

# Ash Wednesday



**February 18, 2026**

**7:00pm**

# Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to worship with us at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and pray that you will receive God's awesome GRACE, mercy and love as we receive Word and Sacrament, the means of grace!

We invite our guests and visitors to worship with us often! If you will, please complete a visitor information sheet and/or record your visit in the red attendance book found in each aisle. Visitor/Member Information sheets may be returned to the pastor or an usher.

The complete worship service is contained in this worship folder. Large print worship folders and Quiet Books for our very young worshipers are available from the ushers!

We love having children in worship!

Our worship space is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate those with hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician (at the rear left of the worship space) for a receiver, if desired.

Please remember to turn off or silence personal communication devices. We ask that you not bring food or drink into the worship space.

In accordance with the Biblical mandate and our Lutheran tradition, we seek to worship God "in Spirit and in truth...for these the Father seeks to worship him!" (John 4:23-24). If you are not familiar with liturgical worship, it is "the work of the people," as God speaks, the ministers speak and the congregation responds in a spoken, chanted and sung dialogue! Everything in our worship is focused on God and His incarnate, embodied presence in our midst! We pray that you will experience the Word made flesh as we worship today!

To establish and maintain a spirit of reverence, we remind worshipers to please greet one another and fellowship in the gathering space before entering the sanctuary, where others will be preparing their hearts and minds for worship. We appreciate your understanding!

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe.

We invite you to learn more about our congregation at [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org) and the NALC at [www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org)!

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## PRELUDE

**Maria Laderman - Flute, Linda Hoch - Organ**

"A Lenten Prelude" - *arr. Charles Callahan*

## Announcements

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Ash Wednesday Liturgy of The Word

### EXHORTATION

P Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so 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 love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love—the discipline of Lent—help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

### CONFESSION

P Most holy and merciful Father:

**C We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

P We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**C Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**C Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**C we confess to you, Lord.**

P Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**C we confess to you, Lord.**

P Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**C we confess to you, Lord.**

P Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**C we confess to you, Lord.**

P Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**C we confess to you, Lord.**

P Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**C accept our repentance, Lord.**

P For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**C accept our repentance, Lord.**

P For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**C accept our repentance, Lord.**

P Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

**C Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen**

*Those who desire to receive ashes come forward.*

*The ministers apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*After all who desire ashes have received them, the presiding minister leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession.*

P Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**C that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

P By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,

**C bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

P Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 may please him which we do on this day, 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.

**C Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### FIRST READING: Joel 2:12-19

<sup>12</sup> “Yet even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup> and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the LORD your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.

<sup>14</sup> Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
for the LORD your God?

<sup>15</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
consecrate a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
<sup>16</sup> gather the people.

Consecrate the congregation;  
assemble the elders;  
gather the children,  
even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her chamber.

<sup>17</sup> Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep  
and say, “Spare your people, O LORD,  
and make not your heritage a reproach,  
a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples,  
“Where is their God?” ”

<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD became jealous for his land  
and had pity on his people.

<sup>19</sup> The LORD answered and said to his people,  
“Behold, I am sending to you  
grain, wine, and oil,  
and you will be satisfied;  
and I will no more make you  
a reproach among the nations.

L        The word of the Lord.

C        **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 51:1-19

Refrain 

Have mer-cy on me, O God, ac-cord-ing to your lov-ing - kind-ness.

Psalm Tone 

- L <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your <sup>1</sup>lovingkindness;  
in your great compassion blot out <sup>1</sup>my offenses.
- C <sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through <sup>1</sup>from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me <sup>1</sup>from my sin.**
- L <sup>3</sup>For I know <sup>1</sup>my transgressions,  
and my sin is ev-<sup>1</sup>er before me.
- C <sup>4</sup>**Against you only <sup>1</sup>have I sinned  
and done what is evil <sup>1</sup>in your sight. Refrain**
- L <sup>5</sup>And so you are justified <sup>1</sup>when you speak  
and upright <sup>1</sup>in your judgment.
- C <sup>6</sup>**Indeed, I have been wicked <sup>1</sup>from my birth,  
a sinner from my <sup>1</sup>mother's womb.**
- L <sup>7</sup>For behold, you look for truth <sup>1</sup>deep within me,  
and will make me understand <sup>1</sup>wisdom secretly.
- C <sup>8</sup>**Purge me from my sin, and I <sup>1</sup>shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be <sup>1</sup>clean indeed. Refrain**
- L <sup>9</sup>Make me hear of <sup>1</sup>joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken <sup>1</sup>may rejoice.
- C <sup>10</sup>**Hide your face <sup>1</sup>from my sins,  
and blot out all <sup>1</sup>my iniquities.**
- L <sup>11</sup>Create in me a clean <sup>1</sup>heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir-<sup>1</sup>it within me.
- C <sup>12</sup>**Cast me not away <sup>1</sup>from your presence,  
and take not your Holy <sup>1</sup>Spirit from me. Refrain**
- L <sup>13</sup>Give me the joy of your saving <sup>1</sup>help again  
and sustain me with your boun-<sup>1</sup>tiful Spirit.
- C <sup>14</sup>**I shall teach your ways <sup>1</sup>to the wicked,  
and sinners shall re-<sup>1</sup>turn to you.**
- L <sup>15</sup>Deliver me from <sup>1</sup>death, O God,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of <sup>1</sup>my salvation.
- C <sup>16</sup>**Open my <sup>1</sup>lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall pro-<sup>1</sup>claim your praise. Refrain**
- L <sup>17</sup>Had you desired it, I would have <sup>1</sup>offered sacrifice,  
but you take no delight <sup>1</sup>in burnt-offerings.
- C <sup>18</sup>**The sacrifice of God is a <sup>1</sup>troubled spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will <sup>1</sup>not despise.**

L <sup>19</sup>Be favorable and gra- | cious to Zion,  
and rebuild the walls | of Jerusalem. **Refrain**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b — 6:10**

We implore 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.

<sup>6</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

L The word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**SENTENCE FOR LENT**



☩ 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.

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-21**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.



☩ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. <sup>2</sup>“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>7</sup>“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup> Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. <sup>14</sup> For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. <sup>16</sup>“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

**SERMON: “On Seeing and Being Seen”**

**The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel**

*After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## "Savior, When in Dust to You"

1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom-age due;  
 2 By your help-less in-fant years, by your life of want and tears,  
 3 By your hour of dire de-spair, by your ag-o-ny of prayer,  
 4 By your deep ex-pir-ing groan, by the sad se-pul-chral stone,

when, re-pen-tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes;  
 by your days of deep dis-tress in the sav-age wil-der-ness,  
 by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc-ing spear, and tor-tur-ing scorn,  
 by the vault whose dark a-bode held in vain the ris-ing God,

oh, by all your pains and woe suf-fered once for us be-low,  
 by the dread, mys-te-rious hour of the in-sult-ing tempt-er's pow'r,  
 by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread-ful sac-ri-fice,  
 oh, from earth to heav'n re-stored, might-y, re-as-cend-ed Lord,

bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
 turn, oh, turn a fa-v'ring eye; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
 lis-ten to our hum-ble sigh; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
 bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

## APOSTLES' CREED

- A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.  
C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended into hell.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE LITANY

- A Let us pray: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church, and for the unity of all people, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the baptized people of God in our Lenten discipline, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For those who are poor, hungry, homeless or sick, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For those who are in any need, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Merciful God, hear our prayers, restore us to the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C **Amen.**
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

*You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,  
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

**MUSICAL OFFERTORY**

**Maria Laderman - Flute, Linda Hoch - Organ**

"Just As I Am" - *arr. Lani Smith*

*Please stand as the offering is brought forward*

**LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD** (*Psalm 104:14-15; Isaiah 25:6; 1 Corinthians 5:7*)



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.  
Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful Father,  
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—  
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen

# THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)

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

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

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

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

**P** It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS (Isaiah 6: 3; Matthew 21: 9)

**C** 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 in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;  
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.  
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will  
and accomplished our salvation.  
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.  
Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving Passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,  
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought, but as we are able;  
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,  
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;  
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son  
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,  
and have our portion with all your saints.  
All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen

## LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

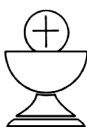
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

*A time of silence...*

**P** Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (*John 1:29*)

**C** **Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!**  
(*Revelation 19:9*)

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS



*All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper, and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to commune.*

*Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.*

*You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray as it is offered to you.*

*As always, the common cup is offered for those who desire to use it. If you desire the common cup, please point to it as the individual cups pass by you.*

*Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.*

***After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided***  
(*Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host.*)

***Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion:*** *O merciful Lord, I do not presume to come to your Table, trusting in my own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose will it is always to have mercy. Make me, I pray you, worthy now to receive this Holy Communion. Grant me, gracious Lord, so to consume the very Body and Blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ in this Holy Sacrament, that He may evermore dwell in me, and I in Him, that my sinful body may be made clean by His Body, and my soul washed through His most precious Blood.*  
*Amen.*

***Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion:*** *Almighty God, you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that as I have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, He may abide in me, and I in Him, and that all who have received may be filled with the power of His endless life. By your grace, help me to walk worthy of my calling, and to learn to bring glory to your name in all things.*  
*Amen.*

## LAMB OF GOD (*John 1: 29*)

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. A - men

*Please be seated.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**Maria Laderman - Flute, Linda Hoch - Organ**

"What Wondrous Love Is This" - *arr. Anthony Giamanco*

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" - *arr. Lani Smith*

*After all have communed, please stand.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace!

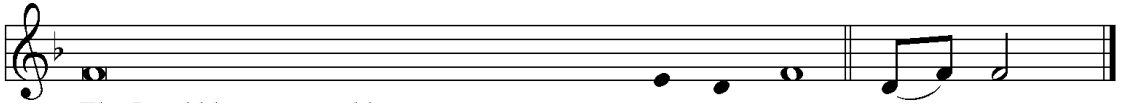
**C** **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

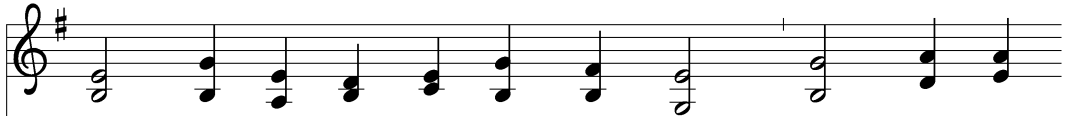
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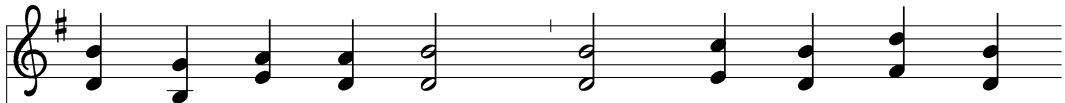
☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face to shine on you  
 And be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ... give you peace.  
 In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit ✠

☩ A - men

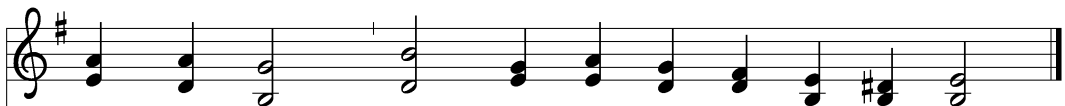
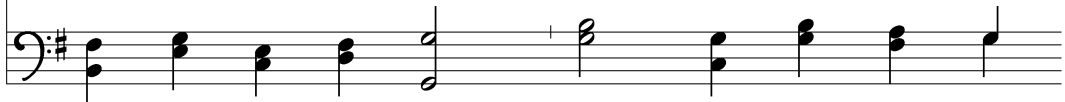
# RECESSIONAL HYMN "The Glory of These Forty Days"



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.



## THE RITE OF SENDING

Children      Go in peace, serve the Lord!  
C              Thanks be to God!

*We leave in silence.*

**Offering:** An offering plate will be placed by the baptismal font for offerings to be presented during the offering procession. Offerings may be placed in the plate before or after the service.

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## Cleanse Me from My Sin

Find the 37 **bold** words from Psalm 51:1-7. (ESV)

N S Y L E Y M N K B T D D S M  
Z O O Z V R E P L B H A E E S  
U R I A D V F E L R G Y G L I  
D G E S I E S P I R I T D A L  
S H R G S S C Y L O N G E H E  
E E R O E E R E M M U S L I N  
P O N D A S R L I Y O X W S T  
F U I O J N S G P T O W O T E  
D N A H B L I E S I N S N R V  
D E R E V O C N F N T W K E A  
D R I E D P L T G N A G C N G  
I N I Q U I T Y U S O R A G R  
B N F C Z A A O T A N C T T O  
T P E K E W C E G D L T S H F  
K R J H A T D C Q O W L U S K

Have **mercy** on me, O **God**, according to your **steadfast love**; according to your **abundant** mercy **blot** out my **transgressions**. **Wash** me **thoroughly** from my **iniquity**, and **cleanse** me from my **sin**! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I **sinned** and done what is **evil** in your **sight**, so that you may be **justified** in your **words** and **blameless** in your **judgment**. **Behold**, I was **brought forth** in iniquity, and in sin did my **mother conceive** me. Behold, you **delight** in **truth** in the **inward being**, and you **teach** me **wisdom** in the **secret heart**. **Purge** me with **hyssop**, and I shall be **clean**; wash me, and I shall be **whiter** than **snow**.

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