

# *Second Sunday in Lent*

*March 17, 2019*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
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## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

“Meditation at the Cross”

A. Whitworth

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE EXHORTATION, CONFESSION, AND PLEA**

Trusting in God's mercy, we gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, and works of love, the discipline of Lent, help us to wage our spiritual warfare.

I invite you, therefore, to commit yourself to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Let us now make confession:

**Almighty God, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

Know that God does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, we implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things we do on this day may please him, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

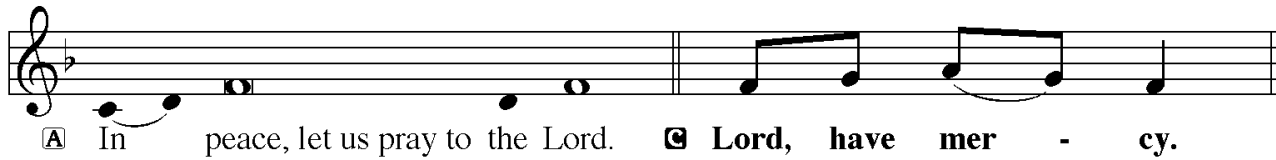
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**GREETING**

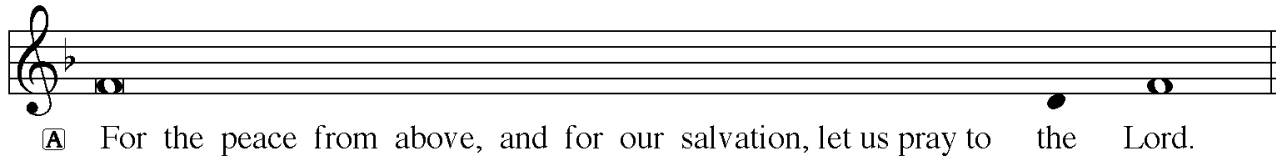
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

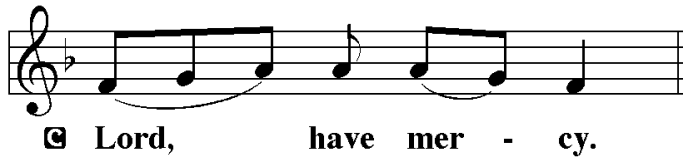
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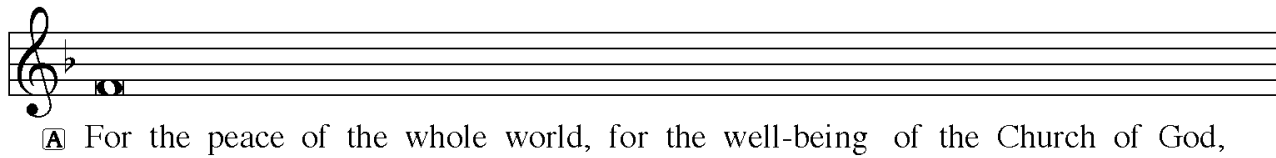
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



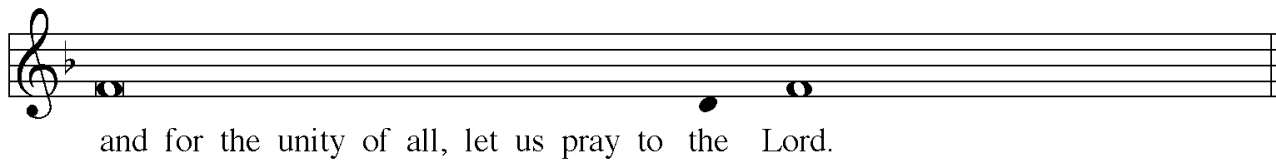
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



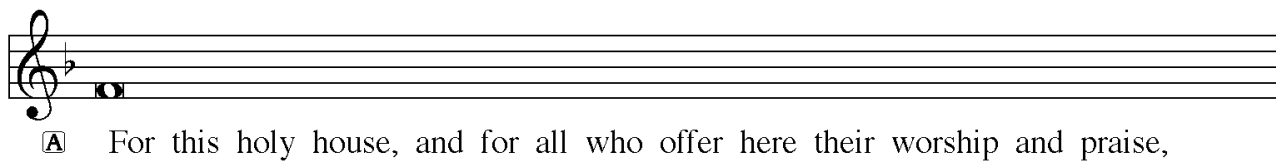
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



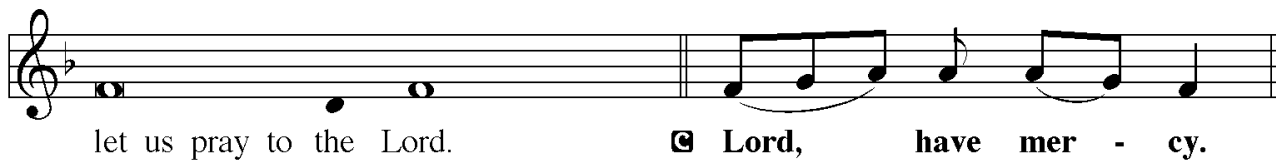
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



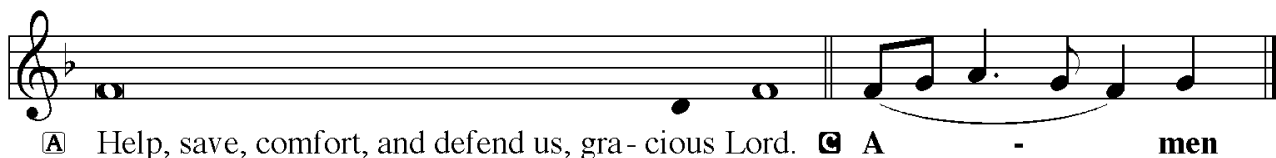
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share 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**

### **A Reading from Genesis**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” <sup>8</sup>But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” <sup>9</sup>He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.” (Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 27

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."  
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper;  
forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

<sup>10</sup>**Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me in.**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup>**Subject me not to the will of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

<sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup>**Wait for the LORD and be strong.  
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

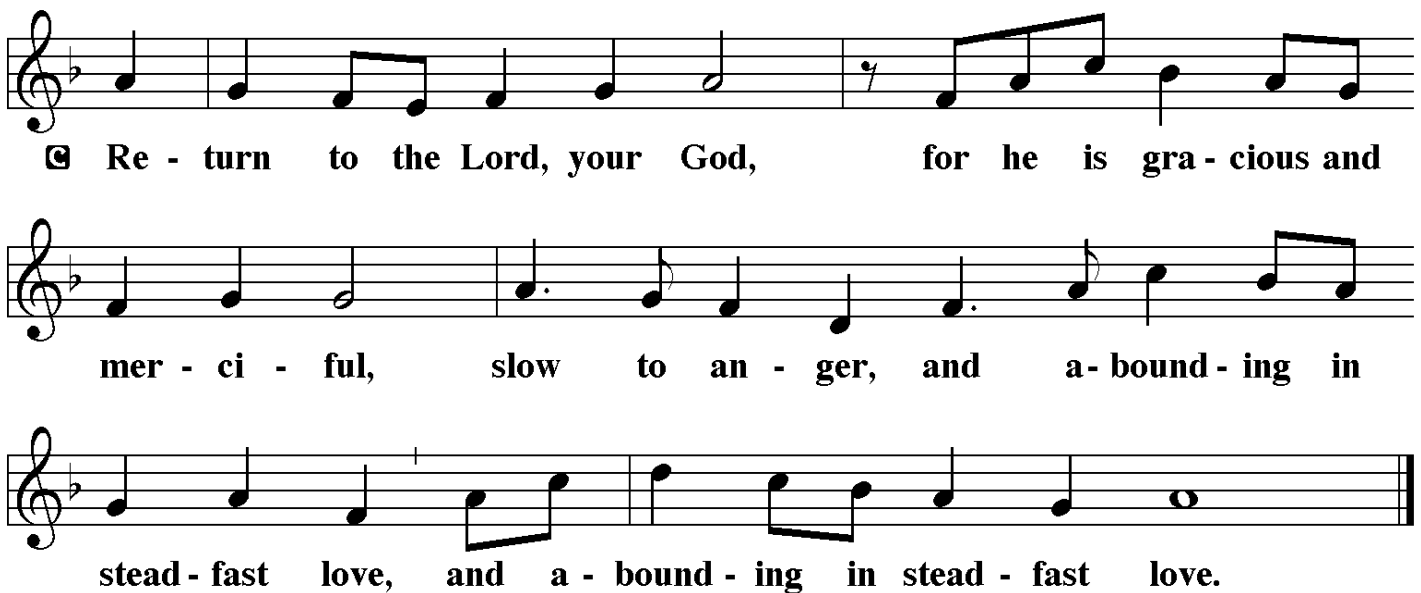
## A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. (Philippians 3:17–4:1)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’”

<sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’” (Luke 13:31–35)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“God Loved the World”

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### **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Compassionate God, call your people to stand firm as citizens of heaven. Humble us by your wondrous love, and nurture mercy in our hearts and ministries. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Reveal your faithfulness to creation in the changing of the seasons. Open our ears to the great song of praise that comes from rivers, birds, mountains, green plants, and wind. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Subdue the terror in the world through acts of loving-kindness and generosity. Empower political leaders to act justly and to serve the needs of their people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rush to answer those who cry out to you in time of trial (*especially...*). Give shelter to those who are vulnerable, and cover them in the comfort of your sheltering wings. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Grant solace to those who long to be parents but face difficulties in bearing or adopting children. Create strong and loving relationships between parents and children for the sake of all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



Build up your holy community of saints through the work of bishops, pastors, and missionaries like Patrick, whom we commemorate today. Fix your word in our hearts and lives for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

*Ushers: Come immediately to the front and wait for the Communion Assistant. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.*

## **OFFERTORY (8:00)**

**ANTHEM (10:30)**

\*“Once Upon a Tree”

P. Choplin

## OFFERTORY HYMN



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will



of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,



in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, you do not feed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and all that you have given into our care that this feast that we share might be transformed into a bountiful feast that welcomes all, in the name of Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

**Amen.**

# MEAL


## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.



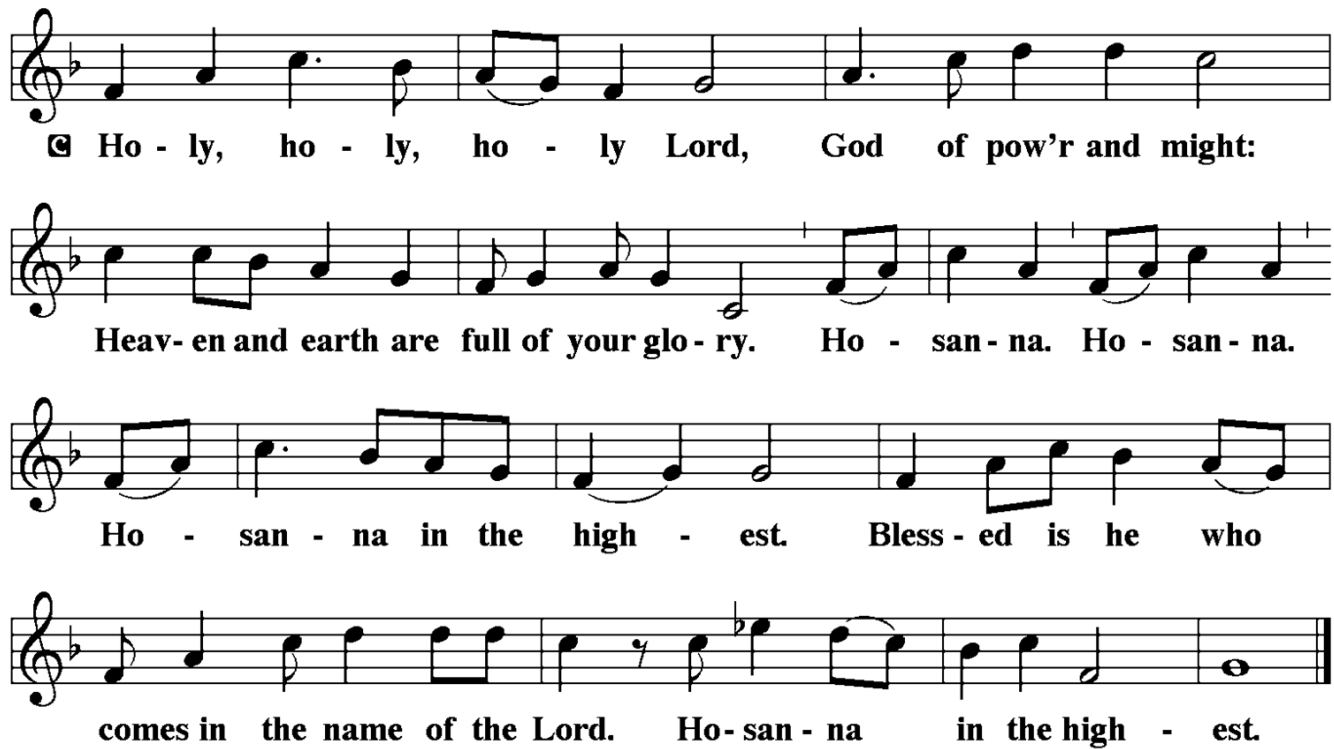
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
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.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

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.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 forever. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

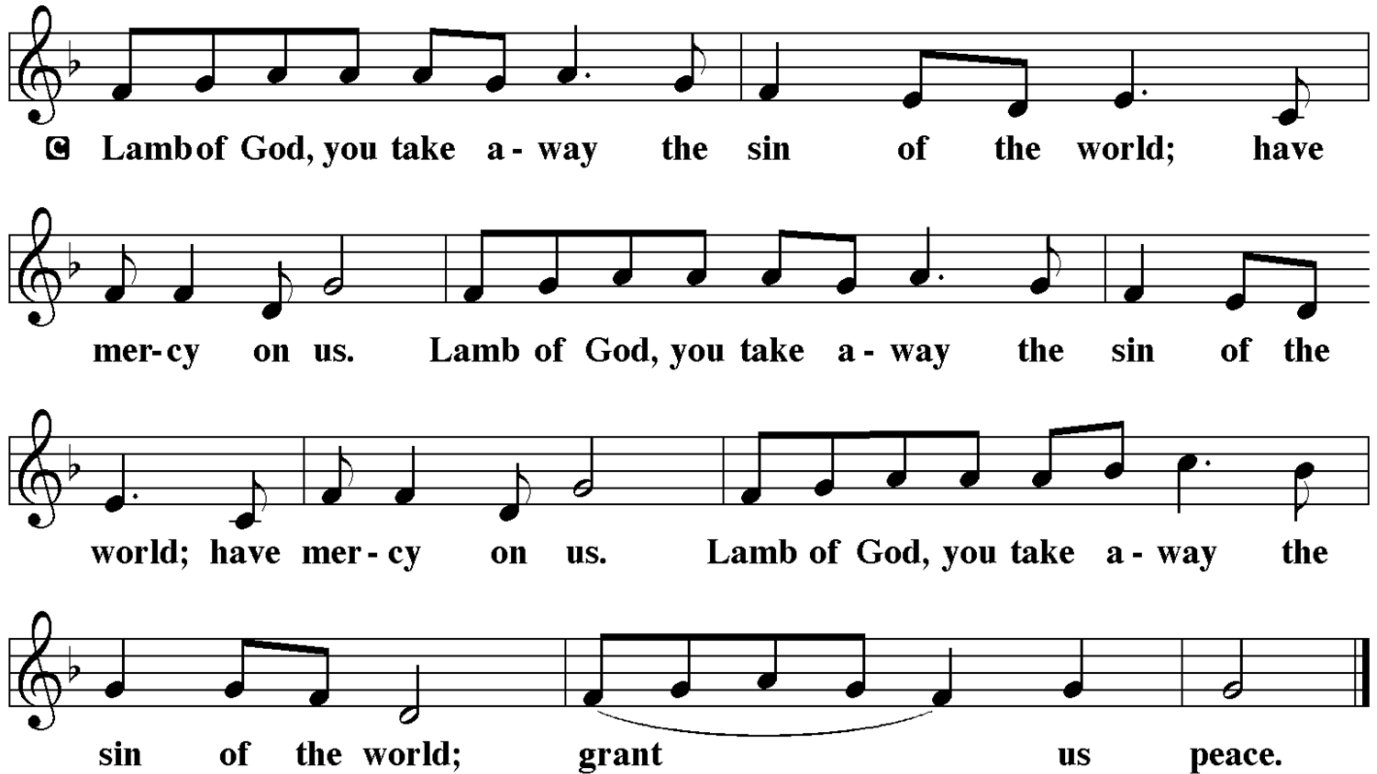
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward will receive the Sacrament in their pews.*

## AGNUS DEI



**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.**

## COMMUNION HYMNS

“Thy Holy Wings”

#613

“Be Thou My Vision”

#793

## TABLE BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father, you gather us together as one family so that no one is pushed away or kept hungry. Now that the meal is ended, send us back into the world. Teach us to trust in you and help us to walk with patience. Allow us to do your good and gracious will among those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# SENDING

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

“When Peace Like a River”

#785

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love with the love of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Rigaudon”

J. De Lully

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**Altar flowers** are presented in memory of mother and grandmother, Muriel Reibie, by Sue, Kurt, and Juli Schenck.

**Bulletins** are presented in honor of our grandchildren, Kristen, Patrick, T.J., Mia, Victoria, and Gavin, by Tom and Gwen Wehr.

\***This anthem** was presented in honor of Justin McClure by the Worship and Music Committee. (2015)

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**SERVING TODAY (3/17/19)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Connie Teter; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gail Rarick; USHERS: Connie Teter; GREETER: Scott Butler**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Brian Miller; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Madelyn Knecht; USHERS: Sandy Freeman & Jeff Ritschel; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Nora Goessel; GREETERS: Samantha Clarke & Jim Spotts; COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter & Dana Jenkins; ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller & Connie Teter**

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (3/24/19)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul; USHERS: Kay Weidensaul & Nevin Zehner; GREETER: Scott Butler**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Cindy Ritschel; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Connie Teter; USHERS: Bob & Niki Schuld; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Trisha Teter/Hunter Teter; GREETERS: Mary Ellen Hering & Jim Spotts; COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Jean Premich & Barb Sterner; ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller & Connie Teter**

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**CALENDAR**

|                     |               |                             |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Saturday, March 16  | 5:30 PM       | Worship                     |
| Sunday, March 17    | 8:00 AM       | Worship                     |
|                     | 9:15 AM       | Adult Forum                 |
|                     | 10:30 AM      | Worship                     |
| Monday, March 18    | 6:30 PM       | Financial Peace University  |
|                     | 7:00 PM       | Worship & Music             |
| Wednesday, March 20 | 6:00 PM       | Bell Choir                  |
|                     | 7:00 PM       | Lenten Midweek Service      |
|                     | After service | Chancel Choir               |
| Saturday, March 23  | 5:30 PM       | Worship                     |
| Sunday, March 24    | 8:00 AM       | Worship                     |
|                     | 9:15 AM       | Adult Forum & Sunday school |
|                     | 10:30 AM      | Worship                     |
|                     | 5:00 PM       | Confirmation Class          |

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**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES**



**WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM**

Pastor Mike will continue to preach on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm during a series of six midweek Lenten services that will begin at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays.

Learn more about “the Good Shepherd” psalm, and consider how daily trusting in a Loving God can radically change your life!

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**ORWIGSBURG AREA FOOD PANTRY:  
BOOKS FOR KIDS DRIVE**

Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry offers more than food and household items to those in need. It also offers books to families with children. A reading teacher from the Blue Mountain School District has volunteered to help families choose donated books appropriate for their children.

Your new or gently used books are needed to help children up to the age of 10. Books for toddlers and preschool children are especially helpful now. A container is located near our church library where children's books can be placed at any time through Easter Sunday, April 21.

Now might be a good time for families to go through their own libraries so that outgrown favorites might be shared with a younger child who is eager to have them.

*Remember: A Book Is a Gift You Can Open Over and Over!*

# *Easter Flower Orders*

(Please place in the offering plate in the gathering room or return by mail.)

**Deadline: Sunday, March 31**

No orders will be taken after this date.

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

| Type of Flower           | How Many | Price   | Total | Sponsorship |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------------|
| Single-stem Lilies       | _____ X  | \$7.00  | _____ | H/M _____   |
| Regular-sized Daffodils  | _____ X  | \$6.00  | _____ | H/M _____   |
| 6-bulb Tulips (Red)      | _____ X  | \$6.00  | _____ | H/M _____   |
| 3-bulb Hyacinth (Purple) | _____ X  | \$6.00  | _____ | H/M _____   |
| 3-bulb Hyacinth (Pink)   | _____ X  | \$6.00  | _____ | H/M _____   |
| 3-bulb Hyacinth (White)  | _____ X  | \$6.00  | _____ | H/M _____   |
| Hydrangeas (Pink)        | _____ X  | \$14.00 | _____ | H/M _____   |
| <b>TOTAL \$</b>          |          |         |       | _____       |

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**Friendship Pads.** Please sign the friendship pads in the pews. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book in the narthex.

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