

# *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

## *Sunday, March 22, 2026*

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### **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

"A Contrite Heart"

D. Paxton

### **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**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

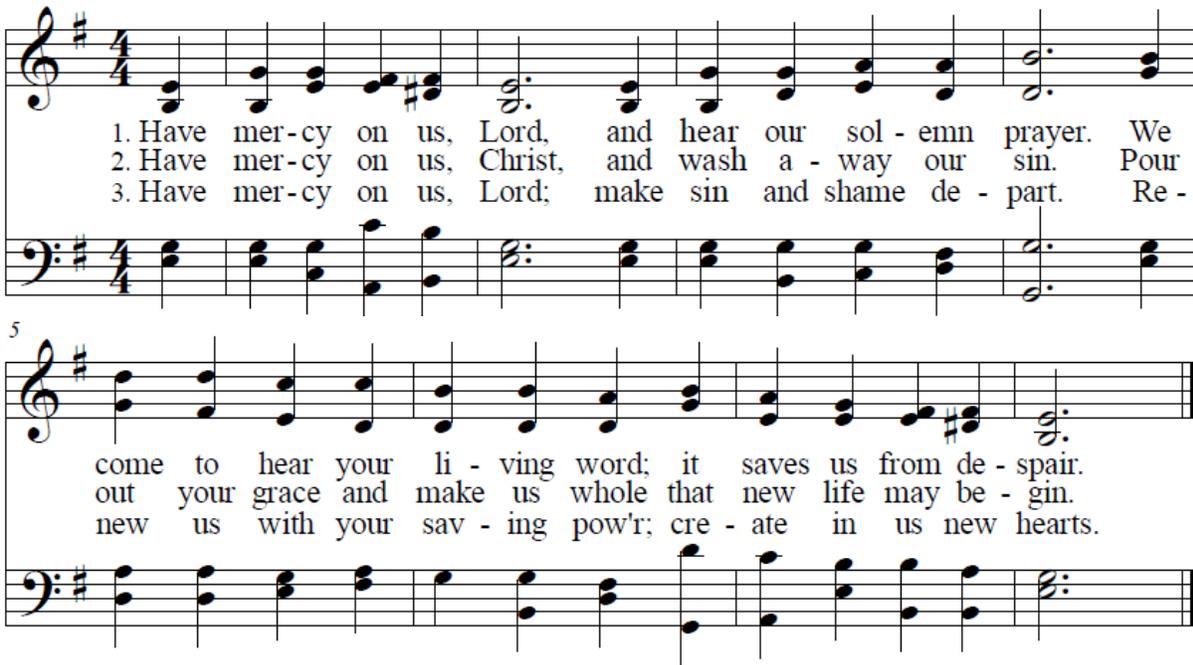
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## GREETING

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 -

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

Almighty God, your Son came to free us from sin and death; breathe your Spirit into us, so that we may be raised to new life in Christ and follow you faithfully all our days, 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 EZEKIEL

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

<sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

(Ezekiel 37:1-14)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 130** (Read responsively)

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice;  
**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, O LORD, who could stand?  
**For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.**

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.  
**My soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy;  
with him there is plenteous redemption,  
**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**A READING FROM ROMANS**

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

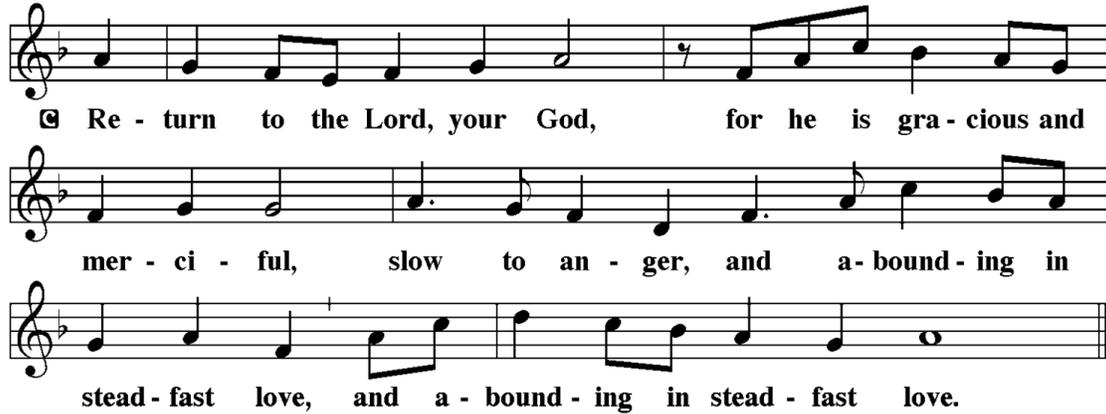
<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

<sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. (Romans 8:6-11)

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>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup>She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

(John 11:1-45)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Christ the Life of All the Living”  
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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.*

We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name and breathe your Spirit into us so that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Renew dry and weary places, prosper the work of those who rebuild after natural disasters, and sustain all living things by your care. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations. Give world leaders wisdom to act for the sake of justice, protect all who live amid war and violence, and strengthen us to provide for those who simply seek shelter. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are ill, injured, or grieving. Comfort those who weep, bring healing to all who are broken or wounded, and restore us to wholeness. We pray especially for those on our prayer list. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly. Prepare the hearts of all who await the gift of baptism, and deepen our wonder at the mystery of death that leads to life through Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember and give thanks for all who have died in faith. Give us confidence in your power to redeem the world and bring us into the new and abundant life you have promised. 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)** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" J. Linker

**ANTHEM (10:30)** "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" J. Schrader

**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 image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come to the Table". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The first system of music is for the first line of lyrics: "Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread." The second system of music is for the second line of lyrics: "All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

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 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"  
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**SERVING THIS 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

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (3/29/26)**

**8:00 AM**

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

**10:30 AM**

GREETER: Tina Butler; USHER: Madelyn Knecht; LECTOR: Deb O'Connor  
COMMUNION ASST.: Doug Travor  
ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich and Gwen Wehr  
COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Barb Sterner, and Glenda Bright

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**LENTEN SOUP AND BREAD MEAL**

Join us on Wednesday, March 25 at 5 p.m. in Reidler Hall for a simple meal of soup and bread, shared with good 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.

**EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

Our annual "Easter Egg-stravaganza" will take place next **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.

<b>THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S</b>
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Sunday, March 22	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday, March 25	12 Noon	Crafters' Guild
	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 26	6:30 PM	BSF
Friday, March 27	6:00 PM	Volunteers fill boxes at the Food Pantry
Saturday, March 28	8:45 AM	Volunteers distribute food boxes
	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, March 29	<b>PALM/PASSION SUNDAY</b>	
	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
	12:00 Noon	Easter Egg-stravaganza in Reidler Hall

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### HEARTY "CANNED" MEALS FOOD DRIVE

Our Food Pantry needs help restocking canned soups, canned pasta in sauce, and canned stews. 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.

### 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!

## STiC EARTH DAY EVENTS

Bird walks, nature walks, and viewing of the movie, “The Extraordinary Caterpillar” will be featured over the two day “Earth Day” Event beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17 and continuing through Saturday, April 18. Additional information appears on colorful posters on our bulletin boards or talk with Sue Reier (570-617-3741) for more information.

Members are also invited to take part in this special event by bringing an “earthen” element (such as pottery, stone, wood, etc.) or re-usable or re-purposed item (or items) to church beginning Sunday, April 12. These items will be displayed in the gathering room from Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19. If you bring an item (or items) please complete a small card (available at the church office) identifying your item, yourself, and anything special that you would like to share. Please mark your calendars as we celebrate God’s good creation!

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Holy Week will begin with the 5:30 p.m. worship service on Saturday, March 28 and then at both our Palm/Passion services on Sunday, March 29. Join us to hear of our Lord’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem and reflect on his suffering and death on the cross.

On Maundy Thursday, April 2, we will gather at 7:00 p.m. to remember Jesus’ command to love one another and the events of the Last Supper. This service includes Holy Communion and the solemn stripping of the altar.

On Good Friday, April 3, we will hold a *Tenebrae* (meaning “darkness” or “shadows”) service at 7:00 p.m. Through readings from the Psalms, we recall the sorrow felt by Jesus’ followers at his betrayal, trial, and crucifixion. The service concludes in darkness and silence, symbolizing our Lord’s burial.

Those who would like to prayerfully meditate and reflect on the events of Holy Week are invited to gather in our nave beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Holy Saturday, April 4. There is no scheduled worship on this date.

Finally, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday, April 5, at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. With loud joyful music, alleluias and the sharing of Holy Communion, we proclaim the good news: *Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.*

Join us for these special worship services and invite your friends and neighbors as well!

# GATHERING HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

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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 “Christ the Life of All the Living”

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

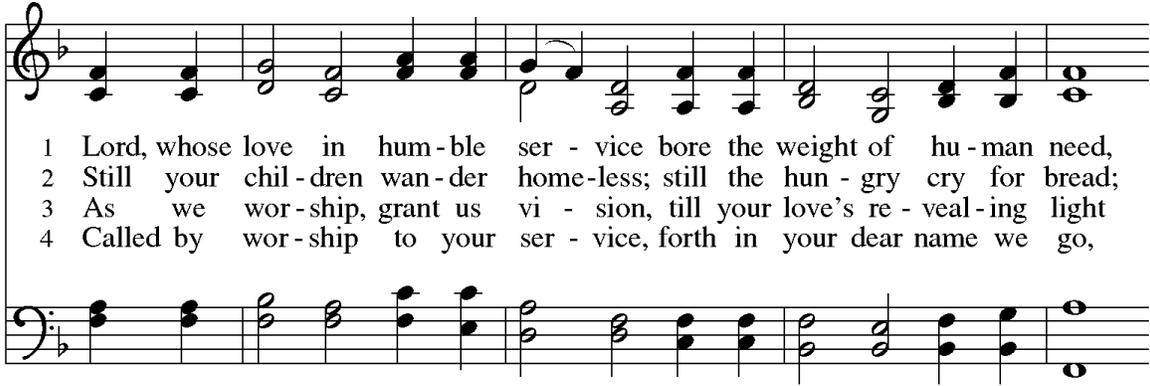
through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

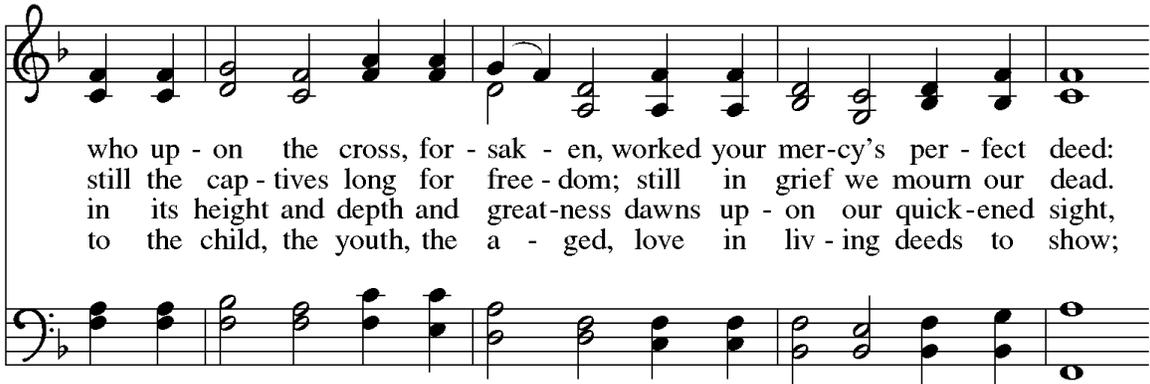
## CRAFTERS' GUILD

The Crafters' Guild would like to thank everyone who ordered custom birthstone bracelets. The bracelets will be available by the end of April. Stay tuned for the exact delivery date!

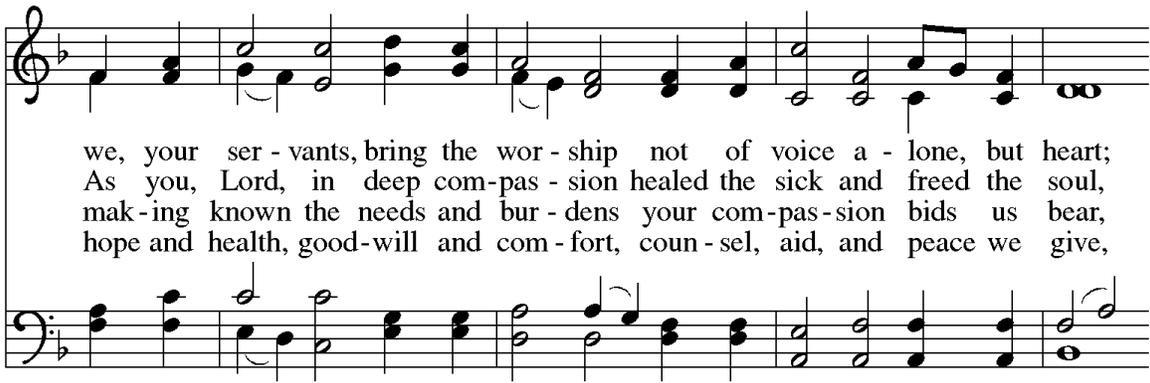
# COMMUNION HYMN "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"



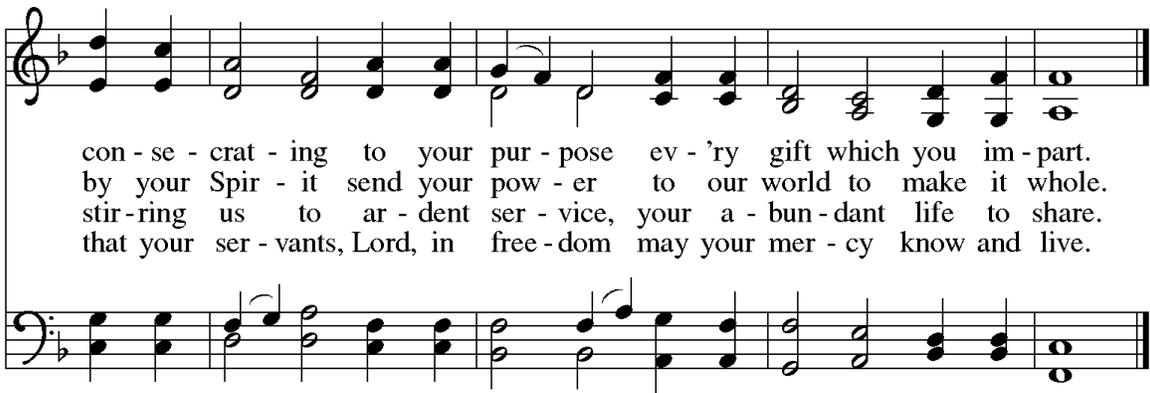
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

# SENDING HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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