

# *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

## *Sunday, March 15, 2026*

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### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

(8:00 AM)

"Meditation at the Cross"

A. Whitworth

(10:30 AM)

"At the Cross"

L. Larson

Bell Choir

#### 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

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

(#722)

[See back of bulletin]

## 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 -

5  
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

Hear our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your life and death, bring light into the darkness of our hearts and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### A READING FROM FIRST SAMUEL

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem.

The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” <sup>5</sup>He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

(1 Samuel 16:1-13)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 23 KJV (Read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will  
dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## A READING FROM EPHESIANS

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

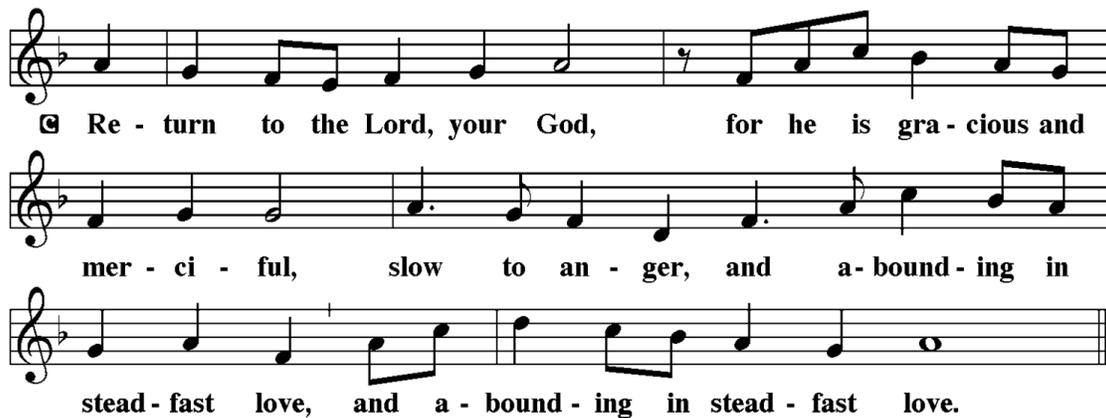
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

(Ephesians 5:8-14)

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. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?”

<sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

<sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

<sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.

<sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.” (John 9:1-41)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (#779)  
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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.*

Eternal God, you have sealed us with the Holy Spirit and marked us with the cross of Christ forever. Keep us in your light and guide us as we work for justice and peace in your world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your word brings forth goodness and beauty. Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation— from high mountains to the smallest spring bud. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Powerful God, you anointed David and raised up leaders for your people. Bless all who govern; give them wisdom, fairness, and compassion for the well-being of every person. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Watch over all who weep, all who suffer, and all who long for healing. We pray especially for those on our prayer list. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, you prepare a table before us and our cup overflows. Strengthen the food ministries of this community and show us how to feed all who hunger near and far. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of history, we remember with thanksgiving those who walked by faith before us. Let their witness encourage us as we follow Christ our light. 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**

**OFFERTORY (8:00)**

"Just As I Am"

C. Berry

**ANTHEM (10:30)**

"As the Deer"\*

D. E. Wagner

## OFFERTORY HYMN

### “Come to the Table”

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the Treble clef staff.

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.

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***

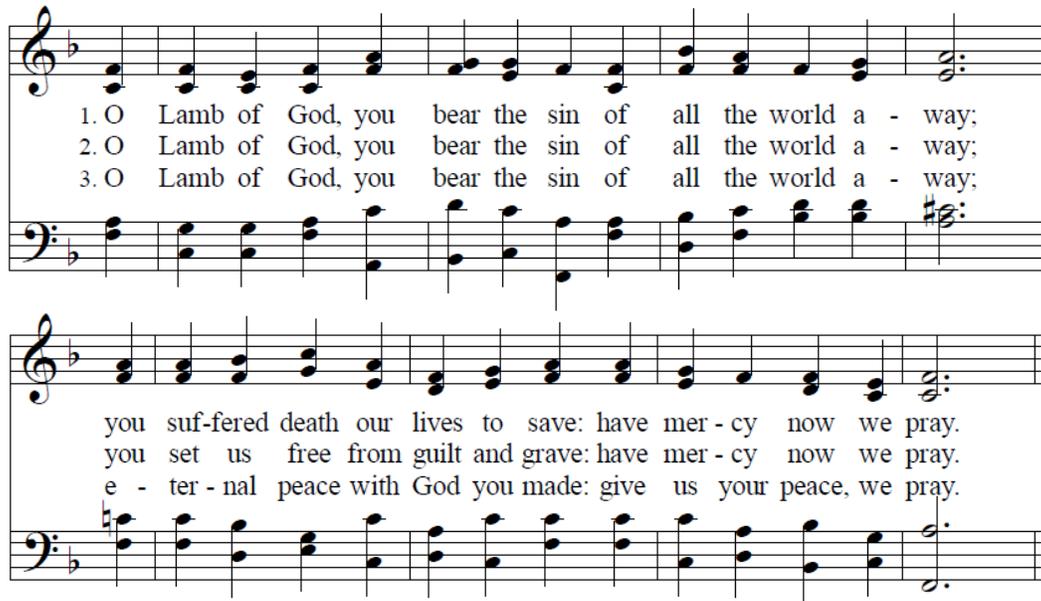
*All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. You may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. If you require 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 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

(#502)

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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 “Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

(#452)

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## DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE**

Allegro"

J. Walther

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY:** The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

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**Altar flowers** are presented in memory of my son, Eric Christopher Shaud by Nancy Kaiser.

**Chancel flowers** are presented in honor of Samantha Clarke and Chintan Patel on the occasion of their marriage.

\***Anthem "As the Deer"** is presented in memory of my daughter, Michelle L. Kunkle, by Pat Kunkle (2025).

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**SERVING THIS 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

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (3/22/26)**

**8:00 AM**

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR & COMMUNION ASST.: Ruth Ann Withers

**10:30 AM**

GREETER: Sarah Eger; USHER: Jeff Ritschel; LECTOR: Cindy Ritschel

COMMUNION ASST.: Deb Bolinsky

ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich and Gwen Wehr

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

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<b>THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S</b>
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Sunday, March 15	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, March 17		ST. PATRICK'S DAY
	10:00 AM	Rainbow Friends in Reidler Hall
Wednesday, March 18	5:00 PM	Lenten Soup & Bread Supper
	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Service
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 19	6:30 PM	BSF
Friday, March 20		SPRING BEGINS!
Saturday, March 21	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, March 22	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

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### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

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

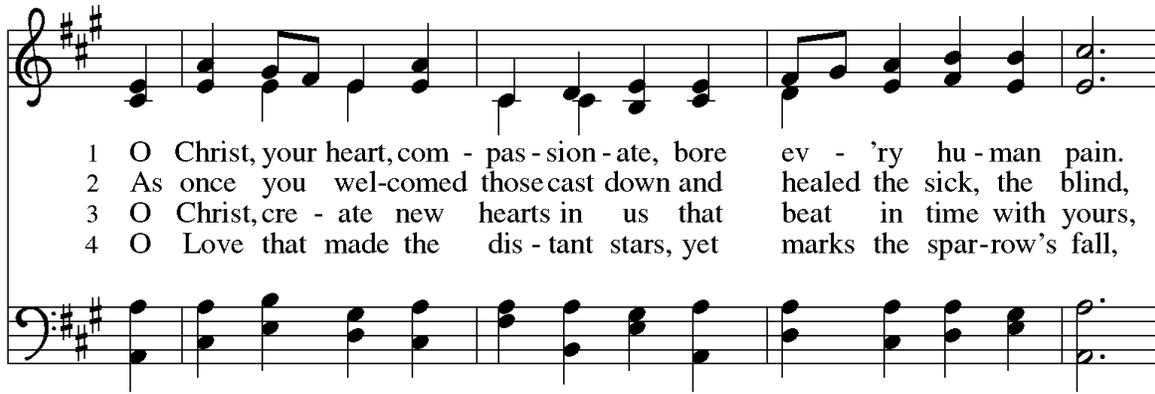
### LENTEN SOUP AND BREAD MEAL

Join us on Wednesday, March 18 and March 25 at 5 p.m. in the newly updated Reidler Hall for a simple meal of soup and bread, together with fellowship. A sign-up sheet to share soup or bread is in the gathering room. Family, friends, and neighbors are welcome! For more information call our Church Office.

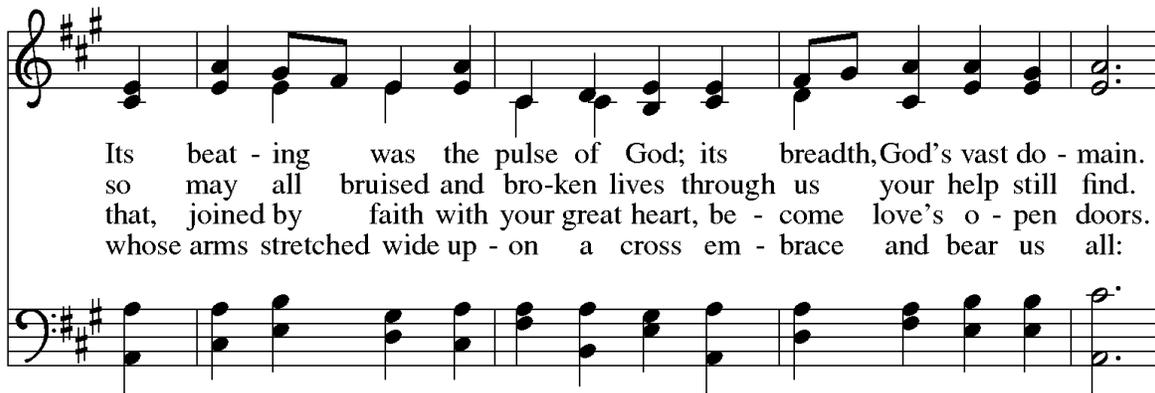
### HEARTY “CANNED” MEALS FOOD DRIVE

Our Food Pantry needs help restocking canned soups, canned pasta in sauce, and canned stews. February’s distribution nearly emptied the shelves, and we want to support them again. Please bring these canned items when you come to worship or drop them off at the church Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. A donation box is in the narthex. All donations must be delivered to the Food Pantry by Tuesday, March 24. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

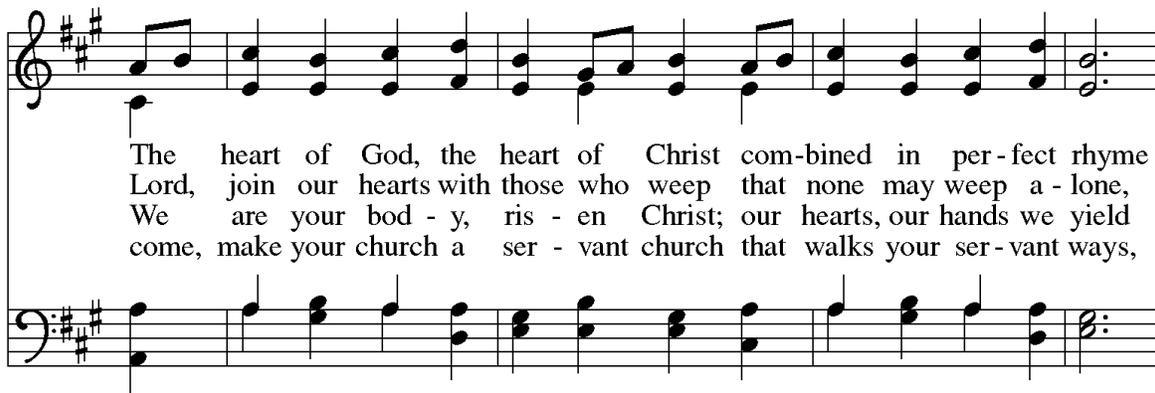
# GATHERING HYMN "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"



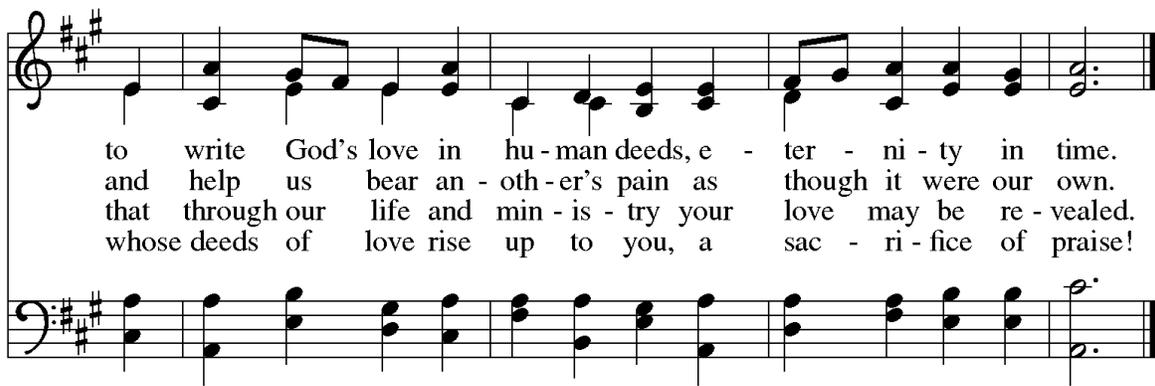
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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We will not "pass the plate" during today's worship service. Our offering plate is 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 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## 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.

# COMMUNION HYMN “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

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## CRAFTERS' GUILD BRACELET PROJECT

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

# SENDING HYMN

## “Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

### 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!

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