

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 8, 2026

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"The Shadow of the Cross"

L. Smith

EXHORTATION

We gather in the name of the Father, and the † Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to stand against all that is evil and to resist whatever draws us away from the love of God and neighbor. The disciplines of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, generosity and works of love—strengthen us for this struggle.

CONFESSION

Let us now make our confession:

(Silence for self-reflection)

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.

Merciful God, you do not desire the death of sinners but that we turn from our sin and live. In your compassion, grant us true and lasting repentance. Give us your Holy Spirit, that the work we do on this day may be pleasing in your sight, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may enter the eternal joy you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

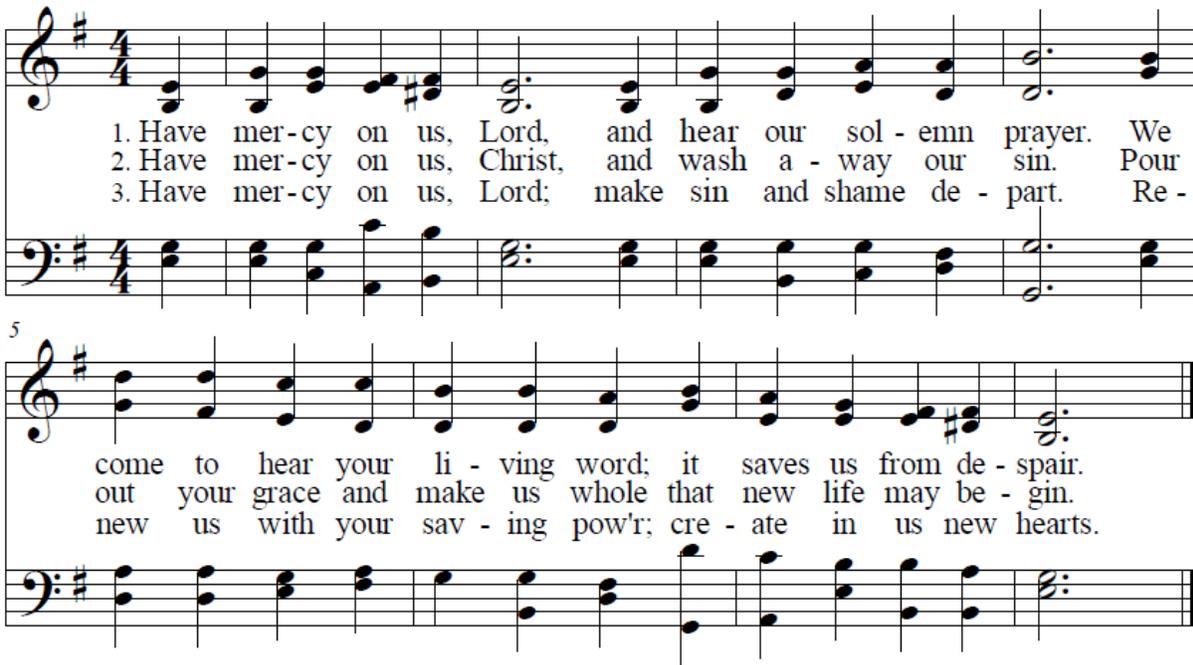
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GREETING

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.**

KYRIE



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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, you are the fountain of living water. You refresh our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always and lead us to drink from the well of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

[10:30 AM Only – We will gather our children for Sunday school at this time.]

WORD

A READING FROM EXODUS

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

(Exodus 17:1-7)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95:1-6 (Read responsively)

Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

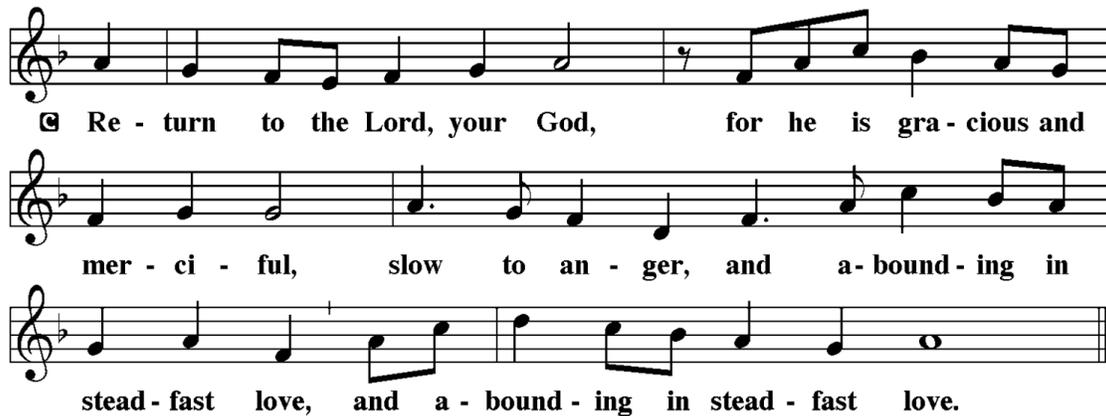
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

A READING FROM ROMANS

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

(Romans 5:1-11)

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. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵So [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son, Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

(John 4:5-42)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”
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THE NICENE CREED (Read in unison)

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,
He 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

With contrite hearts and confidence in God's steadfast love, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, strengthen all who serve your gospel. Grant them endurance, build up their character, and keep before them a hope that does not fail. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When the earth is damaged or abused, renew your creation. Provide fresh water to all who thirst and pour living water upon all who seek your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When conflict divides us, open our hearts and turn them toward reconciliation. Break down the barriers that separate families, communities, peoples, and nations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When people suffer in body, mind, or spirit, bring healing and new abundant life. We especially pray for all whose names are on our prayer list. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When we gather for worship, send us your Spirit. Bless our choir director and organist, our chancel and handbell choirs, and all who offer their gifts in song. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, when death draws near keep our hearts secure in your promise of everlasting life. May the memory of your saints strengthen and encourage us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

(The pastor concludes): Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

OFFERING

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| OFFERTORY (8:00) | "Lenten Hymn" | R. Haan |
| ANTHEM (10:30) | "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"* | S. Strite |
| OFFERTORY HYMN | "Come to the Table" | |

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these simple gifts we bring, that all may taste your goodness. Satisfy us with this holy food and drink, and daily stir in us a deeper hunger for justice and peace. This we pray in your holy name. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in 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-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.

BLESSING AT THE TABLE

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 (Read in Unison)

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table of mercy. **Let us draw near with a true heart.**

INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. You may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. If you require a gluten free wafer, please request it from the pastor.

If you (or your child) would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.

If you are unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament, please raise your hand.

We will share the Sacrament with those on the pulpit side of the nave followed by those on the lectern side.

AGNUS DEI

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.

COMMUNION HYMN "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

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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 God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may give to those who are poor, pray for those in need, daily deny ourselves, and live humble and gracious lives through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

You were created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen to be holy and beloved, and freed to serve your neighbor with joy. May Almighty God bless you that you may be a blessing to others, in the name of the Father, the †Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
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DISMISSAL

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Voluntary in A Minor"

H. Purcell

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY: In today’s gospel, Jesus offers living water, a sign of God’s grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God’s mercy and forgiveness.

Altar flowers are presented in loving memory of my mother, Josephine Rohrer, on her birthday (March 7) by her daughter, Joanne.

Chancel flowers are presented in honor of Amara Chapman’s birthday. Love, Mommy, Daddy, and Adelynn.

***Anthem** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" is presented in honor of Joy Wolfe on her 90th birthday, 19 January, by her Pinochle Club (2020).

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (3/08/26)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike
LECTOR & COMMUNION ASST.: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Deb Bolinsky; USHER: Glenda Bright; LECTOR: Doug Travor
COMMUNION ASST.: Evan Davis
ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter
COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle and Diane Brobst

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (3/15/26)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike
LECTOR & COMMUNION ASST.: Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

GREETER: Wayne Lutsey; USHER: Faith Wertman; LECTOR: Wayne Lutsey
COMMUNION ASST.: Wayne Lutsey
ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter
COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower order forms are available in our narthex. TODAY is the deadline to order Easter flowers.

**HEARTY "CANNED" MEALS
FOOD DRIVE**

Our Food Panty recently reported on Facebook that they need help to restock their supply of canned soups, canned pasta in sauce, and canned beef stews because their last distribution in February nearly emptied their shelves. So, let's help them out!

Please bring canned soups, canned pasta in sauce, and canned beef stews to church with you (or drop them off at the church Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon). A box will be placed in the narthex for your canned donations.

The food Pantry's next distribution is Saturday, March 28, so we need to deliver our donations to the Food Pantry by Tuesday, March 24. As always, thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

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| Sunday, March 8 | | SECOND SUNDAY |
| | 8:00 AM | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult Forum & Youth Sunday School |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship with Holy Communion Children's Sunday School |
| Monday, March 9 | 7:00 PM | Council |
| Tuesday, March 10 | 1:00 PM | WELCA in Reidler Hall |
| Wednesday, March 11 | 12 Noon | Crafters' Guild |
| | 6:00 PM | Bell Choir |
| | 7:00 PM | Midweek Lenten Service |
| | 7:30 PM | Chancel Choir |
| Thursday, March 12 | 6:30 PM | BSF |
| Saturday, March 14 | 5:30 PM | Worship |
| Sunday, March 15 | 8:00 AM | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult Forum |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship with Holy Communion |

STiC NEWS

After 10:30 service today, members of the Stewardship in Creation team are meeting briefly to discuss plans for Earth Day at St. Paul's, Saturday March 18. Any church member is welcome to join us in the Gathering Room!

Also, please go to the STiC table and put a tally mark by any of the ecology ideas you might consider trying. It will be interesting to understand what is plausible for our members!

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube and get to know us better! We have a rich Lutheran tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. Everyone is invited to worship with us and work together to the glory of God!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Our Midweek Lenten series "The Four Gospels" continues on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. throughout the month of March. The focus of this Wednesday's sermon will be on St. Mark and his Gospel. Please come and invite a friend or neighbor.

GATHERING HYMN "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Our annual "Easter Egg-stravaganza" will take place on **Sunday, March 29, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.** following Sunday School. Children up to age 10 are welcome to join the fun and fellowship. Please join us in Reidler Hall at any time during the event, to do crafts, play games, and enjoy snacks. This is a community event, so feel free to invite a friend to join in the fun! Sign-up sheets will be in the gathering room, closer to the date of the event.

We will not "pass the plate" during today's worship service. Our offering plate in the back of the nave near the center aisle. If you would like to give an offering, please do so before the service has begun or after our service is over. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

CRAFTERS' GUILD BRACELET PROJECT

The Crafters' Guild is offering custom birthstone bracelets featuring a family tree charm and personalized gems. Pick up an order form in the Gathering Room and return it to the Crafters' Guild mailbox by March 15. Payment will be collected in April when the bracelets are ready—just in time for a thoughtful Mother's Day gift.

COMMUNION HYMN “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!

died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
 deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
 peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
 all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
 When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;

As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
 Love that found me—won - drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
 faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
 He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
 grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

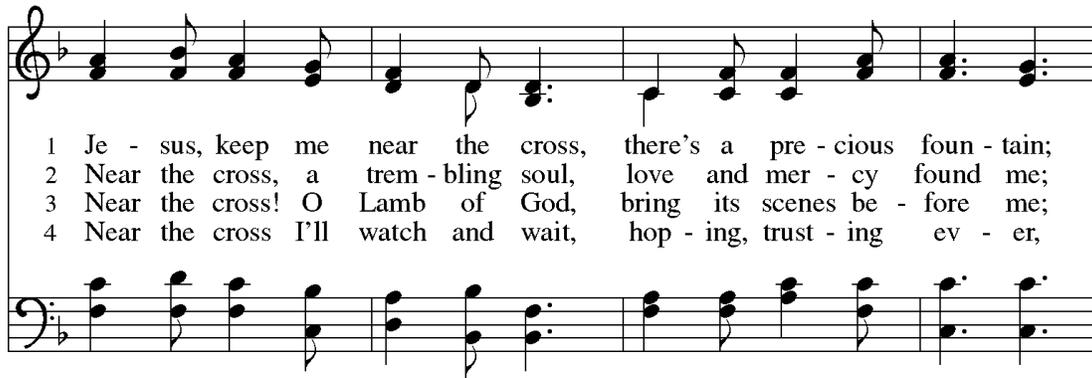
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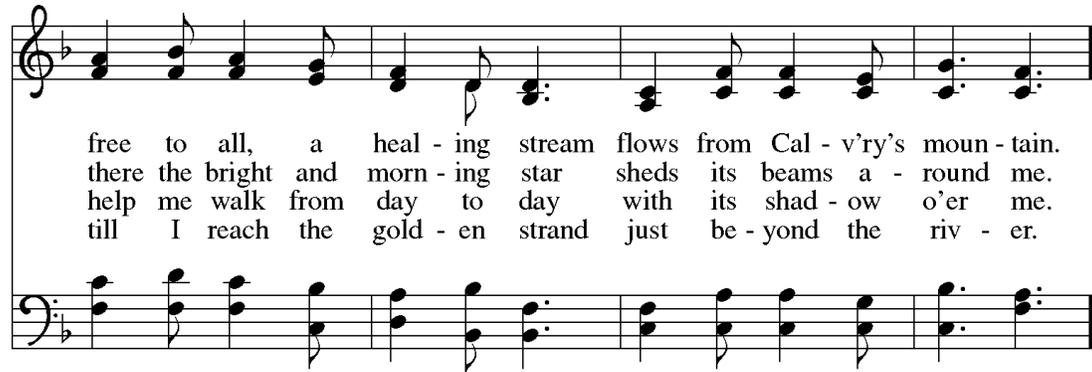
OUR CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON!

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

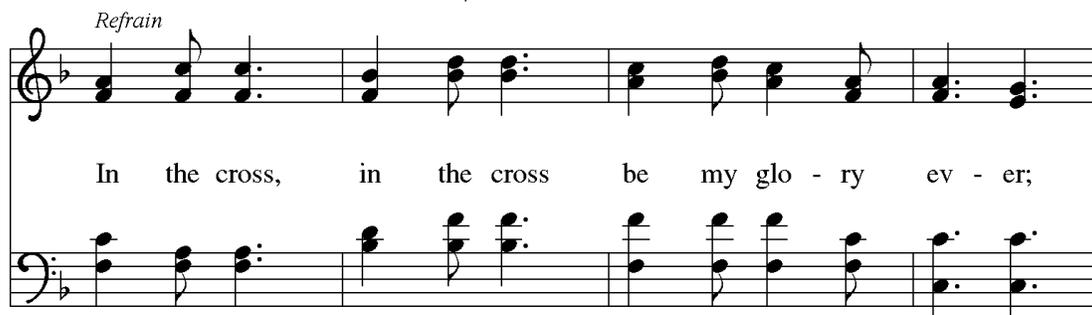


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

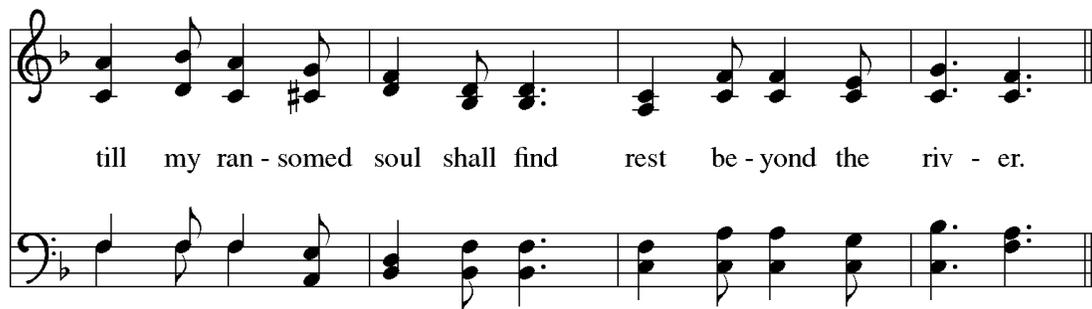


free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

REIDLER HALL UPDATE

Our updated kitchen is looking great! You can still sponsor a new item in the kitchen (ex: dishwasher, sink, island) or donate towards the renovation process. Please see the display in the gathering room for more information. Donations can be placed in the Reidler Hall envelopes provided, then placed in the offering plate. Any and all help is greatly and gratefully appreciated!!