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Second Sunday of Lent

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Lent is a season of repentance, renewal, and reassurance of our baptisms.

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion.

If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.



During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Liturgy for the season of Lent and Easter is ELW setting 3.

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Krista Keene

Assembly may stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94-96

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

(Verses 1 & 3)

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as praise thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 12:1-4a**

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

L: A reading from Genesis.

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 121 (*Read responsively.*)

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

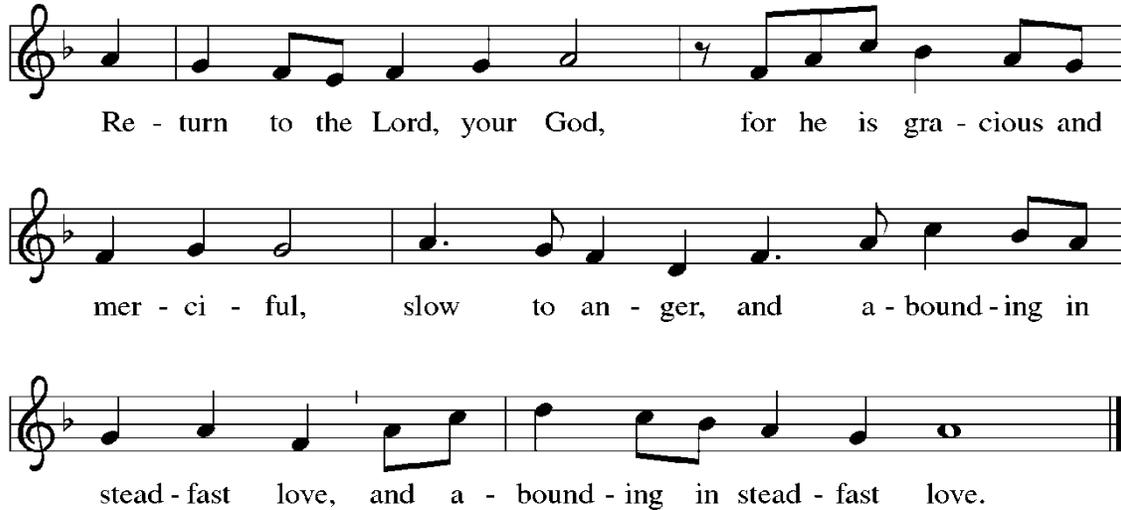
⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 142



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.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “**Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.**” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “**How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?**” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “**How can these things be?**” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

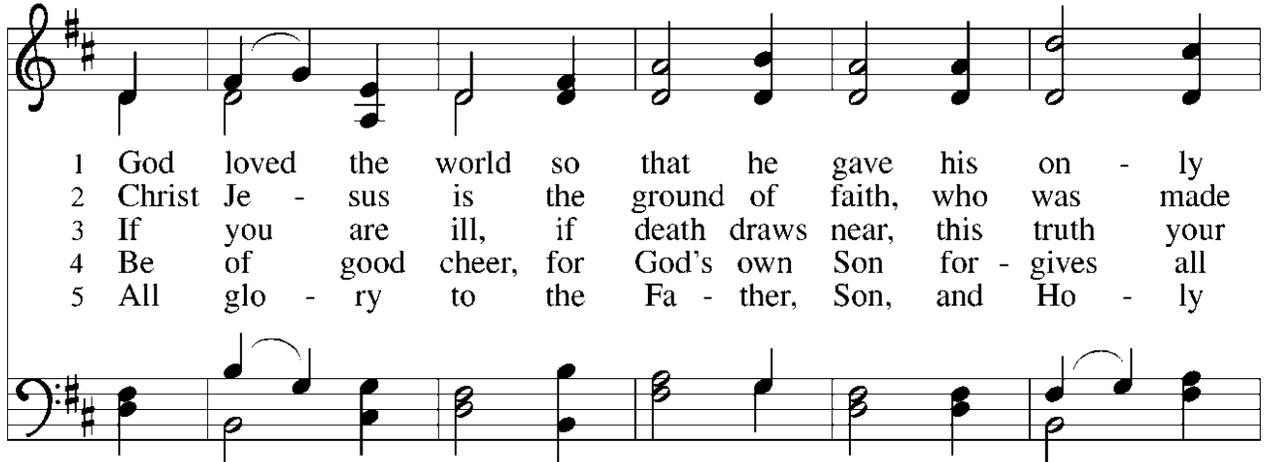
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

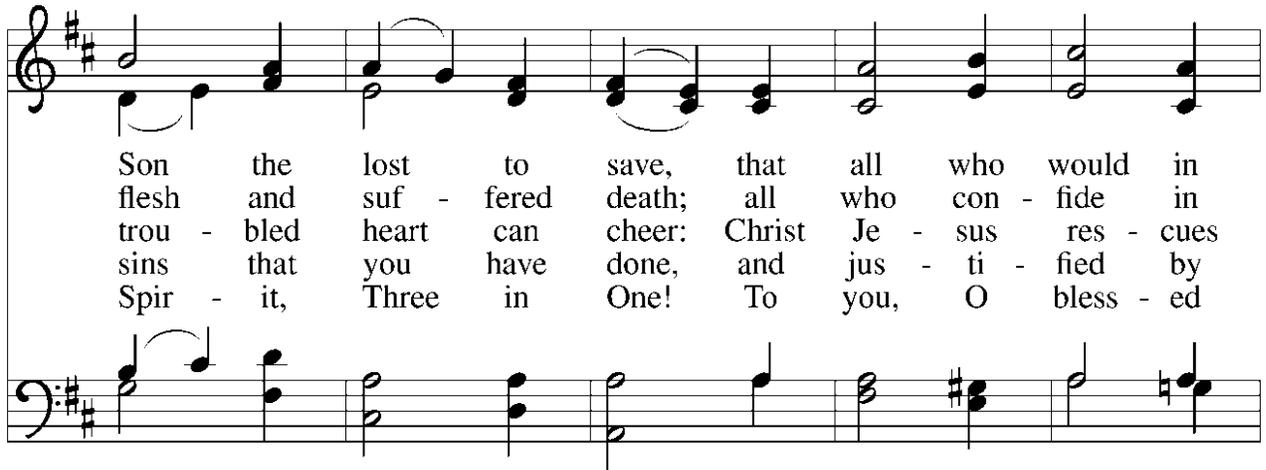
HYMN OF THE DAY

"GOD LOVED THE WORLD"

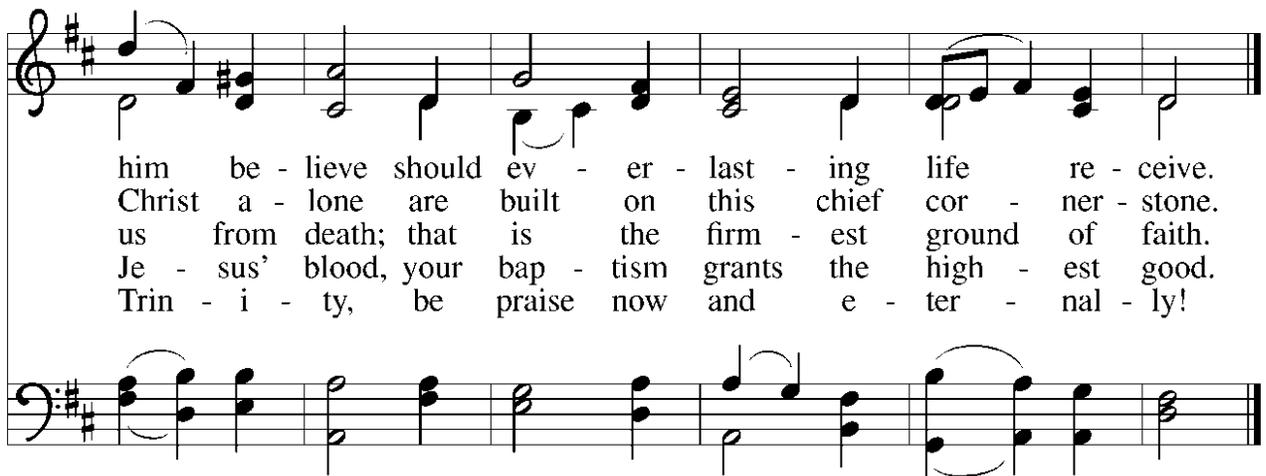
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1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

CREED

A: God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ. Let us profess our faith in the word of the 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.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

WA: God of rebirth, empower your church throughout the world to be a voice of hope for those who fear judgment or condemnation. Assure us of your faithfulness and give us confidence to proclaim your salvation for all. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of rebirth, lead the nations in your way of righteousness. Protect those who advocate for the needs of children, migrants, and victims of violence. Give courage to lawmakers, lawyers, judges, and law enforcement officers, guiding them to do justice and to love mercy. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of rebirth, give us a new vision of your healing power among us. Restore hope to those who remain in the depths of depression or despair. Bring mercy and relief to those who are injured, sick, or suffering, especially **Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Gene Hesselbacher, Lois Paulsen, Bill Jacobs, Fern Harnish, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, the Heimann family, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Irene, Jeff and Deb, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr. Nicole, Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Mary Schick, Kyle, Dave Lartz, Tom, and Brian Gobeli.** Pray for love, peace, comfort and resurrection hope for families and friends of Bob Boskamp, Steven Schriener, and Paul Lameyer. Surround them with your unconditional love. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of rebirth, we thank you for the elders and children of this community and for the people and ministries that care for them. Bless Marion Fahr this week. Sustain her with your loving spirit. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of rebirth, by wind and spirit you call us into life renewed. We give you thanks for all your saints who have inherited your promises. Bring us, with them, into your everlasting kingdom. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM "FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED"

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

ELW p. 144

P: It is indeed...we praise you name and join your unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 144



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



COMMUNION SONG

“LAMB OF GOD”

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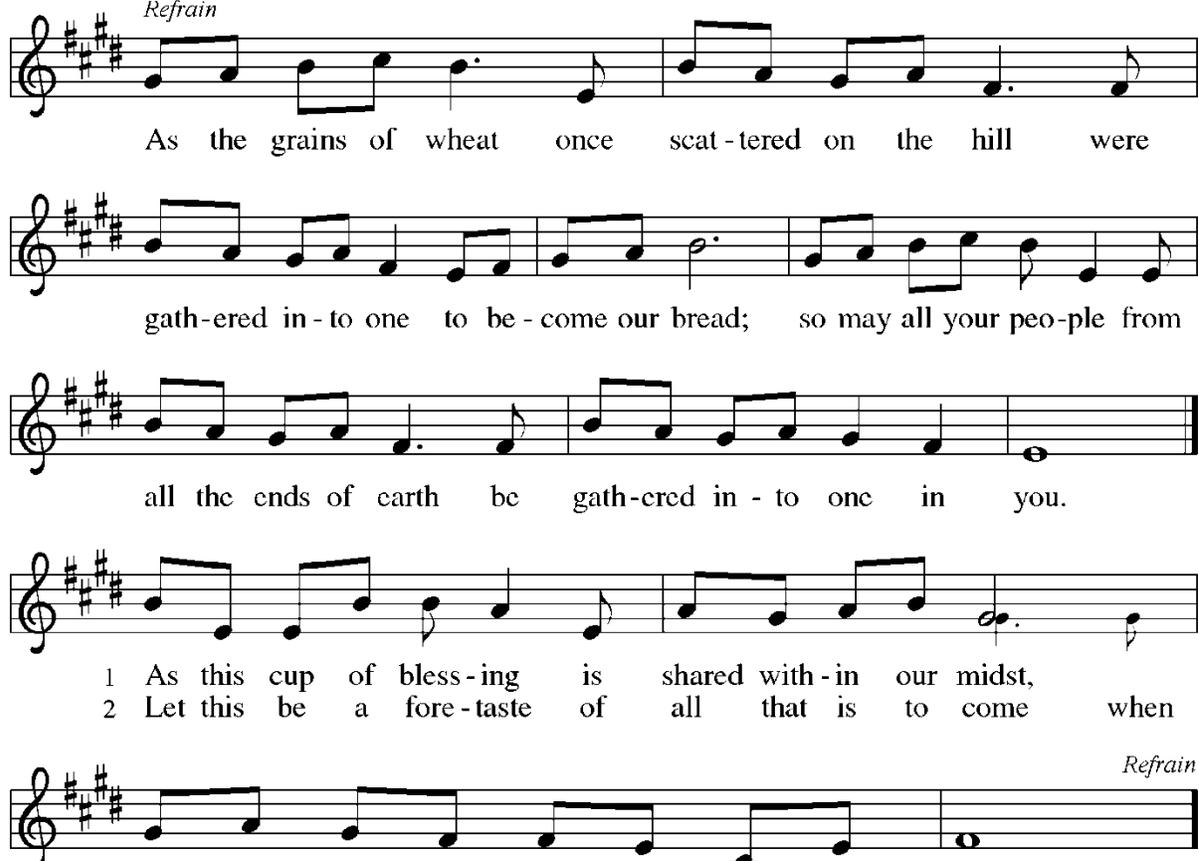
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

"AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT"

ELW #465

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

ELW#796

(verses 1 & 4)

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

DISMISSIAL

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

POSTLUDE

Krista Keene

Mid-Week Evening Service

Every Wednesday evening during Lent we gather for meal, worship, reading scripture, and prayer. This year we will explore vocation, God's call. All are welcome to join. Supper starts at 5:30pm and worship at 6:30pm.

TOMORROW-Christ Lutheran Stockton, Chili/Filled Noodle Supper

Come to the annual Chili/ Beef Noodle supper at Christ Lutheran, 600 South Main Street, Stockton. It will be tomorrow, March 9th from 4:30pm-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Carry-out are also available. The meal includes; soup, sandwich, veggie cup, dessert and beverage. Proceeds will benefit a youth trip to Minneapolis and Mark Kruse and his family. Mark is undergoing cancer treatments. For additional information please call 815-275-0303 or visit their website at christlutheranstockton.com.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Euchre & Dominoes Party

St. John's Lutheran Church, 229 S. First Street, Pearl City, IL will be hosting Euchre & Dominoes party on Sunday, March 15th from 1:30pm-4:30pm, cost will be \$5.00 at the door. You can play for fun, prizes or both. Sandwiches, chips dessert, and drinks will be served after playing. Sponsored by the St. John's Women's Gathering. Questions, please call, 815-443-2555.

Congregational Resourcing Event-March 14th

CRE is a learning event sponsored by the synod. This year's keynote speaker is ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. There will be various workshops (ex. youth, worship, spirituality, social justice) and opportunities to meet more church members. Register at the synod website: <https://cre.nisynod.org/>
Registration fee including lunch is \$30.

Mental Health First Aid Training-Youth

Monroe Clinic and CONTAC of Northern Illinois are offering a Mental Health First Aid Training-Youth at Senior Resource Center (206 E. Stephenson St. Freeport) on Friday March 20th. If you are interested, contact Tammie Jamiska at 608-324-2639 or e-mail: tammie.jamiska@ssmhealth.com

Easter Lilies Order Due NEXT SUNDAY

Lilies will be **\$12.00** per plant and can be ordered by using the flower envelopes provided in the pews. Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office. Orders must be in by **March 15th**. Lilies may be picked up after the 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service.

Spring Craft & Antique Show

Saturday, March 21st, Harmony United Methodist Church, 2600 W Pearl City Rd, Freeport, will be hosting their 61st Annual Spring Craft & Antique Show from 9:00am-2:00pm. Admission is free there will be a variety of exhibitors, door prizes, lunch stand and bake sale.

Lenten Lunch Schedule

Theme: Picture of Bread

March 11 at E-Free

March 18 at Synergy hosted by Synergy/ Beloved

March 25 at St. John's

April 1 at St. Joseph

April 8 at Lena UMC hosted by Salem UCC.

Lunch starts at noon followed by short devotion.

Free will offering will be accepted

*Devotion for Lent 2020***Wondrous Love**

What wondrous love Jesus shows for us and the world in his journey from baptism to the empty tomb! **Wondrous Love** provides devotion for each day with evocative image, scriptural passage, questions to ponder, reflection, and prayers.