

# *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*March 31, 2019*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**215 N. Warren St.**

**Orwigsburg, PA**

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## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE (8:00)**

“Pastorale on *In the Cross*”

J. Linker

**(10:30)**

“Reverie”

C. Debussy

*Julianne Schenck, Bassoon*

## **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

### “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, the spot - less Lamb of God;  
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; all full - ness dwells in him;  
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, this wea - ry soul of mine;



he bears them all and frees us from the ac - curs - ed load.  
he heals all my dis - eas - es; my soul he does re - deem.  
his right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus to wash my crim - son stains  
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my cares;  
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



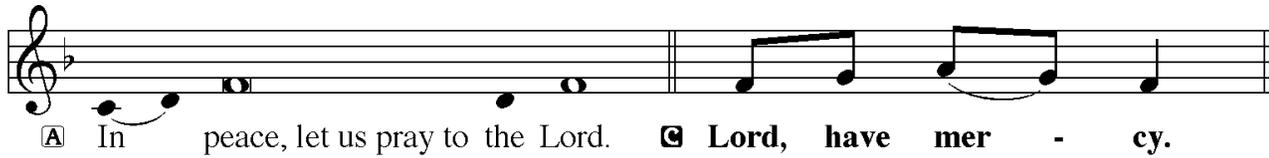
clean in his blood most pre - cious till not a spot re - mains.  
he from them all re - leas - es; he all my sor - rows shares.  
like fra - grance on the breez - es his name a - broad is poured.

## GREETING

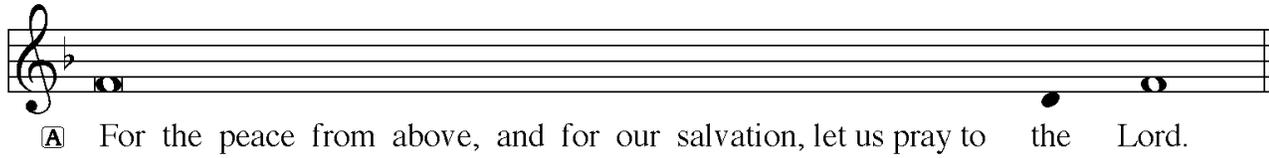
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

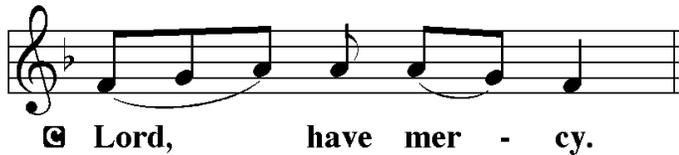
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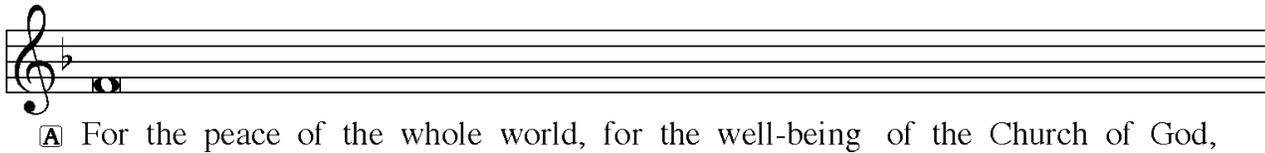
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



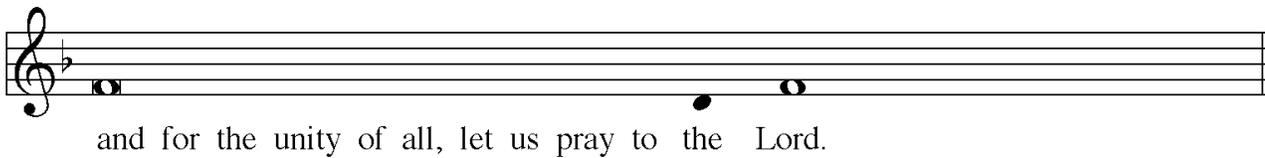
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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



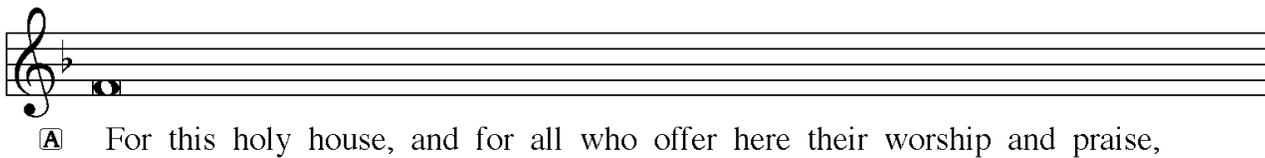
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



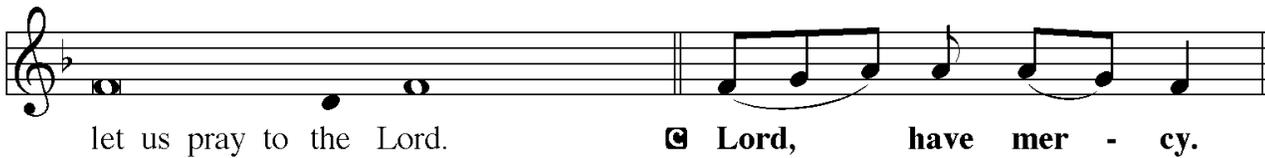
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**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 all compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism, clothe us with your grace, and welcome us to sit at the table of your love, through 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 Joshua**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year. (Joshua 5:9–12)

The Word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 32**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**<sup>6</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**<sup>8</sup>“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

**<sup>10</sup>Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

### **A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:16–21)

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>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup>“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer

worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’” (Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Our Father, We Have Wandered”

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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.*

God of abundant grace, guide your church to look upon people as you look upon them, with compassion and as deserving of mercy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lift up migrant and seasonal farm and factory workers. Help them to endure the hardships of their labor and provide new opportunities for them to support themselves and their families. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Inspire musicians, poets, and artists to express your unfathomable beauty and majesty. Enhance our understanding of your holiness through their works. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Protect and preserve all people who look to you for healing and wholeness (*especially...*). Be their refuge when there is danger and give them hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Comfort those who are treated unfairly in the public. Change the hearts of those who bully others and heal broken relationships. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Welcome your whole company of saints into your eternal feast. When we question your abundant mercy, soften our hearts so that we rejoice with all those you have called to faith. 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)**

“Amazing Grace”

J. Linker

**ANTHEM (10:30)**

\* “God So Loved the World”

J. Stainer

## OFFERTORY HYMN



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-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.

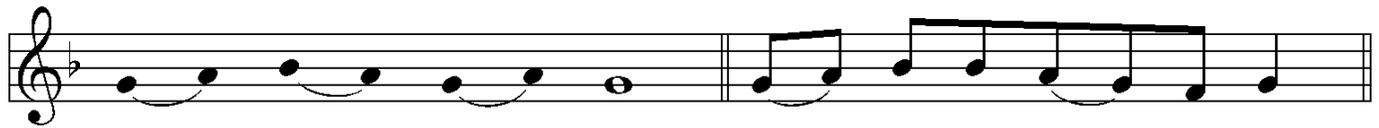
**Amen.**

# 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.



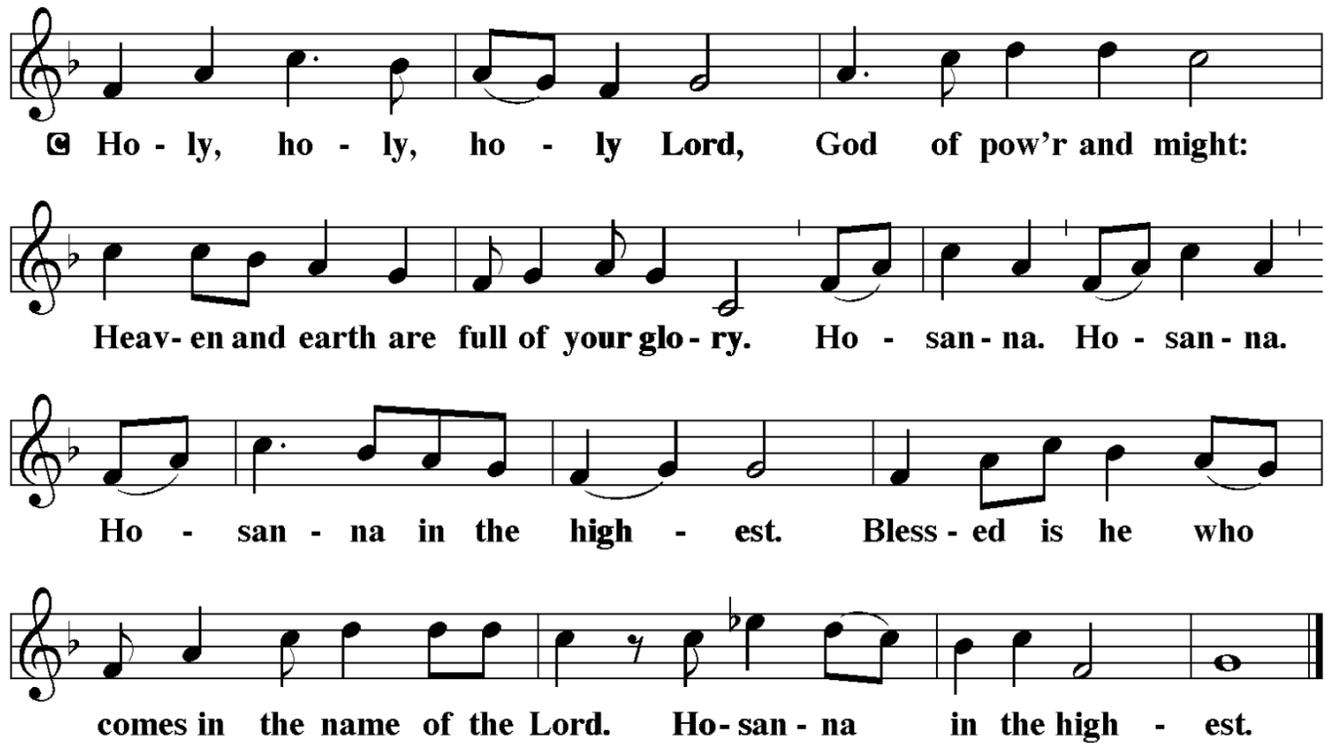
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**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**

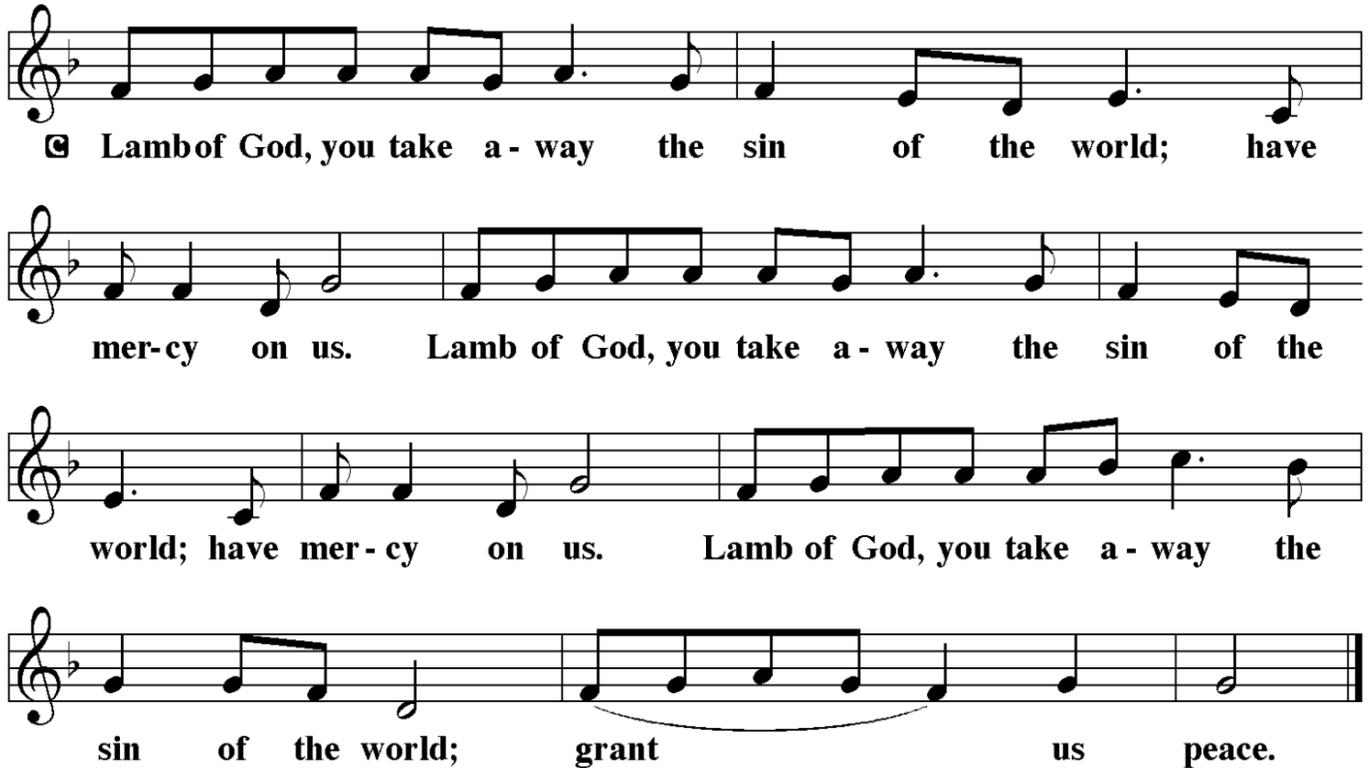
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**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 HYMN

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

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## 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**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

#666

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Welcome strangers and travelers in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

“Voluntary in A Minor”

H. Purcell

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**Altar flowers** are presented in memory of Charles W. Moyer by his wife, Fern, and his family.

**Chancel flowers** are presented in memory of LeRoy A. Shoener on what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by his daughter, Kathleen Miller.

**Today’s bulletins** are presented in memory of our father, Charles W. Moyer, by his children, Deborah, William, Sandra, and Fern.

**\*Today’s anthem** was presented in honor of Julianne Schenck on the conferral of her Master’s Degree by Sue and Kurt Schenck. (2011)

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**SERVING TODAY (3/31/19)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Debbie Moyer; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Connie Teter; USHERS: Debbie Moyer; GREETER: Doug Travor**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Candice Felton; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Robin Zimmerman; USHERS: Shoener Family; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Danika Bolinsky; GREETERS: Brian Miller & Sue Schenck; COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr & Glenda Bright; ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich & Gwen Wehr**

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (4/7/19)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers; USHERS: Ruth Ann Withers & Barbara Lafko; GREETER: Robin Zimmerman**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Doug Travor; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Greg Sklar; USHERS: Deb & Danika Bolinsky; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Trisha & Hunter Teter; GREETERS: Barb Sterner & Bob Schuld II; COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam & Diane Brobst; ALTAR GUILD: \*Joanne Emerich & Gwen Wehr**

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**CALENDAR**

Saturday, March 30	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, March 31	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum & Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship
Tuesday, April 2	6:30 PM	Evangelism

Wednesday, April 3	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Lenten Midweek Service
	After service	Chancel Choir
Saturday, April 6	5:30 PM	Worship with Communion
Sunday, April 7	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 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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**BOOKS FOR KIDS DRIVE**

Our Service Committee is holding a book drive for the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry, which 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 in the narthex, where children’s books can be placed at any time through Easter Sunday, April 21.

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**Schuylkill Ballet Theatre**

The Schuylkill Ballet Theatre will present “Charlie’s Chocolate Adventure” at Blue Mountain High School on Friday, April 12, at 7:00 PM; Saturday, April 13, at 7:00 PM; and Sunday, April 14, at 3:00 PM. Tickets can be ordered at [www.schuylkillballet.com](http://www.schuylkillballet.com) or by calling 570-617-5616. They can also be purchased at the door.

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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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**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...**

If you or someone you know needs immediate pastoral care,  
please call 717-362-4597.

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# *Easter Flower Orders*

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

**Deadline: TODAY**

No orders will be taken after this date.

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

<b>Type of Flower</b>	<b>How Many</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Sponsorship</b>
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 _____

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**