

Fir-Conway Lutheran Church
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A Congregation of the ELCA



God still guides us!
1st Sunday of Lent!
3/6/22

A few notes of welcome...

Presider: Pastor Kristi Lambing

Lector: Dave Reep

Accompanist: Jon Glastra

All are invited to receive Christ in the bread and wine of communion.

The  indicates when to stand, as you are able.

To follow along with the readings and responses, the **bold** lettering is when the assembly participates.

Welcome

↑ Confession and Forgiveness:

In the name of God, ✝ who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

We confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst.

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor.

Amen

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love.

In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

Amen.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Gathering Song ELW #320 "The Glory of These Forty Days" all verses

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from Deuteronomy

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from Romans

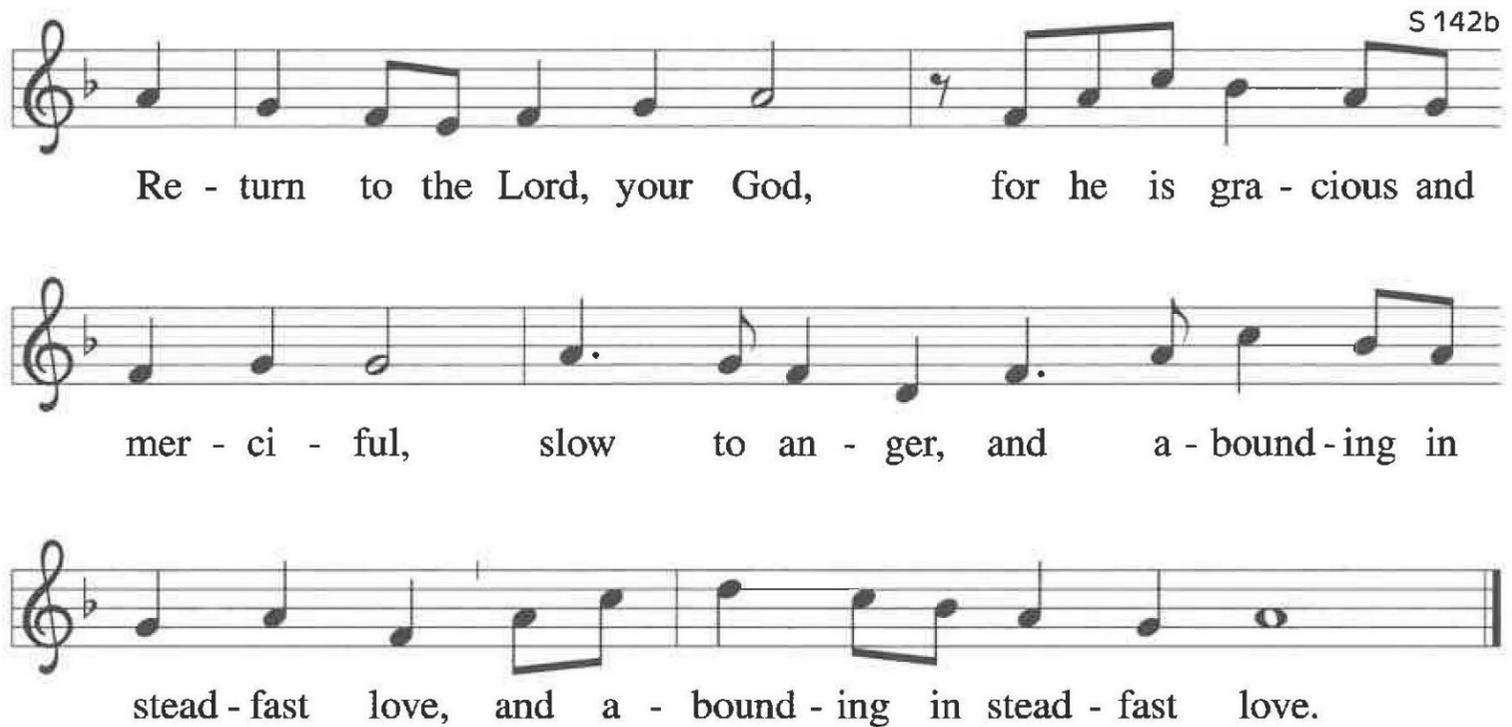
^{8b}“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

 **Gospel Acclamation:**



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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 Reading Luke 4:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you O Christ

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Word of God, Word of life

Thanks be to God

Sermon

 *Hymn of the Day* ELW #326 “Bless now, O God, the Journey” all verses

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

Prayers of the People

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need

A brief silence.

God of all, we pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction.

Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, we pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home.

Sustain farmers and all laborers who are preparing the land for another year’s crop. Give them abundance.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of justice and mercy, we pray for the nations of the world. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are in conflict and grant them compassion to deal mercifully. Bring a miracle to those at war, we especially lift up Ukraine. Help hearts to be softened, and

ears to listen. Be with those seeking refuge. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Great physician, we pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease anxiety of those who suffer. Command your angels to bring peace of mind to all who are sick. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God who is still with us, we pray for this assembly, and we lift up Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington in their new partnership. Bless those who serve as lectors, accompanist, ushers, and counters. We thank you for the gifts you give us, especially for the \$2500 donated to our restoration fund and help us be good stewards. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

What other prayers do we lift up today?

God of grace, we give thanks for those who died. Gather them with all the saints into your heavenly dwelling place. Encourage us with the promise that all who call upon your name are saved. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Accepting the prayers we bring, spoken and unspoken, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you

Offering (tithes and offering can be given in the basket located in the Narthex, or online through Thrivent) We are grateful you can join us today!

Special Music “Be Still My Soul”-Choral Group

Offering Prayer

**Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.**

Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

Meal

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

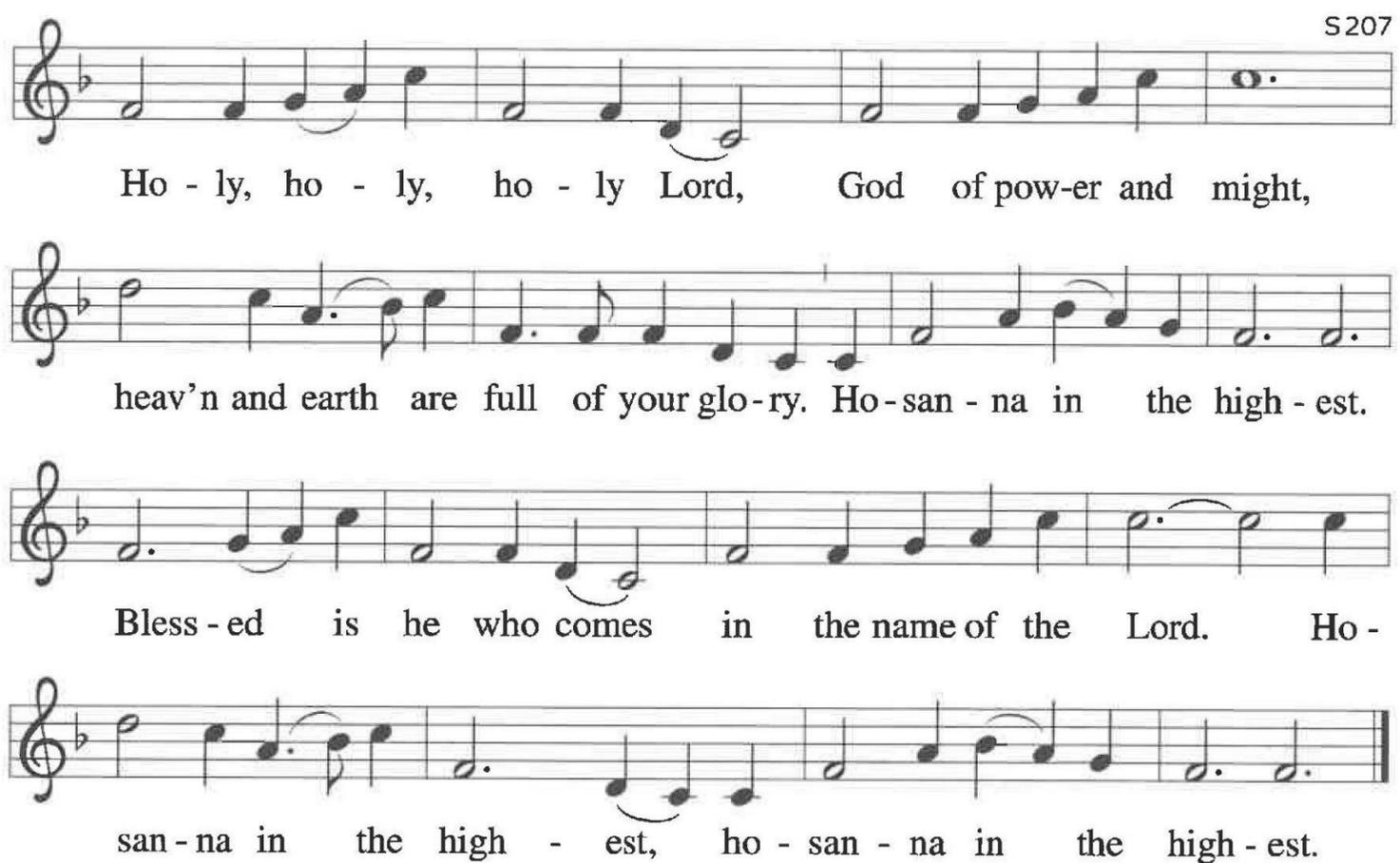
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 angels, with the church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:----

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with the sun and

moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen

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

**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, the
power, and the glory, forever and
ever.**

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Here is food and drink for the journey.

Take and be filled.

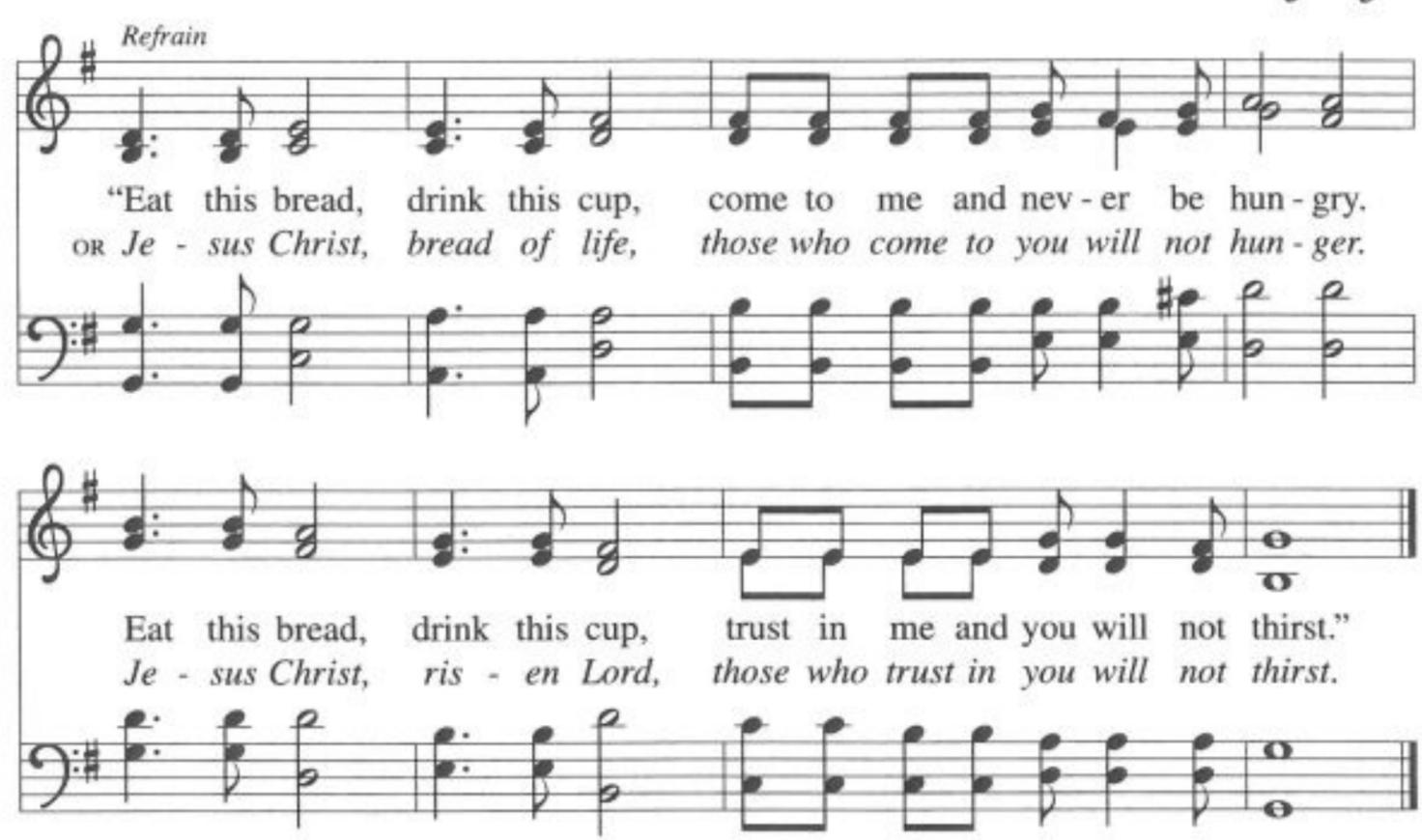
Communion Music

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Eat This Bread
Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Taste and see as one body, the body of Christ, broken for you.

As one body, the blood of Christ, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.

 *Blessing after Communion*

The body and blood ✝ of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you in eternal life.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

Amen.

Sending

Announcements

3/8-4/12 Lenten Devotional Study from the book “Grace Unbounded” Tuesdays at 12:00, it’s never too late to join! 3/15 bring a dish to share.

3/9 Council at 6:30 p.m.

3/13 Day Light Saving, Spring Forth!

3/20 Salish Sea Early Music Festival at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Ringing of the Bell

Blessing-Choral Group

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.

Amen

Sending Song ELW #504 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” all verses

Dismissal

Go in peace.

Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

March Schedule

3/13

Acolyte: Jacob Rohloff

Accompanist: John Anderson

Crucifer: Brett Hanseth

Lector: Leigh Anne Rohloff

3/27

Acolyte: Dylan Bryan

Accompanist: Jon Glastra

Communion Assistant:

Crucifer: Seth Lambing

Fellowship Hour Host:

Lector: Kelly McKnight

Ushers:

3/20

Accompanist: John Anderson

Lector: Dennis Olsen

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jerry Bongard

Monthly Highlights:

3/8-4/3 Lenten Study “Grace Unbounded”, noon we will be hosting time to gather and small study time. Starting 3/15 bring a dish to share.

3/9 Church Council at 6:30 p.m.

3/13 Confirmation after church until 1 p.m.

3/13 Day Light Savings

3/18- 3/20 Pastor Kristi will be out of town. She will still be available by email.

3/20 Salish Sea Early Music Festival at 1:30 p.m.

3/27 Confirmation after church

4/1-4/30 Tulip Festival Farmers Market, at Fir-Conway Lutheran Church parking lot. Friday-Sunday’s 9-3p.m. We are looking for Volunteers to help with set-up, running the booths, giving tours, and nightly take down. This is a Fundraiser to help with offsetting the cost of the new elevator.

Check your newsletter about information on our new directory and picture taking opportunity 2 Sundays in May. Feel free to ask questions and call the office to arrange your “sitting for picture time”.