



## First Sunday in Lent



Christ in the Desert (1872) by Ivan Kramskoi

**February 26, 2023 + 10:00 am**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**  
*an adventure for life!*

## **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **In Preparation for Worship**

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Please silence your cell phone.

## **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

***My Faith Looks Up To Thee*, arr. John Carter**

**Welcome**

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Hymn

## When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# Kyrie

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.  
*Assistant:*  
Help, save and de - fend us, O God.  
*Congregation:*  
A - - - men.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of five staves. The first three staves are for the Assistant and Congregation, with the Assistant's part indicated by a bracket above the first two staves and the Congregation's part indicated by a bracket above the third staff. The fourth staff is for the Assistant, and the fifth staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating long notes. The Assistant's part is in a higher register than the Congregation's part.

*Please be seated*

## **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

### **Reading**

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7** (English Standard Version)

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

May we listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church

**Amen.**

## Psalm 32



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Happy are they whose transgressions <sup>|</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is <sup>|</sup> put away!

**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- <sup>|</sup> puts no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there <sup>|</sup> is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones with- <sup>|</sup> ered away,  
because of my groaning <sup>|</sup> all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me <sup>|</sup> day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the <sup>|</sup> heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- <sup>|</sup> ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave  
me the guilt <sup>|</sup> of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in <sup>|</sup> time of  
trouble;**

**when the great waters overflow, they <sup>|</sup> shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve <sup>|</sup> me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts <sup>|</sup> of deliverance.

**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that <sup>|</sup> you should go;  
I will guide you <sup>|</sup> with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no <sup>|</sup> understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will <sup>|</sup> not stay near  
you."

**Great are the tribulations <sup>|</sup> of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust <sup>|</sup> in the LORD.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice <sup>|</sup> in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are <sup>|</sup> true of heart.

Please stand in body or spirit

## Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation:*

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the

Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der

faith - ful - ness of God.

*Repeat optional*

**Gospel** **Matthew 4:1-11** (Common English Bible, inclusivised)  
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Immediately after John baptized Jesus,] the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. The tempter came to him and said, "Since you are God's Son, command these stones to become bread."

Jesus replied, "It's written, *People won't live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.*"

After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone."

Jesus replied, "Again it's written, *Don't test the Lord your God.*"

Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said, "I'll give you all these if you bow down and worship me."

Jesus responded, "Go away, Satan, because it's written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve God alone.*" The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

**Lent**

Lent is when we go downstairs,  
down into the basement of our souls,  
into the dark, dingy, dirty places,  
and clear out the junk we need to get rid of.  
In Lent we don't need to beat ourselves up.  
We need to lighten our load,  
bag up those fears and desires  
that are leaking all over everything,  
take our guilt and shame out to the curb.  
It's not easy to lay our hands on broken things,  
to look deep into the gummed up works.  
That's why Jesus shines with his light,  
shines so we can see our way down into the dark,  
see to lift up the junk and hand it over,  
so he can haul it out into the light  
of the dumpster.  
The light Jesus shines is good with dark places,  
so we know even from the deepest hole down there  
we'll come out. The light will lead us. We'll be OK.  
Mucking around down there we get dirty,  
and we come up with grime on our hands  
and ashes on our foreheads for everybody to see.  
But we're free of all that blame and disappointment.  
And the darkest, deepest cellar hole  
becomes an empty tomb.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes



## Ministry of Music

### *And I Did Nothing: a Lenten Thought*

David Lantz III  
Senior Choir

I did nothing, yet God gives me grace.  
I did nothing, yet God gives me love.  
His grace, his love, his mercy from above he gives to me,  
And I did nothing.  
I did nothing, yet God gives me hope,  
I did nothing, yet God gives me peace.  
His hope, his peace, his comfort and release he gives to me,  
And I did nothing.

#### **REFRAIN:**

He died for me, now let me live for him,  
He died for me now let me live for him.  
He set me free and took away my sin.  
He died for me and I did nothing.

I did nothing, yet God gives me breath.  
I did nothing yet God gives me life.  
His life, his breath, his victory over death he gives to me.  
And I did nothing.

#### **REFRAIN**

God gives me love, God gives me hope,  
God gives me life.... and I did nothing.

## **Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

## **Community Prayers**

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreiness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy,  
Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver,  
Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons,  
Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister  
Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Kathleen Zwanziger, Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson,  
Julie Larson and husband Eli receiving cancer treatment in Houston  
The people of All Saints Lutheran Church, Lewis Center; Redeemer community members  
Kurt and William Goshen

## **Children's Time**

### **Sharing the peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

*Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to  
share this communion meal.*

*Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.*

*In body or spirit, please stand*

### **Offertory**

### **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.



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.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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# Great Thanksgiving

*Presider:*

The Lord be with you.

*Congregation:*

And also with

*you.*

*Presider:*

Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation:*

We

*Presider:*

lift them to the Lord.

Let us give

*Congregation:*

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

We are right to praise you, faithful God! You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home. You are mending for the broken, safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner.

You reveal your kindness in every sorrow, your mercy even in death. All your creatures see your works; they sing your steadfast love.

We too declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing:

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Now, O God, we remember Jesus. He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried. He relied on you for everything. He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world. He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble. He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave. You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend. He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper, he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new. Bless this bread which you have given and human hands have made. Let it become for us the bread of life. Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. Let it become for us the cup of salvation.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to say:

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Sharing the Meal

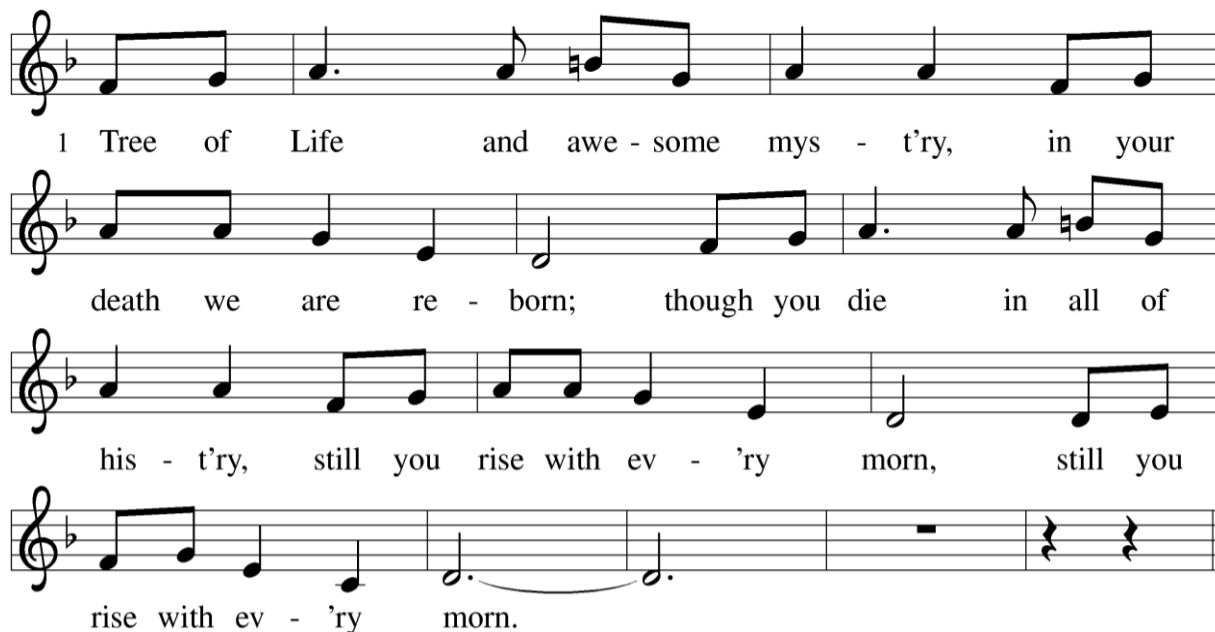
The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.  
So do we.

*Please be seated*

*You may come forward to receive the elements or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.*

## Hymn

### Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
rise with ev - 'ry morn.

*Lent 1*

From the dawning of creation  
you have loved us as your own;  
stay with us through all temptation,  
make us turn to you alone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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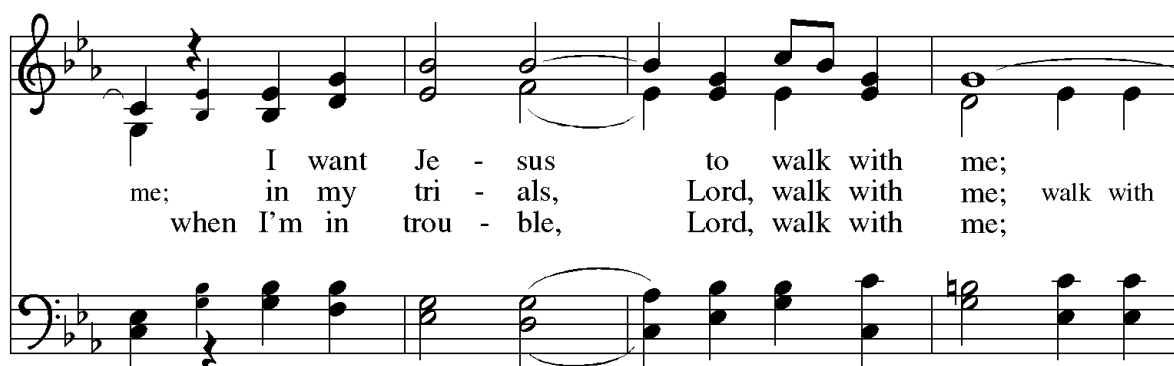
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# Hymn

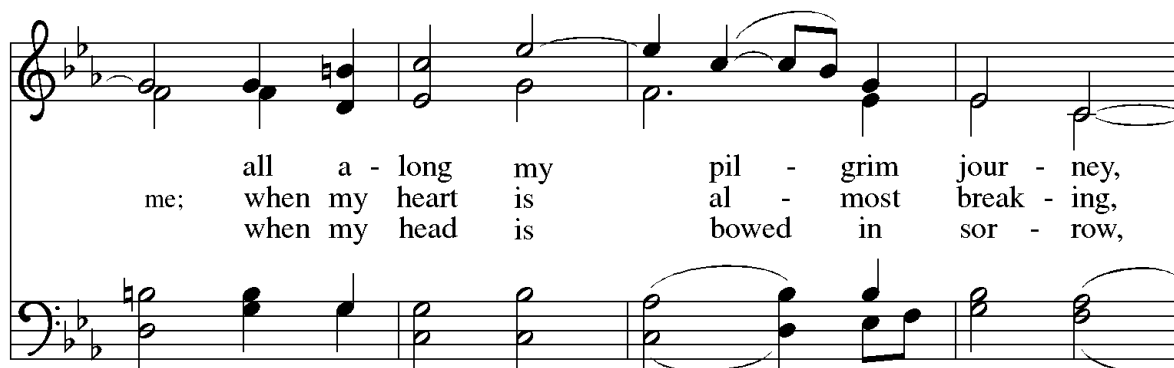
## I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



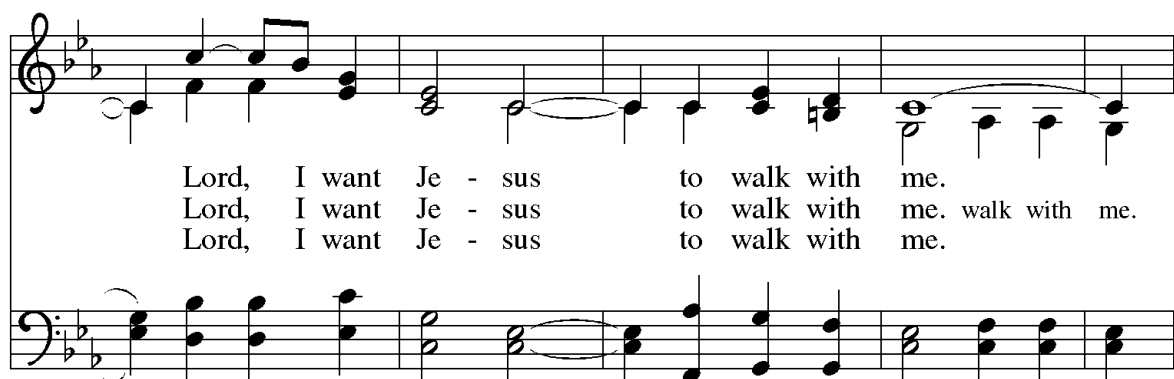
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version

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*Please stand in body or spirit*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**



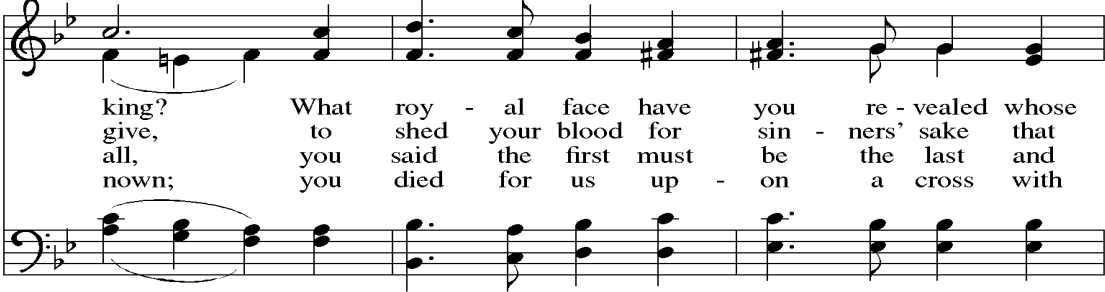
## WE ARE SENT

### Hymn

### O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us



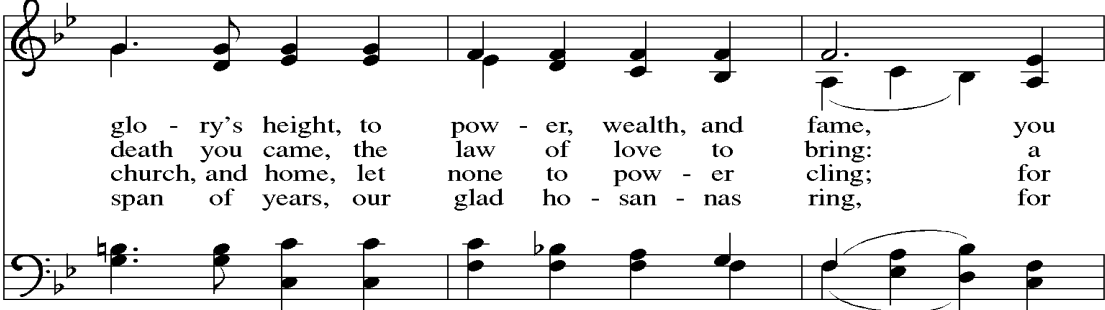
1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver  
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



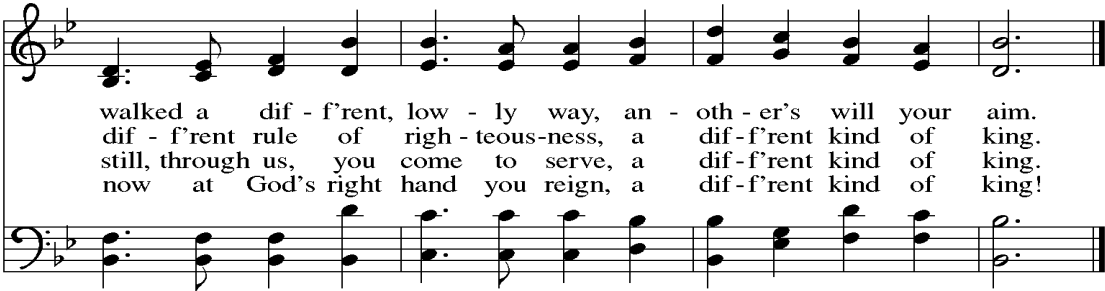
king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
all, you said the first must be the last and  
nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
we might rise and live. To break the law of  
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
death you came, the law of love to bring: a  
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous-ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824-1902

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, arr. John Carter**

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Communion liturgy adapted from one written by the Rev. Bill Loader of the Uniting Church in Australia.

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**Redeemer's mission:** To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all  
**Redeemer's vision:** To foster understanding and healing in community

### **Adult Education**

*Sundays in February – 11:15 am*

*Brad Binau*

*recently retired Professor of Pastoral Theology*

*Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University*

"EVERYTHING, EVERYWHERE, ALL AT ONCE:  
GOD AND THE COSMIC STORY"

"For the creation waits with eager longing..." Romans 8.18 (NRSV)

"All around us we observe a pregnant creation." Romans 8.22 (*The Message*)

Week #1: *Your God Is Too Small* and Why I Got Interested in All of This

Week #2: *As It Was in the Beginning: The Big Bang and God after Darwin*

Week #3: *Is Now: Time and God After Einstein*

Week #4: *And Evermore Shall Be: The Future and a Big-Enough God*

In Progress and 2021



**Birthdays this week:**

26 – Diane Brobeck

26 – Wally Jacobs

28 – Colton Day

1 – Todd Darst

1 – Kathy Denhard

3 – Ranel Hoddinott

3 – Larry Trover

4 – Petra Williams



***Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer***

**Wednesdays March 1-29**

**7:00 pm**

*In-Person and Livestream*

**Please sign up on the bulletin board  
to share a reflection on peace.**



## *"The Book of Judges"*

Bible Study

Tuesdays – 1:00-2:30 pm

Join us in-person or on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89816662484?pwd=UnpVZHV3M2ZTSW14K1R1VnRySXliQT09>

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## *Journaling Workshop*

7:00 pm

February 28

*In-Person - Narthex*



*LSS Food Pantry*

*First Wednesdays*

*12:30-3:30 pm*

*Contact Kathleen Zwanziger  
to volunteer*



*Lenten Soup and Conversation*

*Noon – 1:00*

*Wednesday, March 1*

*Narthex*



## *March Adult Ed Class*

*led by our LIC student*

*Marit Johnson*

Discussions on articles from the *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* February/March issue, titled "Il/egal Abortion: Lutheran Ethical Responses Post-Dobbs." Together participants will read articles from the journal, look at the ELCA's 1991 Social Statement on Abortion, and share insights on ways to talk about this divisive topic from a Lutheran ethics perspective.

To preview articles that may be included, visit <https://learn.elca.org/jle/>.

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86928691370?pwd=VlkRHXYXRiIl0aG9tcjFDRGJFQlJldz09>

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**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

## **Personal Care Kits Shopping List**

**Each Kit needs:**



One *light-weight* bath-size towel – no larger than 52" x 20"

Two 8-9 oz. bars soap



One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging

One sturdy comb, remove packaging



One metal nail clipper, remove packaging

**Thank You!!!**

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kay Ernsthausen
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal / Kiara Santiago
<b>Reader</b>	Marit Johnson
<b>Cantor</b>	Emily Kent
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Ruth Murray
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Producers</b>	Tom Mimlitch, Sue Yehling
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Eileen Day, Nancy Magargal, Michelle Clemence

*Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 5

<b>Today</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Journaling Workshop
<b>Wednesday</b>	noon	Soup luncheon and discussion
	12:30 pm	<b>RLC at LSS Food Pantry</b>
	7:00 pm	Lenten Evening Prayer
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