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4th Sunday of Lent

March 10th, 2024

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to worship as we celebrate this Sunday. We are now in the 40 days of Lent – a time of reflection and focus on removing that which hinders us from hearing God's Word and the promise of our Baptism. If you are using your laptop, tablet, or phone to join in the livestream at 8:30am & 10:30am http://bit.ly/SLCworship. We have "Listen" ear pieces available for the hearing impaired-simply ask one of the ushers!

Prelude

Gathering

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness (Please stand as you are able)

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

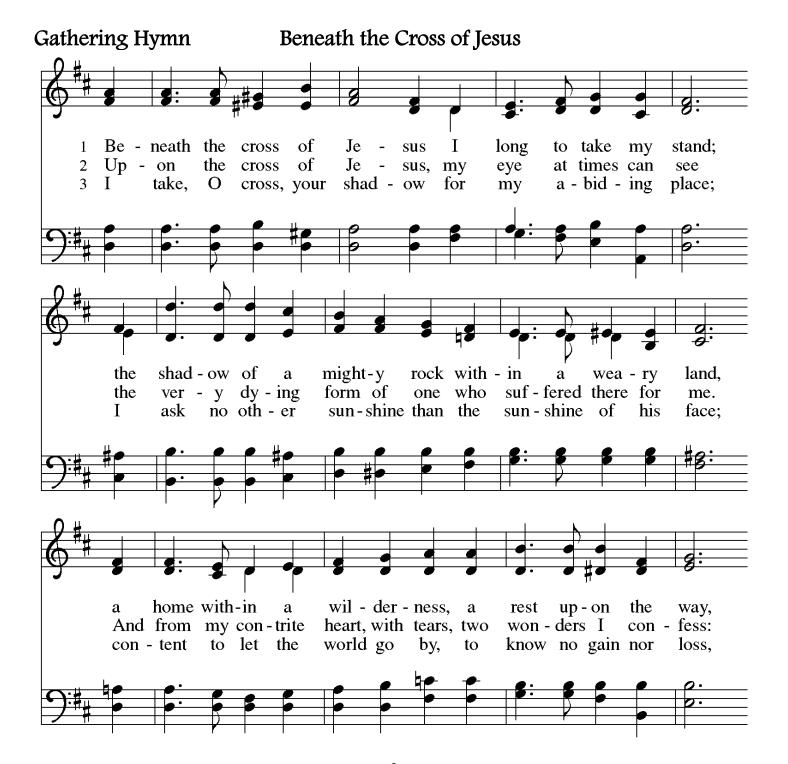
P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 8~10) (Silence is kept for reflection.)

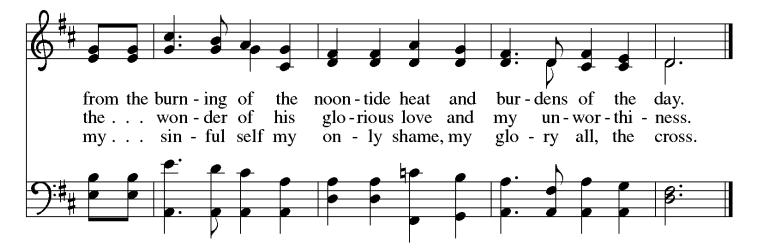
P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.





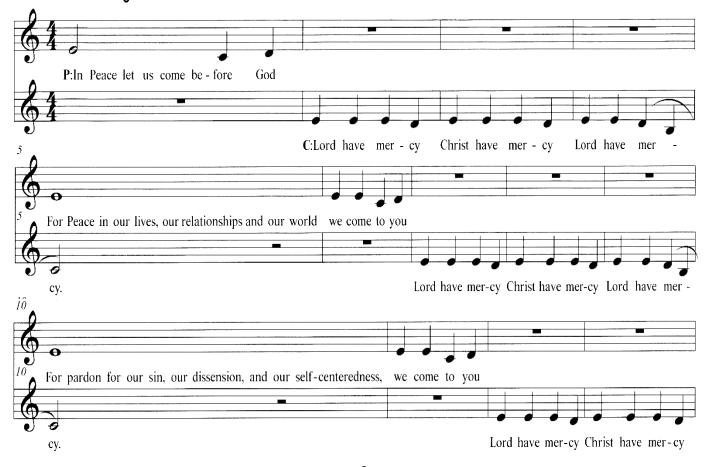
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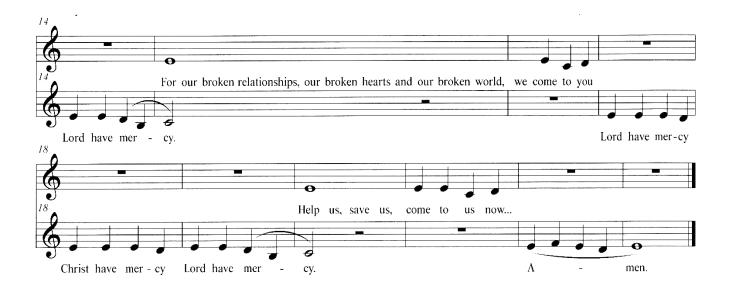
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Greeting

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)
- C: And also with you.

Confession Kyrie





Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

O Christ, rich in mercy, by your humiliation and death you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love. We pray this in your holy and precious name.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Kids Word (11am – Ages Pre-K to 3rd grade)

First Reading Numbers 21:4~9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against

the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Musical Meditation Amazing Grace

Second Reading

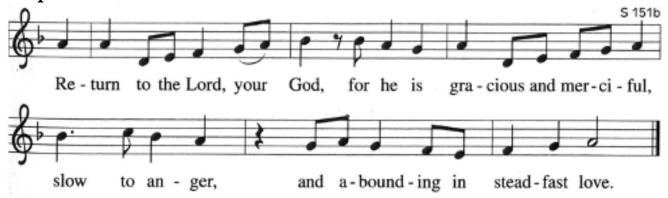
Ephesians 2:1~10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—6and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁵so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁵For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—9not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹oFor we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation "Return to the Lord"



R: The Gospel according to John, the 3rd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

R: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Merciful Truth" by Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard



Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt. Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayers of the Church

P: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please be seated following Sharing of the Peace

Community Time –

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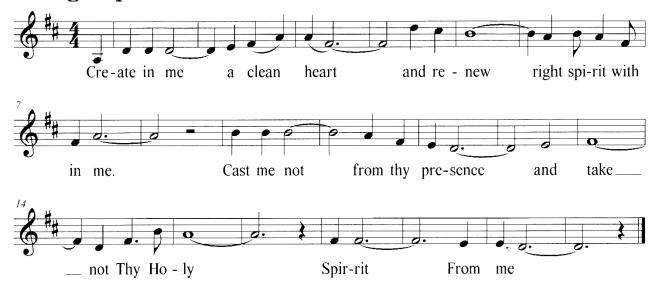


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Offering Music "God So Loved the World" Alleluia Ringers

Offering Response



L: Let us pray... Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 God thanks and praise



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (All)

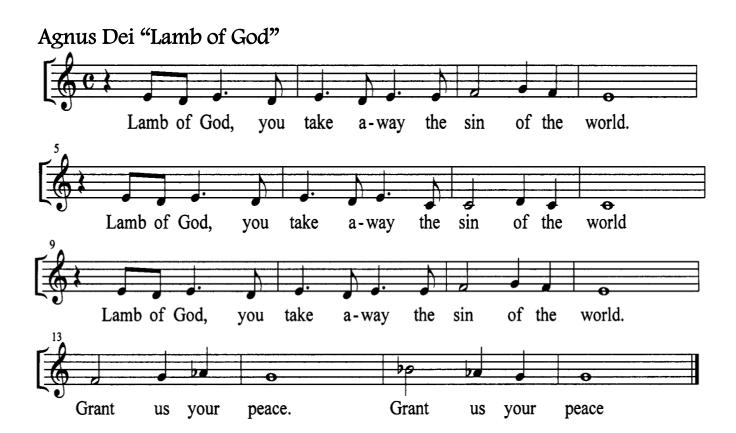
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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.



All Baptized Christians are welcome to join with us in this meal where we believe the true body and blood of Christ are present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. You will be ushered forward and there will be two tables of communion in the front of the sanctuary. You will be given a piece of bread or gluten free wafer by a pastor or lay leader. On the table you will have a choice of using the chalice for intinction or a small cup of wine or juice. If you choose to use the cup, then dispose it in the baskets like we have been doing with the sealed cups. A communion assistant will distribute the cups. Adults who do not receive the Supper or children who have not received First Communion instruction

can come forward for a blessing. If you have not been baptized, one of our pastors would welcome a conversation with you about Baptism.





- 5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

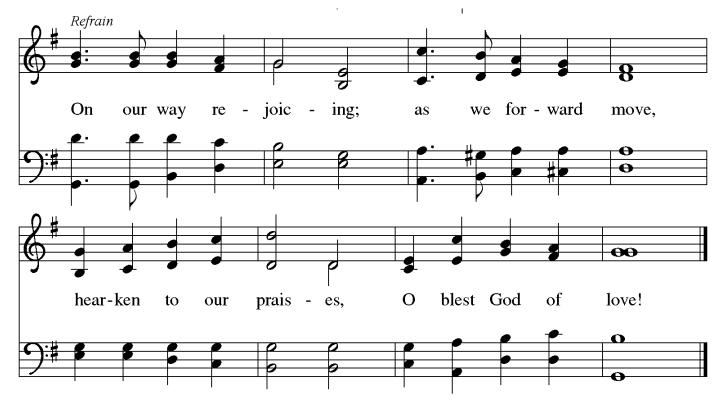
C: Amen

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen





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Dismissal

L: We are grace filled!

C: And Spirit led!

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Thanks: Alleluia Ringers and Sanctuary Choir

This Week's Worship Leaders—March 10th

March Altar Care: Mary Ramsey, Tom & Sue Starks Liturgists: (8:30) Sue Shultz (11:00 am) Unavailable

Communion Assistants: (8:30 am) Rick Cotter,, Gloria and Jerry Crawford

(11:00 am) Jim and Jean Lamb, Debbie Kramer

Readers: (8:30 am) Carmen Meherg (11:00 am) Patti Randall Readings for March 17th

Jeremiah 31:31–34, Hebrews 5:5–10, & John 12:20–33 As you read the lesson, ask yourself two questions: Why was this story told? Where do you see God at work?

Prayer and Care: Laura Gessner (Sandy's mom) in rehab at Northwoods. Merrill Koster, under care and treatment by doctors. Bob Barnes anticipating knee replacement. Andy Bergsagel recovering from a severe fall in Harborview Med in Seattle. Karen Mcquillan and Jeanne Patterson recovering from surgery.

Recovering from Surgery/Illness: Joelle Ferber, Clint Kersten, Nancy Matronic and Linda Nelson

Facing Cancer: Rudy Burress, Elizabeth Domahidy, Julie Enger, Kay Kersten, Ron Maddux, Jim Piatt, Gerry Randall, Randy Randolph, George Roberts, Dave Rosinbum, Dave Ryan, Amelia Seagrave, Lisa Stephens, June Stocks, Melissa Tippets, David Trexler, Scott Wills, Jim Weisbrodt and Bill Yocum.

Deployed & Military Support & Their Families: Jared Cain, Timothy Dao, Rebecca Mackey, Andrew Quam, David Wooten and all their families.

Continued Prayer: Hilma Bridges, Bob Brien, Don Budden, John Daly, Ace Edwards, Randy Fossum, Gene Gierke, Dawn Hamrick, Sharron Lindkvist, Jean Locke, Chuck McClung, Web Rhodes, Matt Ryan, Jean Sherbesman, Clinton Sperr, Tom Taft and JoAnne Wales.

Remembering all who are homebound or in ill health.



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