



Narthex Window

“Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled”

John 14:1

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church

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Introduction

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

Welcome and Announcements

(Please take some time to prepare for worship in the quiet as we light the altar candles.... If you are worshipping online, we invite you to have something to eat and something to drink, ready for communion)

Prelude

“ My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

arr. John Carter

GATHERING

Greeting

John 11:25, 26

P: I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will never die

All: **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

All: **Amen.**

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

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

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

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

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

All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

AM: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

AM: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

AM: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

ALL: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

AM: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. 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.

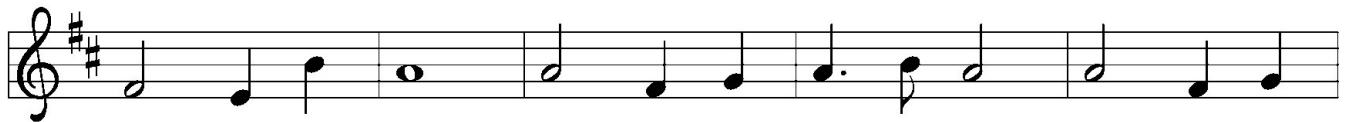
All: Amen.

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gathering Hymn

Verses 1, 2, 3 and 4 – Large print words found on page 22



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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

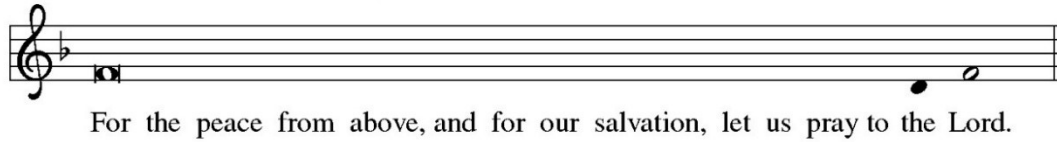
All: **And also with you.**

Please be seated

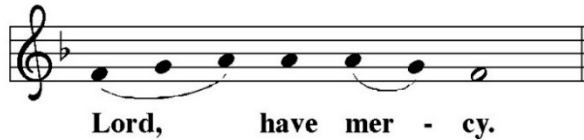
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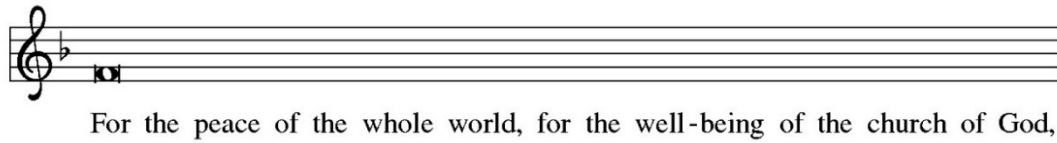
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



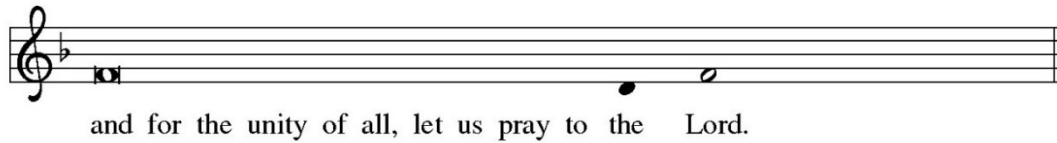
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



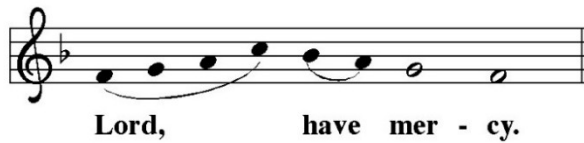
Lord, have mer - cy.



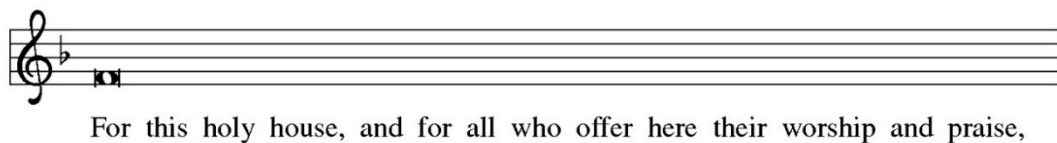
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



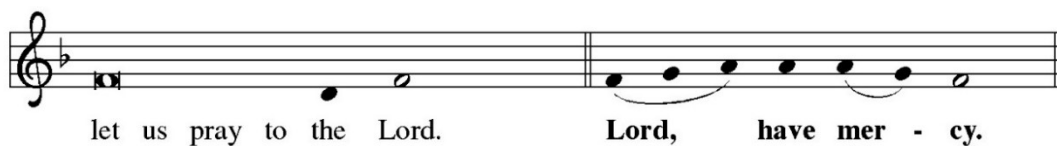
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



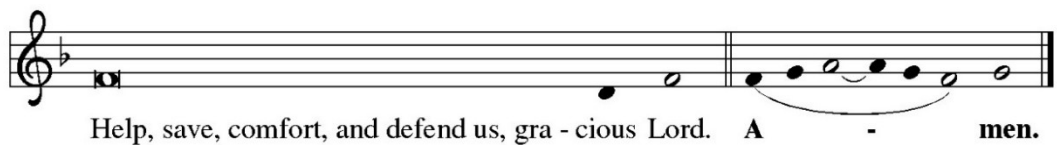
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WORD

First Reading:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Assisting Minister

AM: The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I

will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

AM: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 Read responsively by whole verse

AM: ¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

All: ² O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

AM: ³ If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

All: ⁴ Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

AM: ⁵ I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

All: ⁶ My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

AM: ⁷ O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

All: ⁸ For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11 Assisting Minister

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

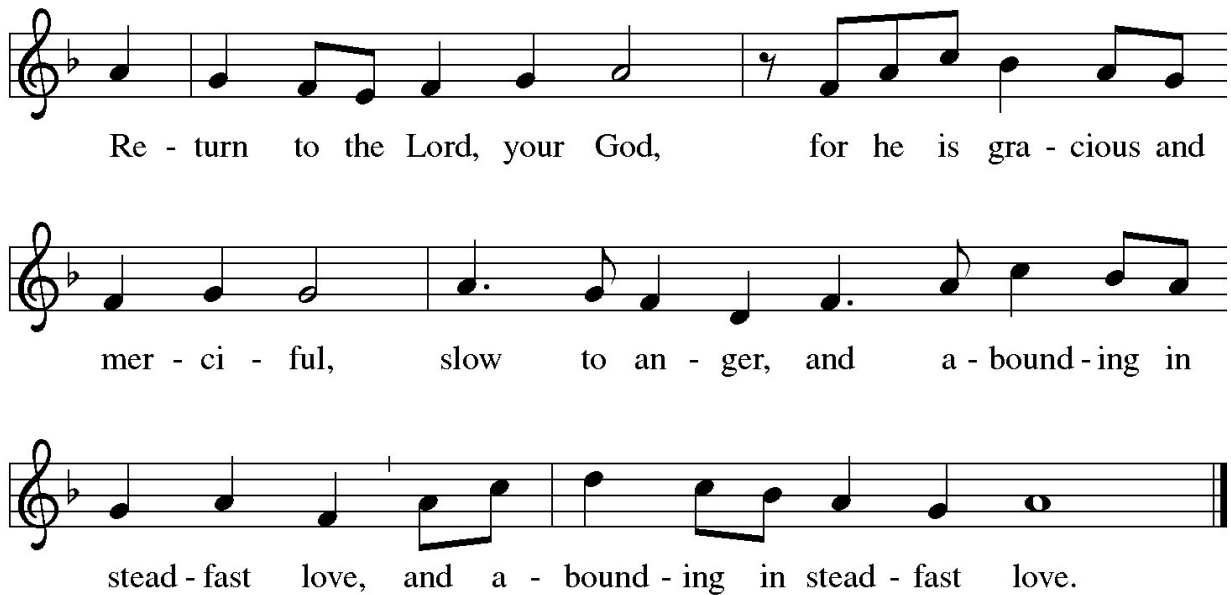
⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

AM: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gospel reading

Gospel Acclamation



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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The holy gospel according to John the 11th Chapter

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel: John 11:1-45

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen

asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.”¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.”¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.”¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because

he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

P: The gospel of the Lord,
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Walter Still

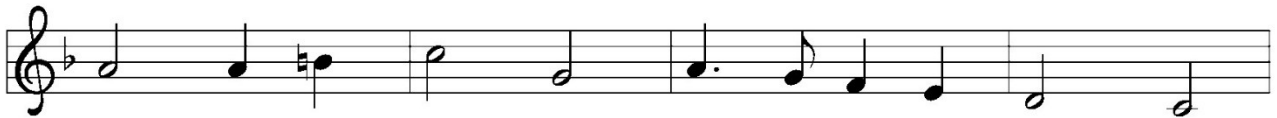
Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Hymn of the Day



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1 There in God’s gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, “Our Sav - ior!”
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f’ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, “Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing.”

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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.

Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of Intercession

AM: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name. Breathe into us so that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love. Hear us, O God. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

AM: We pray for creation. Renew landscapes that have dried up, prosper the work of those who restore homes and habitats after natural disasters, and sustain places where biodiversity thrives. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

AM: We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear to act boldly for justice, free all who live in places of war and violence, and guide refugees and asylum seekers to safety. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

AM: We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick we pray especially for Marjorie Anderson, Sven & Marion Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Brenda Boogren, Carolyn Brusseau, Kurt Dyrhaug, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Jan Frankenberg, Wayne Hansen, Betty Hasse, Marcia Imsdahl, Patricia James, Jim Jaszczak, Eugene Karls, Gisela Koegh, Velta Krauze, Marilyn

Nelson, Dennis Rasmusson, Priscilla Reeve, Marnie Rose, Bev Stickler, Ivanka Vicic, Ken Wagner, MaryAnn Wistrom and those we name in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

AM: We pray for this assembly. Ready the hearts and spirits of this congregation as we work through the Path of Discernment. Deepen our wonder at the mystery of your resurrection and life. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

AM: We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Give us faith to trust in your power to redeem and save, and bring us up from our graves to life in you. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

AM: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

All: Amen.

Please stand for the Sharing of the Peace.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated for the Offertory Music

MEAL

Offering Music

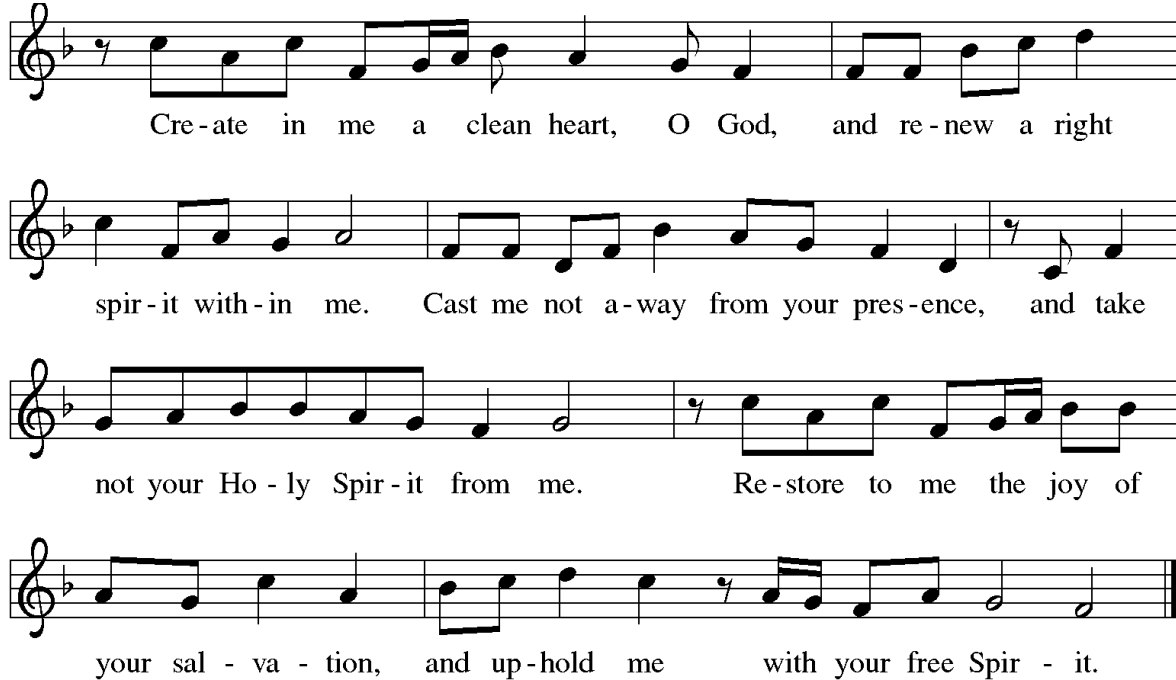
“ Abide with Me”

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Offering Song.

Offering Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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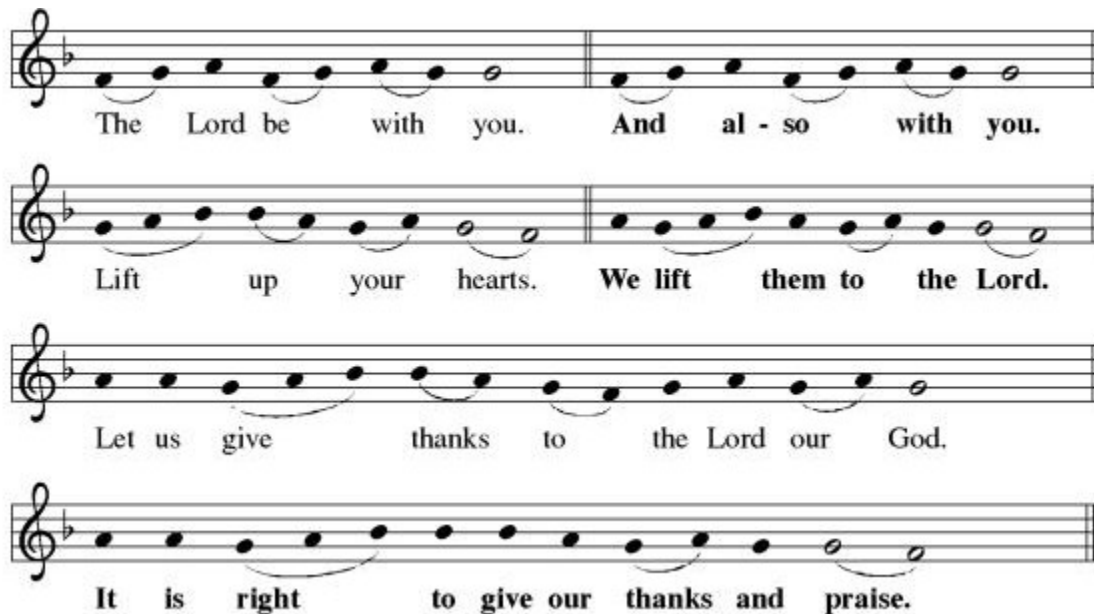
Offertory Prayer

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

Great Thanksgiving

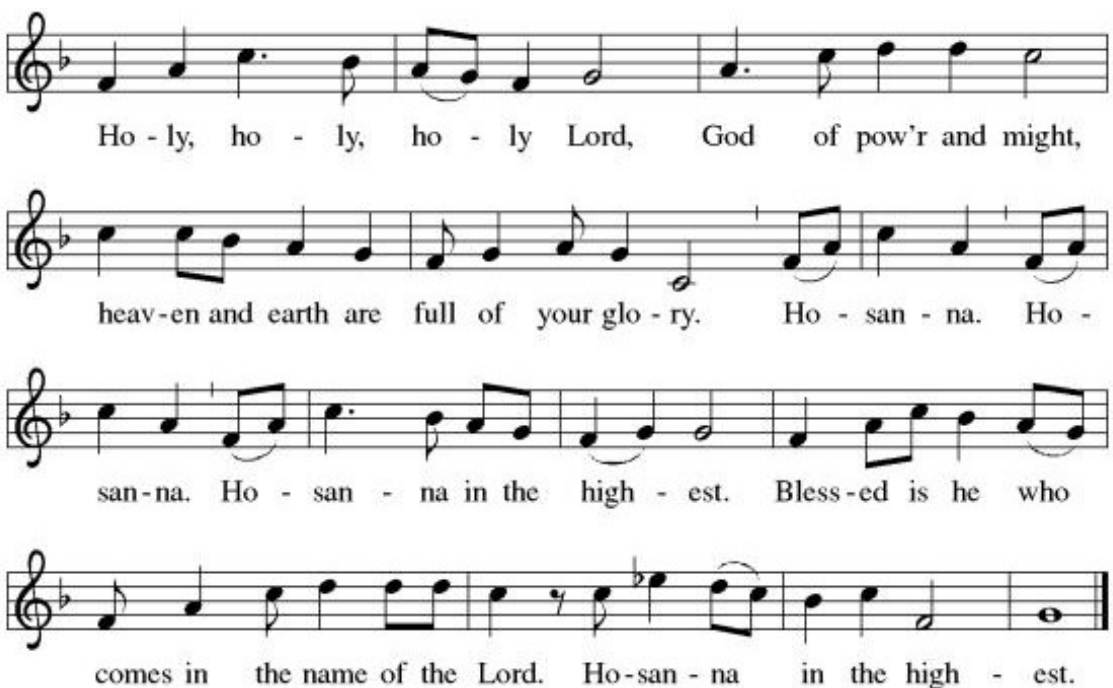


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor will sing the Preface:

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 praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All:



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. Ho -
san-na. 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.

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours. Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

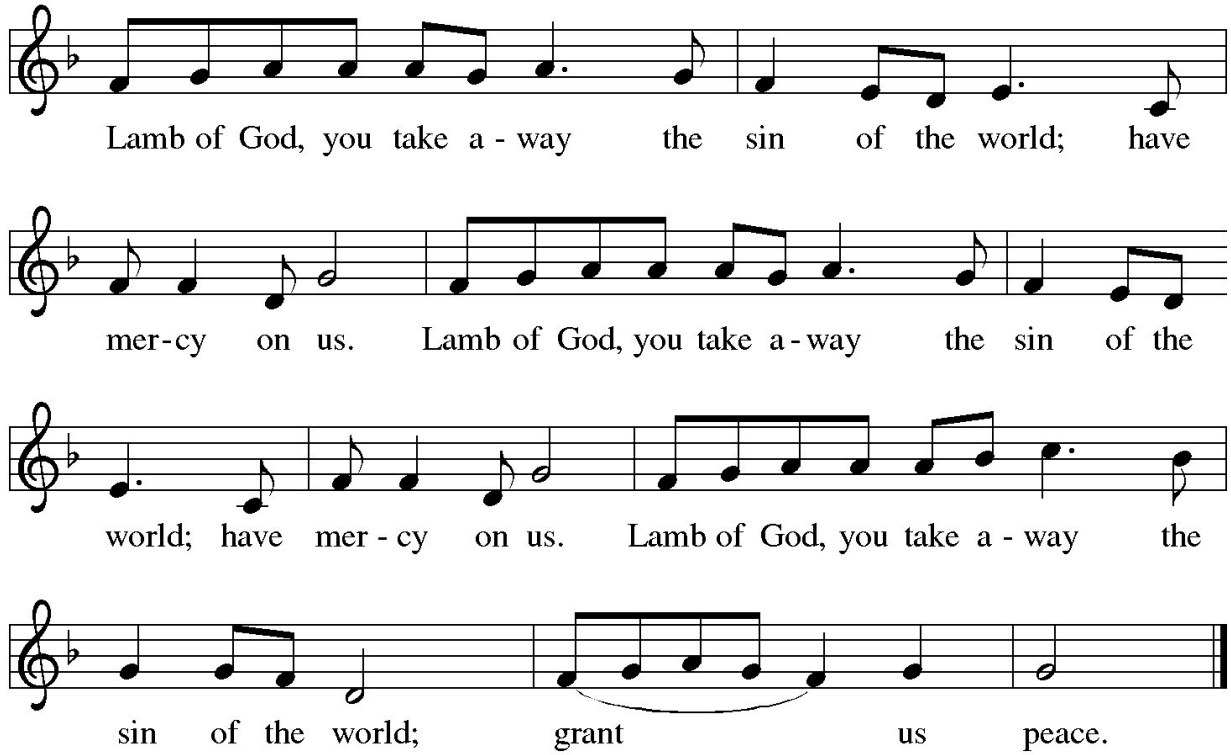
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

P: Come to the table. Feast on God’s goodness and mercy.

The Pastor will invite those worshipping with us at home to share Christ’s presence in the bread/wine/juice that they have prepared. Then the congregation will sing “Lamb of God”.

Lamb of God



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.

Communion

As pastor comes down to serve communion you may come forward. Please form a single line to receive the bread from him by holding out your palms to receive the wafer. Once you receive the bread, you may go to the communion assistant on the side closest to where you were seated to receive the wine. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.

Please feel free to say “Amen” after you receive each element if you wish.

Communion Anthem “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” arr. John Carter

Table Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

P: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Sending

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sending Hymn.

Sending Hymn **“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** **ELW# 886**
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1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

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Blessing

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✝ bless you now and always.

Postlude **“ O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate”** arr. **Matt Limbaugh**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Dr. Rev. Walter Still

Organ/Piano: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Ministers: Valerie and Orval Osmundson

Communion Assistants: Janine Almquist and Florence Rasmusson

Ushers: Elaine and Charles Rohrbach and David Almquist

Hospitality: Judy and Michelle Hanggi

Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic, Jim Persoon or Ryan Henk

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR AHLC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Marjorie Anderson, Sven Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Brenda Boogren, Carolyn Brusseau, Kurt Dyrhaug, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Jan Frankenberg, Wayne Hansen, Betty Hasse, Marcia Imsdahl, Patricia James, Jim Jaszczak, Eugene Karls, Gisela Koegh, Velta Krauze, Marilyn Nelson, Dennis Rasmusson, Priscilla Reeve, Marnie Rose, Bev Stickler, Ivanka Vicic, Ken Wagner, and MaryAnn Wistrom. If you wish to have Pastor Walter visit with you, please contact Mary in the church office to set up a time.

Upcoming Events

Weekly Sunday Worship Services – 9:30 a.m. in the Reception Room
Sunday Morning Fellowship – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Reception Room
Monday - Alley Shoppe Volunteers from 9:00 a.m. – noon
Tuesday – Alley Shoppe Volunteers – Devotions at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday - Alley Shoppe Clients on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday – ROMEO’s Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. Perkins County Road F

March 22 Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 am.
Congregation Forum – following worship in the Reception Room

March 25 Wednesday -
Easter Memorial Garden Forms and Payment due
Mid-Week Lenten – Soup and Scriptures – 11:30 Soup 12:00 noon
Scriptures

March 29th – Palm Sunday Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.

April 2 Thursday
Maundy Thursday Service – Noon in the Sanctuary

April 3 Friday
Good Friday service at First Lutheran Church – 7:00 p.m.
464 Maria Avenue - St. Paul, MN 55106
Combined Choir – rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.

April 5 Easter Morning – 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Memorial Garden – flowers may be picked up after the service
and following pictures.

Church Member Wayne Hansen is offering his Tax Knowledge and Expertise to church members again and you can always refer my services to others to file a complete and accurate 2025 tax return. If anyone has questions about taxes you may contact Wayne at cell 651-219-2938 (call or text) or his email is wkhanse@comcast.net

Gathering Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!

- 2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

- 4 When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen
stream
shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Hymn of the Day

There in God's Garden

- 1 There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.

- 2 Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches see the scars of suff'ring;
see where the tendrils of our human selfhood
feed on its lifeblood.

- 3 Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not destroyed it
nor fire consumed it.

- 4 See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow,
I will give blessing."

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590-c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917-1982
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Sending Hymn

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.

- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.