



**Our Baptismal Fonts  
In the Sanctuary  
“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”  
And the Baptismal Font from the Chapel**

**Third Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 2026**

**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church  
1115 Greenbrier Street  
St. Paul, MN 55106**

**From the records that we could pull together here are our  
Baptismal counts from 1910-2026**

Year	#	Year	#	Year	#	Year	#
1910	15	1940	53	1970	94	2000	15
1911	3	1941	53	1971	60	2001	25
1912	12	1942	68	1972	85	2002	27
1913	30	1943	45	1973	73	2003	33
1914	36	1944	87	1974	71	2004	9
1915	27	1945	**	1975	53	2005	18
1916	33	1946	94	1976	68	2006	12
1917	44	1947	94	1977	71	2007	9
1918	37	1948	99	1978	67	2008	14
1919	37	1949	138	1979	73	2009	11
	274		731		715		173
1920	55	1950	121	1980	92	2010	14
1921	52	1951	153	1981	83	2011	8
1922	54	1952	82	1982	83	2012	5
1923	60	1953	82	1983	83	2013	8
1924	75	1954	82	1984	83	2014	4
1925	45	1955	82	1985	83	2015	1
1926	48	1956	82	1986	83	2016	5
1927	47	1957	82	1987	80	2017	7
1928	32	1958	82	1988	60	2018	3
1929	35	1959	114	1989	53	2019	1
	503		962		783		56
1930	22	1960	101	1990	69	2020	1
1931	29	1961	86	1991	77	2021	1
1932	29	1962	103	1992	76	2022	1
1933	34	1963	95	1993	80	2023	0
1934	65	1964	97	1994	57	2024	0
1935	58	1965	82	1995	35	2025	0
1936	62	1966	83	1996	36	2026	
1937	42	1967	103	1997	34	2027	
1938	35	1968	87	1998	29	2028	
1939	49	1969	76	1999	27	2029	
	425		913		520		3
<b>Total Baptized</b>							<b>5885</b>

# Sunday, March 8, 2026

## Sunday in Lent

### Introduction

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

### 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

**“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”** arr. Anne Krentz Organ

## GATHERING

### Greeting

*John 4:42, 15)*

P: O Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me this living water that I may never thirst again.

**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,

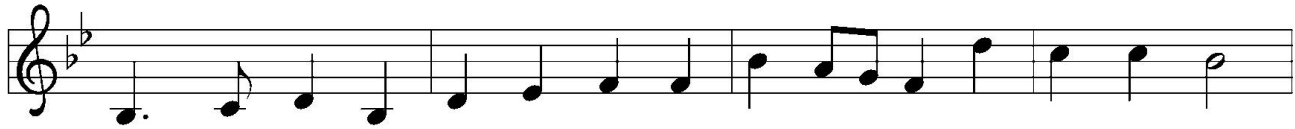
**ALL: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

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.

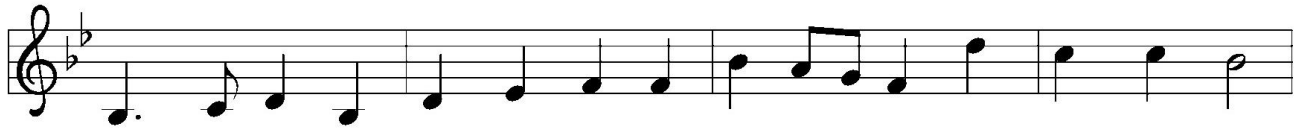
**All: Amen.**

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

Verses 1, 2, 4 and 5 – Large print words found on page 22



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.

how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!

as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

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

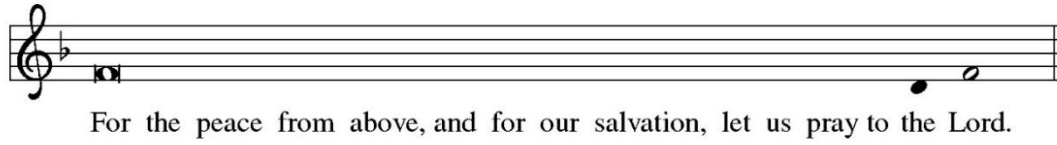
**All:** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

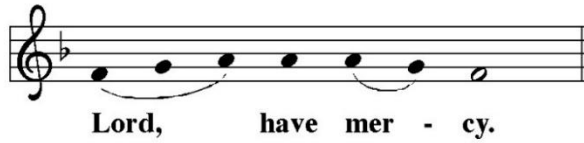
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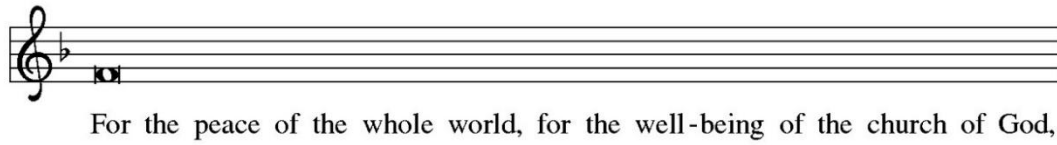
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



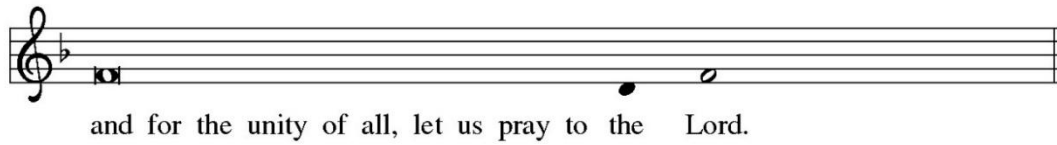
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



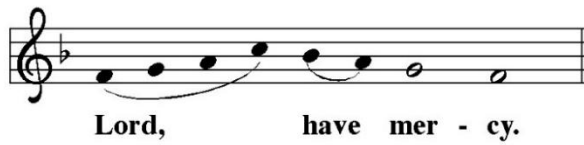
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



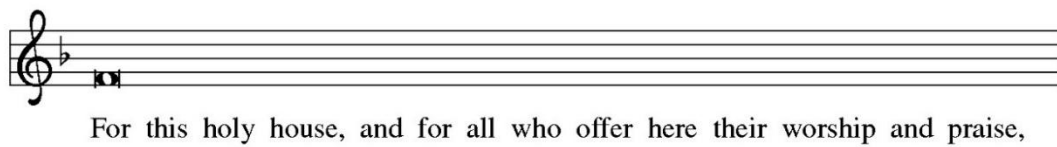
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



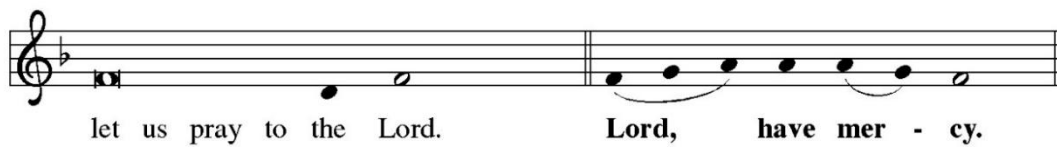
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



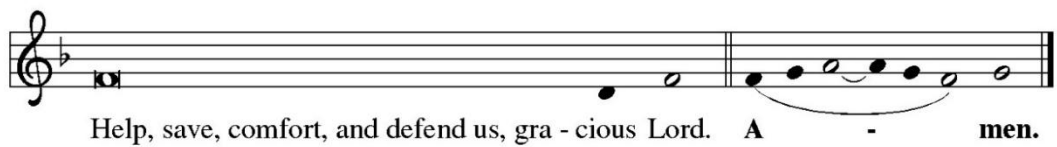
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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:

Exodus 17:1-7

Assisting Minister

AM: <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?"

AM: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95

**Read responsively by whole verse**

AM: <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

All: <sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

Am: <sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

**All:** <sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

**AM:** <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

**All:** <sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

**AM:** <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**All:** <sup>8</sup> **"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

**AM:** <sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

**All:** <sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

**AM:** <sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.' "

**Second Reading:**

**Romans 5:1-11**

**Assisting Minister**

<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,

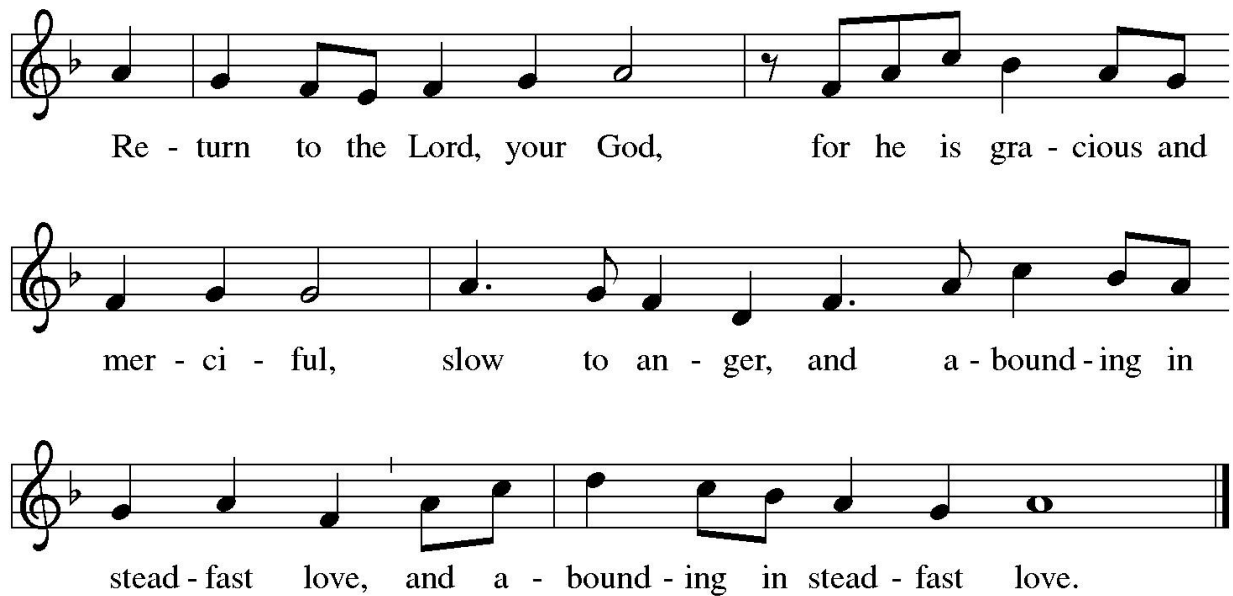
we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 4th Chapter

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

### Gospel: **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."

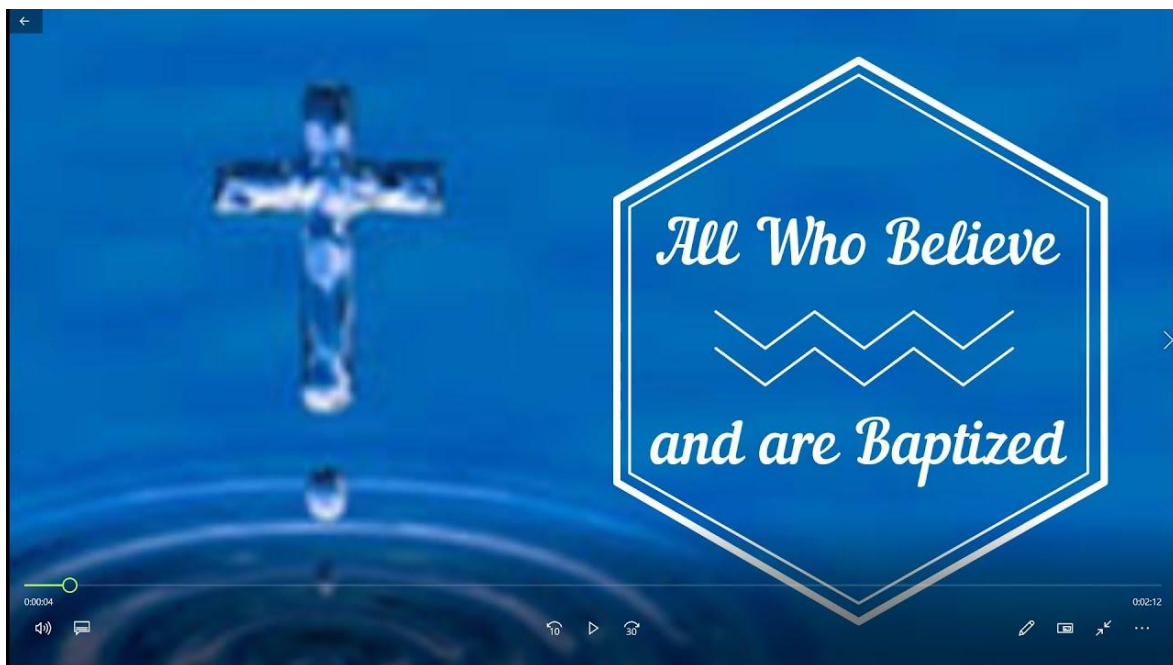
P: The gospel of the Lord,  
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

**Pastor Walter Still**

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



Verses 1 and 2 – Large print words found on page 23



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal -  
 2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray, grant us your Ho - ly



va - tion; bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a  
 Spir - it; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus'



new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re-demp-tion they will stand a -  
 blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day by



mong the glo - rious heav'n - ly band of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
 ho - ly bap - tism, that we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt.  
 Music: ES IST DAS HEIL, *Etlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524

## 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.*

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.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

AM: When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

AM: When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell 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.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

AM: 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 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: 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, we pray especially for Barb Rossow, Amy and Adams-Westin and our Sunday Morning Choir. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

AM: 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.

**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*

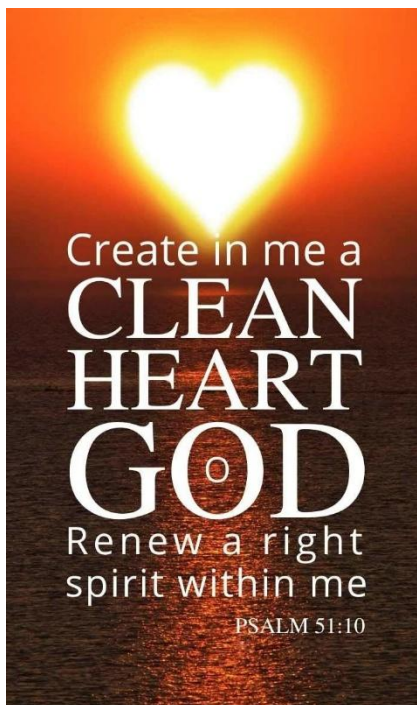
## **MEAL**

**Offering Music**

**“As the Deer”**

**arr. Martin Nystrom**

*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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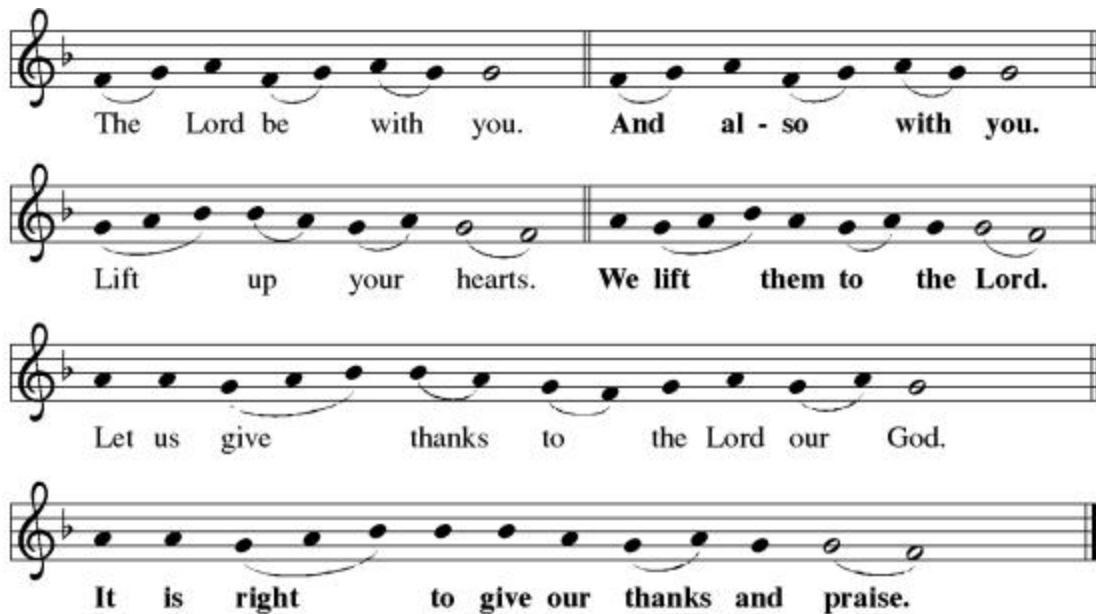
## Offertory Prayer

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

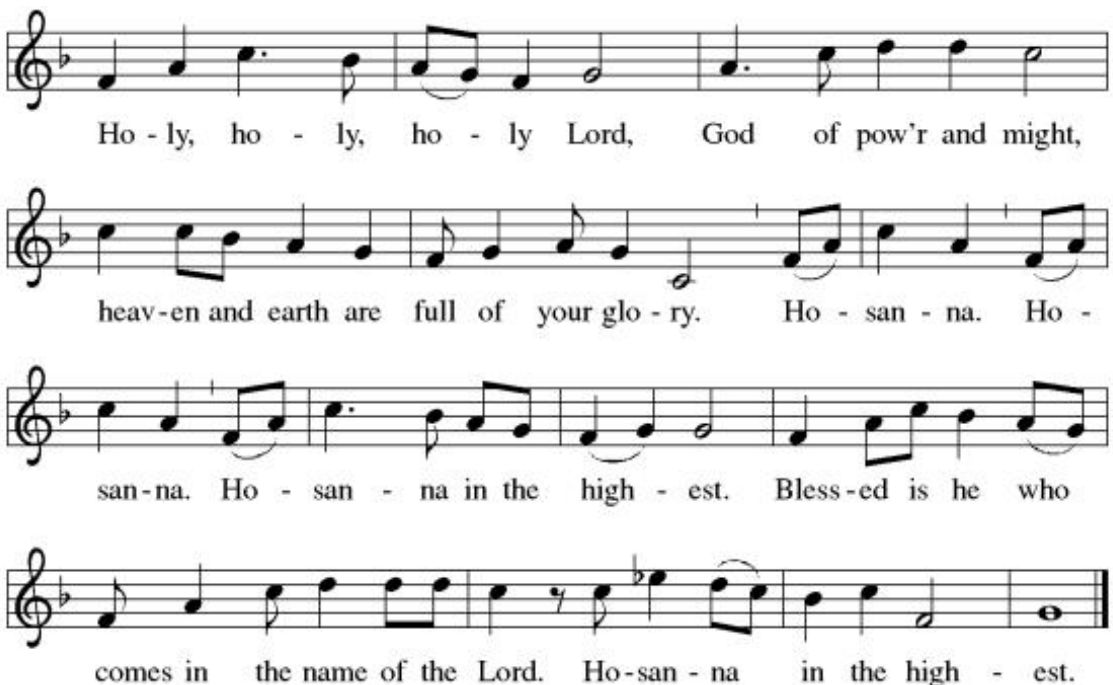


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### ***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.*

**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**

**“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”**

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Verses 1, 2, 3, and 4 - Large, printed words found on page 24



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.  
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

## **Blessing**

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✝ bless you now and forever.

## **Postlude**

**“ Allegro Moderato in D Minor”**

**A. Guilmant**

## **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:** Diane Allmendinger and Dana Nelson

**Communion Assistants:** Elaine and Charles Rohrbach

**Ushers:** Wayne Hansen and David Almquist

**Hospitality:** Jon and Karen Helgason

**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 11      Wednesday - Soup and Scriptures – 11:30 Soup 12:00 noon Scriptures  
**March 15      Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.**  
March 17      Congregation Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Reception Room  
March 18      Wednesday – Soup and Scriptures – 11:30 Soup 12:00 noon Scriptures  
**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

**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](mailto:wkhanse@comcast.net)

**Just a reminder that Mary Kowitz will be out of the office all week (March 6-15).** There will be volunteers in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00. If you need to reach someone outside those hours, please call Pastor Walter Still at 239-910-0194.

## Gathering Hymn

### Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!
  
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee;  
come thou also unto me;  
where we find thee and adore thee,  
there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou,  
let it be thy temple now!
  
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
let me keep thy gift divine;  
howsoe'er temptations thicken,  
may thy word still o'er me shine  
as my guiding star through life,  
as my comfort in all strife.
  
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

## **Hymn of the Day**

### **All Who Believe and Are Baptized**

- 1 All who believe and are baptized  
shall see the Lord's salvation;  
baptized into the death of Christ,  
they are a new creation;  
through Christ's redemption they will stand  
among the glorious heav'nly band  
of ev'ry tribe and nation.
  
- 2 With one accord, O God, we pray,  
grant us your Holy Spirit;  
help us in our infirmity  
through Jesus' blood and merit;  
grant us to grow in grace each day  
by holy baptism, that we may  
eternal life inherit.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860-1943, alt.

## **Sending Hymn**

### **O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts**

- 1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,  
the fount of life, the light of all:  
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts  
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.
  
- 2 We taste you, ever-living bread,  
and long to feast upon you still;  
we drink of you, the fountainhead;  
our thirsting souls from you we fill.
  
- 3 For you our restless spirits yearn,  
where'er our changing lot is cast;  
glad, when your smile on us you turn,  
blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
  
- 4 O Jesus, ever with us stay!  
Make all our moments fair and bright!  
Oh, chase the night of sin away!  
Shed o'er the world your holy light.

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