

## Second Sunday in Lent



Children in India from different religions  
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**March 5, 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**

***In the Cross of Christ I Glory***, arr. Wilbur Held

**Welcome**

Please stand in body or spirit

# Hymn

## Draw the Circle Wide

♩=132

Draw the cir-cle\_ wide. Draw it wid-er still. Let this be our

song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by side, draw the cir-cle\_

To verses Last time, Fine

wide\_ wide\_

1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -  
 2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass  
 3. Let the dreams we\_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er

--a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but  
 great and small; let our lov - ing  
 dreamed be - fore; let the dream of

held for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms\_\_\_\_\_  
 know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call\_\_\_\_\_  
 Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door\_\_\_\_\_

### 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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

**A - men.**

*Please be seated*

## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

**Reading**                      **Romans 4:1-5, 16-18** (The Message, inclusivized)

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the early church at Rome

How do we fit what we know of Abraham, our first parent in the faith, into a new way of looking at things? If Abraham, by what he did for God, got God to approve him, he could certainly have taken credit for it. But the story we're given is a God-story, not an Abraham-story. What we read in Scripture is, "Abraham entered into what God was doing for him, and that was the turning point. He trusted God to set him right instead of trying to be right on his own."

If you're a hard worker and do a good job, you deserve your pay; we don't call your wages a gift. But if you see that the job is too big for you, that it's something only God can do, and you trust God to do it—you could never do it for yourself no matter how hard and long you worked—well, that trusting-God-to-do-it is what gets you set right with God, by God. Sheer gift.

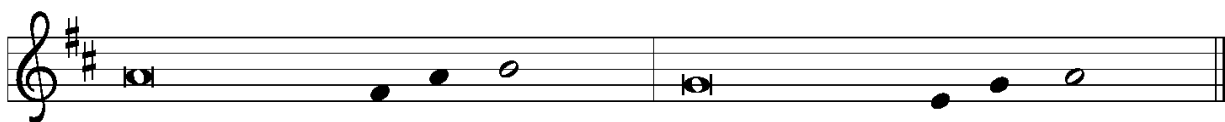
This is why the fulfillment of God's promise depends entirely on trusting God and God's way, and then simply embracing God and God's actions. God's promise arrives as pure gift. That's the only way everyone can be sure to get in on it, those who keep the religious traditions and those who have never heard of them. For Abraham is parent of us all. He is not our racial parent—that's reading the story backward. Abraham is our faith parent.

We call Abraham "parent" not because he got God's attention by living like a saint, but because God made something out of Abraham when he was a nobody.

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

**Amen.**

## Psalm 121



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I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?

**My help comes | from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**

the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

**the sun will not strike | you by day,  
nor the | moon by night.**

The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.

**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

**Gospel** **John 3:1-8, 16-18** (The Message, inclusivized)  
The Holy Gospel according to St. John **Glory to you, O Lord.**

There was a man of the Pharisee sect, Nicodemus, a prominent leader among the Jews. Late one night he visited Jesus and said, “Rabbi, we all know you’re a teacher straight from God. No one could do all the God-pointing, God-revealing acts you do if God weren’t in on it.”

Jesus said, “You’re absolutely right. Take it from me: Unless a person is born from above, it’s not possible to see what I’m pointing to—to God’s beloved community.”

“How can anyone,” said Nicodemus, “be born who has already been born and grown up? You can’t re-enter your mother’s womb and be born again. What are you saying with this ‘born-from-above’ talk?”

Jesus said, “You’re not listening. Let me say it again. Unless a person submits to this original creation—the ‘wind-hovering-over-the-water’ creation, the invisible moving the visible, a baptism into a new life—it’s not possible to enter God’s beloved community. When you look at a baby, it’s just that: a body you can look at and touch. But the person who takes shape within is formed by something you can’t see and touch—the Spirit—and becomes a living spirit.

“So don’t be so surprised when I tell you that you have to be ‘born from above’—out of this world, so to speak. You know well enough how the wind blows this way and that. You hear it rustling through the trees, but you have no idea where it comes from or where it’s headed next. That’s the way it is with everyone ‘born from above’ by the wind of God, the Spirit of God.”



“This is how much God loved the world: God sent the Only Begotten One into the world so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in the Only Begotten, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn’t go to all the trouble of sending the Only Begotten merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. This One came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in the Only Begotten is acquitted; those who refuse to trust have long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because, when introduced, they failed to believe in this one-of-a-kind Only Begotten of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Message**

***THE DISCIPLINED REFUSAL TO INFLICT PAIN ON ANOTHER***

**Ministry of Music**

***Believe***

Marcia Bentley and Jimbo Stevens  
*Senior Choir, Marit Johnson horn*

The mount that soars in majesty, the rolling fields, the flowering trees,  
Tell me how can you see these and not believe in God?

The music of an ocean breeze, a newborn’s cry, a symphony,  
Tell me how can you hear these and not believe in God?

Some say God does not exist, but who could make a world like this?  
Not you or I, though clever we may be. It takes power greater than  
The feeble skill of common man to form a sun or fill the mighty sea.

The love that brings the soul release, the faith that brings the dying peace,  
Tell me how can you see these and not believe in God?



## **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, Thelma Johnson  
The people of Ascension Lutheran Church, Columbus; Redeemer community member  
Barbara Hairston

## **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

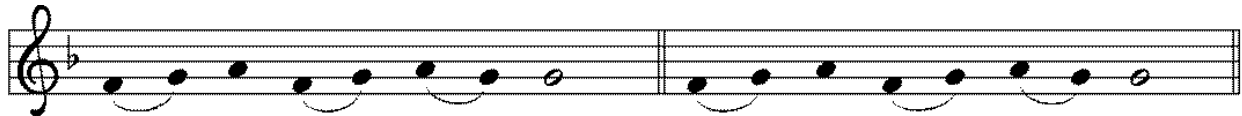
Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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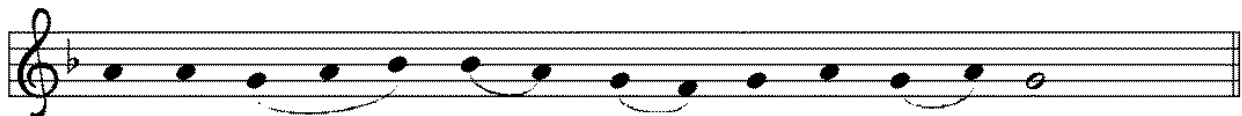
### Great Thanksgiving



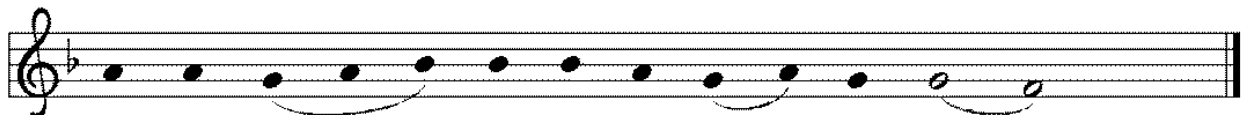
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

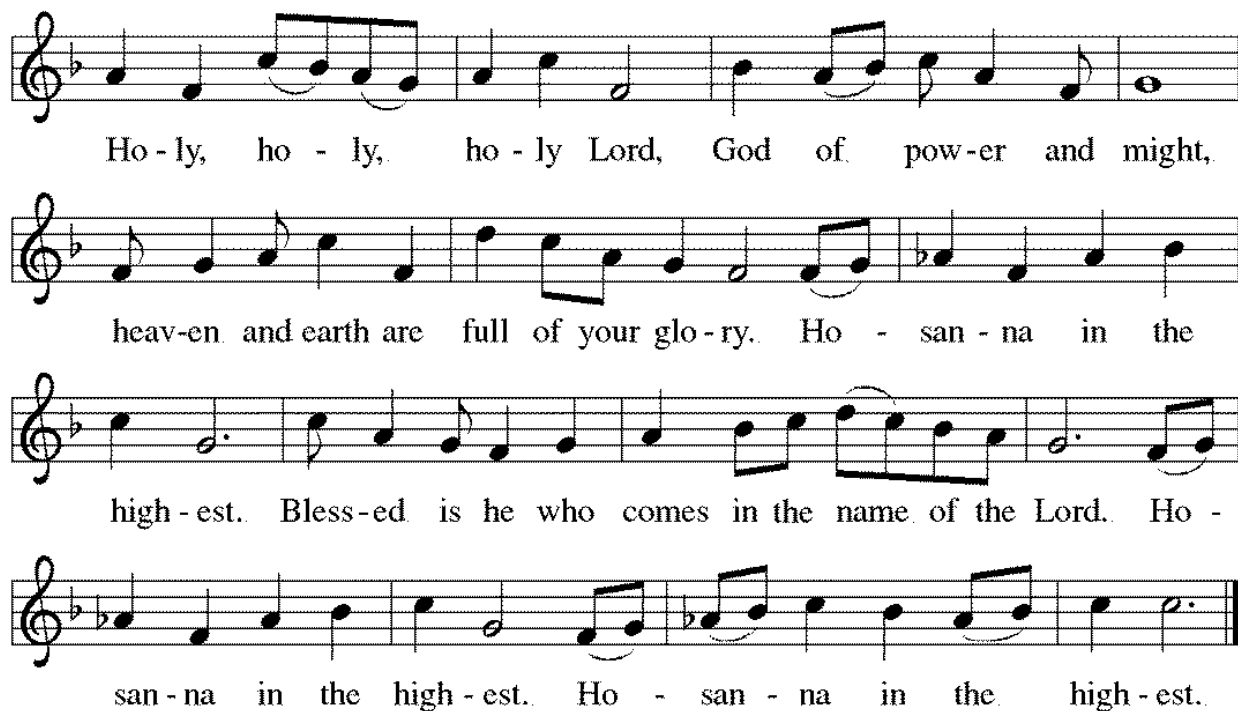


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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. 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.**

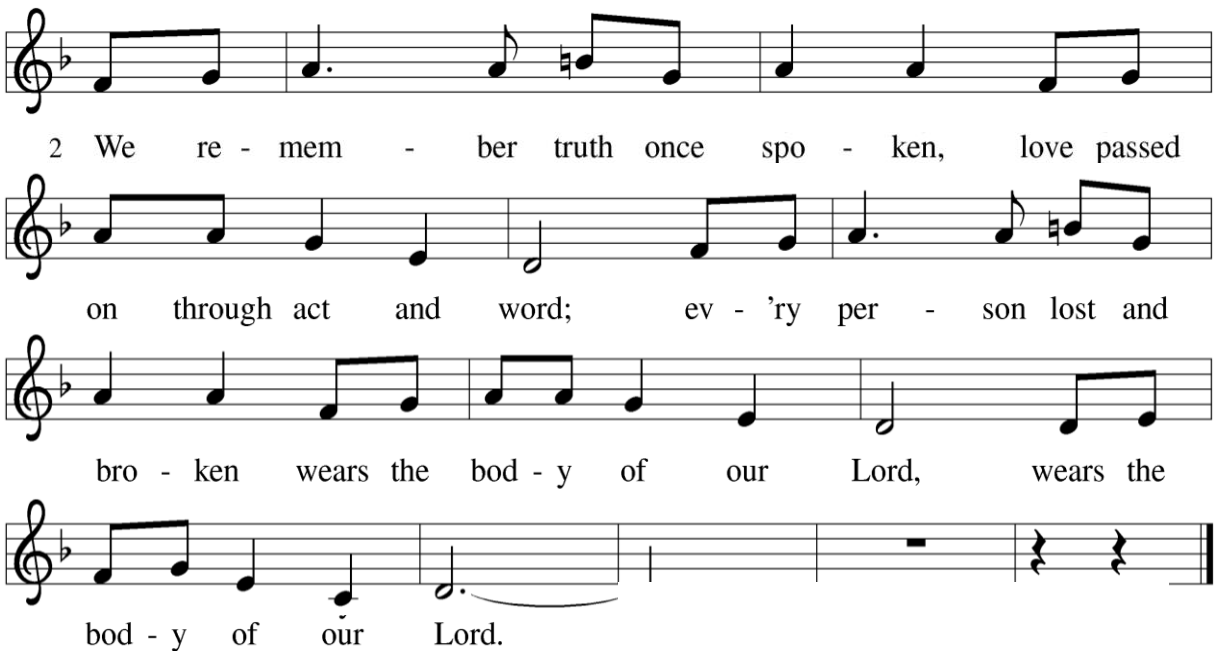
## Sharing the Meal

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



2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
bod - y of our Lord.

*Lent 2*

In our call to be a blessing,  
may we be a blessing true;  
may we live and die confessing  
Christ as Lord of all we do.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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Hymn

Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847  
 Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

*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.

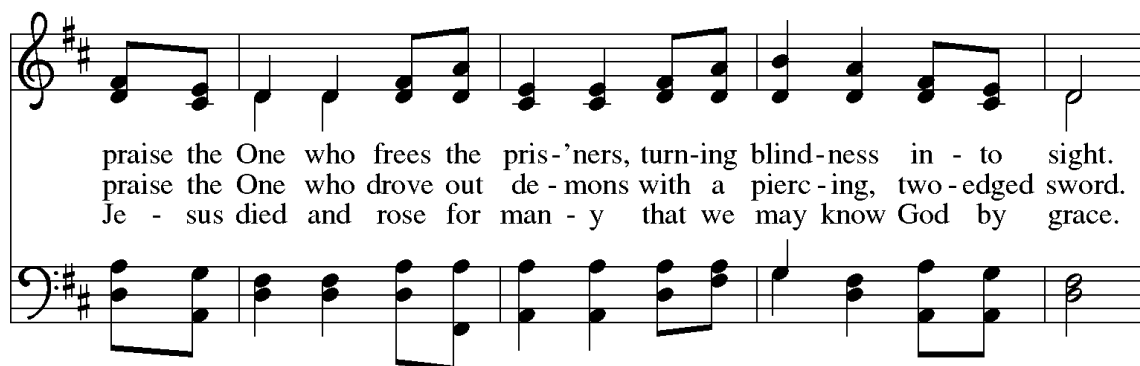
**Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

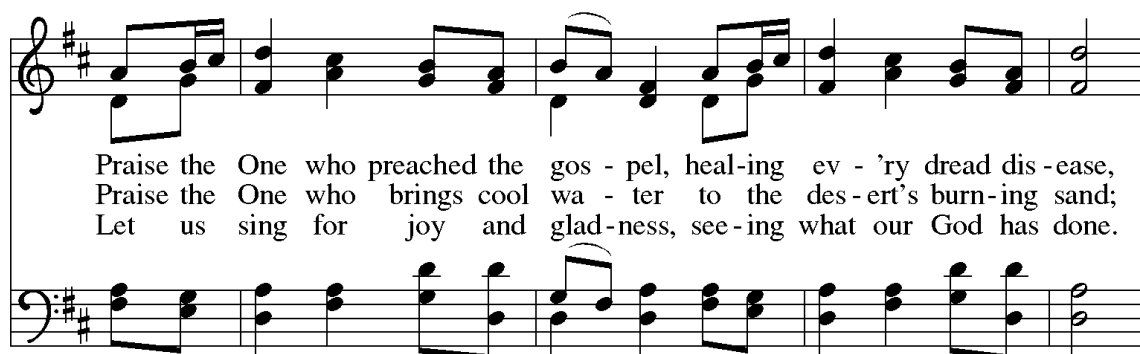
### Hymn Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



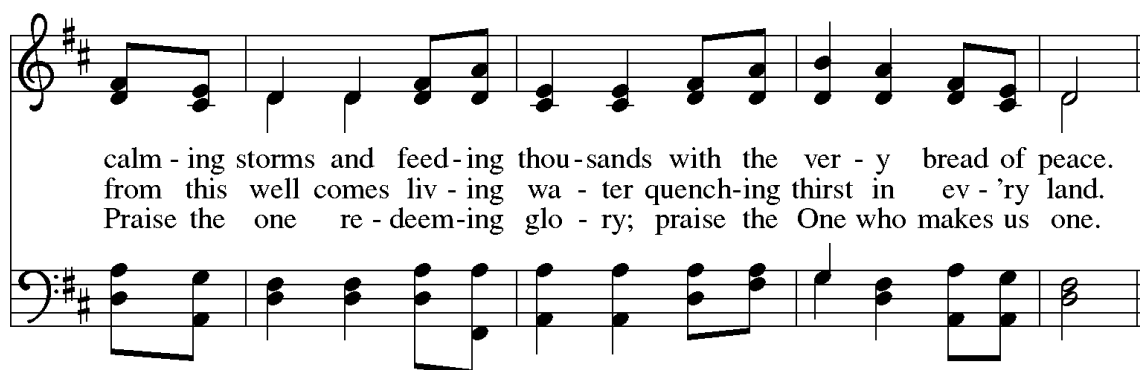
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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**Blessing**

**Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

***Allegro*, G.F. Handel**

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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



## 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  
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***Easter Flower Orders  
due March 7  
Envelopes on bulletin board***



**Lenten Soup and Conversation  
Noon – 1:00  
Wednesdays in March  
Narthex**



## "The Book of Judges"

Bible Study

Tuesdays – 1:00-2:30 pm

Join us in-person or on Zoom

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## 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.



Daylight Savings Time  
BEGINS March 12  
Set your clocks!

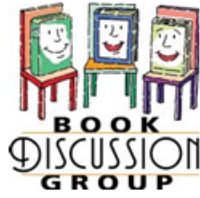


Pick one up from the shelf under  
the bulletin board.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monthly Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday, March 12 == 11:15 am



Wednesday, April 19  
7-8:30 pm

## *The Personal Librarian*

by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray  
Copies are available in public libraries.

Donna Voelkel, who recommended the book, says this about it: "*Personal Librarian* is written as a historical novel. Belle da Casta Greene, a young black librarian who identified herself as white, was hired by financier J.P. Morgan to manage and create a library for his large collections. After Morgan's death, Belle was successful in encouraging J.P. Morgan's son, Jack, to turn the library into a public institution to honor his father. There is much more to say, but that's for the reader to find out and discuss!"

### IN-PERSON and ZOOM

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Birthdays this week:  
5 - Lily Glover Oakleaf  
6 - Bennett Whitaker  
7 - Earl Bradley  
8 - Helen Brunston  
8 - Al Rider

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Connie Criswell
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal / Kiarra Santiago
<b>Reader</b>	Marit Johnson
<b>Cantor</b>	Scott Steiner
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Usher</b>	Sue Watson
<b>Verger</b>	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
<b>Producers</b>	Scott Steiner, Michele Disbro
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Becky Fisher

*Noisy Offering will go to CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MARCH 5 - 12

<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
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class
<b>Monday</b>	5:30 pm	Zoom Executive Committee
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	5:00 pm	ZOOM Outreach Team
<b>Wednesday</b>	noon	Soup and Conversation
	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Lenten Evening Prayer
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	<b>Sunday School for all ages</b>
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
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