

## *Prelude & Welcome*

### *\*Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
    who forgives all our sin,  
    whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses. Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
    and for ignoring the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For our self-serving ambition, and disregard for the needs of others: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For the times we have not clung to the hope you promise us or to our identity as your children, but have fallen for temptations of fear and discontent.

Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness are sure. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **C: Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn:

"Gather Us In"

ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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***\*Greeting & Call to Worship***

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

A: The word is near you,

C: **on your lips and in your heart.**

A: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: **and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

A: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: **and what is heard comes through the word of Christ**

***\*Prayer of the Day***

A: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: **you give us what our bodies need, providing us water and food. We are grateful. Give us living water also, that we may be spiritually filled with all that our souls need. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

***First Reading:*** Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

<sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are

almost ready to stone me.”<sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go.<sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.<sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

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

***Responsive Reading:*** Psalm 95

R: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**C: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

R: For the Lord is a great God  
and a great King above all gods.

**C: In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

R: The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**C: O come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

R: For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

**C: Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

R: when your ancestors tested me  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

**C: For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not  
regard my ways.”**

R: Therefore in my anger I swore,  
“They shall not enter my rest.”

***Second Reading:*** Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of John, the fourth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*\*Gospel Reading:* John 4:5-42

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,'<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in

Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”

<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### *Children's Sermon*

*Sermon:* Pastor Kristy Buyok

*Hymn of the Day:* "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" ELW 611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

## *The Apostle's Creed*

A: Together, let us confess the belief that we share in this family of faith.

C: 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.

## *The Prayers*

A: O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Sustaining God, give us weather that sustains us. Send water to dry places and bring relief to areas damaged by floods. Protect those places prone to fire and calm the harsh winds that damage.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: When wars begin, soften our hearts. End the hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need, especially: Bob, Gary, Linda, Jaime, Ann, David, Dempsey, Lynne, Phoebe, Cassidy, Zach, Shannon, Ken, the family of Diana, and the family of Malichi. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

***\*Sharing of the Peace***

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

***Choir Anthem:***           “Fix Me, Jesus”

Words: Afro-American spiritual  
Music: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith  
Adapt. and arr. c. 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

***\*Offertory Prayer***

P: O God, take what we offer and use it for good.

In this holy meal fill us with your presence that we may share your love  
in this place. Amen.

***\*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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we celebrate your name and join their unending praise:

C: Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed are you, our Savior and Lord!

*\*Words of Institution*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed...

P: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

*\*Lord's Prayer (Sung)*

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done

on earth as in heaven.

Give us to-day 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 pow'r and the glory are yours

now and forever.

### *Invitation to Communion*

P: We invite our assistants to come forward to prepare.

Come to the table of mercy. Join the feast of Salvation.

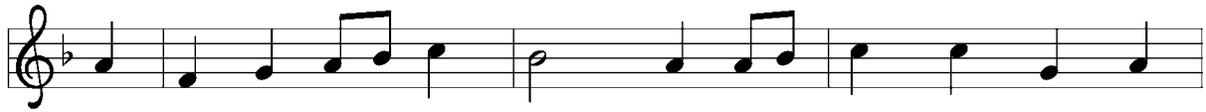
### *Holy Communion*

*(All baptized Christians are welcomed at God's holy meal or you may come forward for a blessing.)*

**Communion Hymn:**

**“Bread of Life from Heaven”**

ELW 480



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims  
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er  
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed  
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come  
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -  
now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and  
let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.  
flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.  
heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2  
Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517

**Communion Hymn:**

**“As the Deer”**

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield;  
you alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.

**\*Post Communion Blessing**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Hymn:** "Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer" ELW 618



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

**\*Dismissal**

**A:** Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

***Postlude***

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***Your Prayers Are Requested For:***

***Bob, Gary, Linda, Jamie, Ann, David, Dempsey, Lynne, Phoebe, Cassidy, Zach, Shannon, Ken,  
the family of Diana, and the  
family of Malichi***

***Thank you to those serving this morning***

Pastor: Rev. Kristy Buyok

Cantor: Lesley Mast

Assisting Minister: Hans Kwee

Reader: Pam Root

Pianist: Joe Hennell

Communion Assistant: Nancy Carr

Altar Care: Duane Eggeman

Ushers/Greeters: David Svegel & Ernie Buyok

Bread Baker: Lyn Miller



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### **This Week**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Worship	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Tetelestai Passion Musical	11:30 a.m.
<b>Monday:</b>	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Easter Flowers Due!</i>	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Church Council	6:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Meal	5:30 p.m.
	Choir	6:15 p.m.
	Handbells	7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday:</b>	Euchre	11:30 a.m.
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Worship	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
	Empty Nesters	5:30 p.m.

### **Upcoming & Announcements**

**Empty Nesters:** We will be preparing St. Patrick's Day kits and frosting cookies on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Pizza and drink will be provided.

**St. Patrick's Day Boxes:** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for St. Patrick's Day box recipients. Sign-up sheets are also available for food donations, packers, and drivers. Boxes will be packed and delivered Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Please contact Pastor Kristy or Robin with any questions.

**People to People:** Needed items: small cans of canned chicken, canned fruit, pasta sauce, Chef Boyardee Spaghetti and ravioli, instant mashed potatoes, and dry cat and dog food. Thanks!

**Canned Food:** If you have extra that you can share, consider bringing canned food to place in the food box located in the church drive. If the food box is full you may place your food on the back table in the small fellowship hall. We will use this food to refill the box throughout the week. Thank you for your generosity.

**National Day of Quilting:** National day of quilting is Saturday, March 21. To celebrate, we are going to work on the Lutheran World Relief comforters from 9am-11am on that day. Clear your calendars and join us! If you can tie a knot, you can do this.

**Tetelestai Holy Week Musical:** Tetelestai is a musical portrayal of the trial, execution, and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. We will be attending the showing on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm at Lafayette United Methodist Church in Medina. We will meet for lunch at 11:30am here at St. Paul and will be carpooling together leaving at 12pm. They are also in need of volunteers to be greeters, and to bring cookies. If you would like to help, sign-up sheets and more information can be found in the narthex.

**Easter Flowers:** Easter is early this year! Flower order forms are available in your bulletin. Please return it along with payment in your offering. Orders and payments must be received by March 9<sup>th</sup>!



Scan the QR code to view our website or to donate thru Paypal.

### **Wednesday Night Meals**

March 11 – Beef Tips, Noodles, Green Bean Casserole, Salad and Dessert

March 18 – Kitchen Committee Casserole, Salad and Dessert

March 25 – Boneless Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Salad and Dessert

<b>Serving in March In-Person</b>	<b>3/1</b>	<b>3/8</b>	<b>3/15</b>	<b>3/22</b>	<b>3/29 (Palm Sunday)</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Mark Miller	Pam Root	Heather Blough	Brad Stumpp	N/A
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Adrienne Karlen	Hans Kwee	Noah Raines	Pam Root	Lynn Moomaw
<b>Greeters/ Ushers</b>	Duane & Robin Eggeman	David Svegel Ernie Buyok	Tim Preston Alvin Rehm	Jason Mast Larry Allen	Bob Race Pat Badger
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Tim Preston	Nancy Carr	Duane Eggeman	Lyn Miller	Aleena Mast
<b>Altar Care</b>	Rex Raff	Duane Eggeman	Ernie Buyok	Tim Preston	Larry Allen
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Lyn Miller	Lyn Miller	Lyn Miller	Lyn Miller	Lyn Miller

*Act of Kindness for the Week: Reach out to someone you've lost touch with*

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