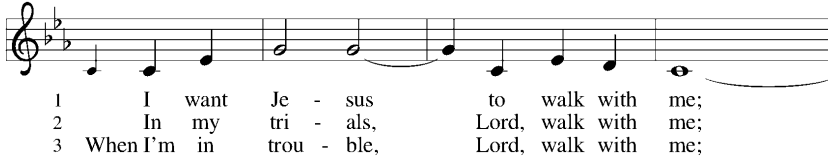
A: Eternal God, heavenly Father,

**C: You have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord.**

## SENDING

**BENEDICTION** - *The presider blesses the people*

**SENDING HYMN:** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me." ELW 325



## **DISMISSAL**

**A:** We are a community of faith reaching out to change lives. Let us go out in peace and share the good news!

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** S.H. Nicholson. "Lift High the Cross." Hando Nahkur