

3rd Sunday in Lent - Praise  
March 8, 2026 – 8:15 & 10:45 am

Accompanists

Praise Band

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*ELW= the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book.*

*† indicates stand as able*

***Prelude***

***Welcome***

***† Call to Worship: Kyrie Eleison***

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**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,**

**Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,**

**Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

For life and for love, for our work and our play,

Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,**

**Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

***† Confession and Forgiveness***

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Most holy God, **we come to you in need of grace. Time and**

again we have forgotten your simple and loving call—to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. We have forgotten your promise to care for us, and in our fear, we have made choices that hurt us, those around us, and even those we don't know. Remind us who we are and whose we are, and show us the way to amend our wrongs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior and friend.

Have no fear, little flock, for God loves you already, and desires nothing more than to restore you to wholeness. Know that you are freed from sin and death now and forever in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**† *Song of Mercy***

Mercy, oh mercy, ever loving kindness  
that sees beyond our blindness.

Mercy, oh mercy,  
we're calling on you Lord  
for us to be restored.

Oh mercy.

**† *Gathering Song: This Little Light of Mine***

**Liturgy of the Word**

**† *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.**

**† *Prayer of the Day***

Holy God, you show us the way. You guide us when we are wandering, and you find us when we are lost. Open our eyes to see that knowing Jesus means knowing you and your way. We pray this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***READING: Psalm 17: 1-7***

- <sup>1</sup> Listen to what's right, Lord;  
pay attention to my cry!  
Listen closely to my prayer;  
it's spoken by lips that don't lie!
- <sup>2</sup> My justice comes from you;  
let your eyes see what is right!
- <sup>3</sup> You have examined my heart,  
testing me at night.  
You've looked me over closely,  
but haven't found anything wrong.  
My mouth doesn't sin.
- <sup>4</sup> But these other people's deeds?  
I have avoided such violent ways  
by the command from your lips.
- <sup>5</sup> My steps are set firmly on your paths;  
my feet haven't slipped.
- <sup>6</sup> I cry out to you because you answer me.  
So tilt your ears toward me now—  
listen to what I'm saying!
- <sup>7</sup> Manifest your faithful love in amazing ways  
because you are the one  
who saves those who take refuge in you,  
saving them from their attackers  
by your strong hand.

***† Gospel Verse: Thy Word***

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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*Please remain seated for the gospel reading.*

***Gospel: John 13:36-14:14***

The Holy Gospel according to John the 13th and 14th chapters.

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

<sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.” <sup>38</sup> Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

<sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the

Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

*Children's Sermon*

Junia Wartick

*Sermon*

Rynn Maxwell

*† Hymn of the Day: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* **ELW 752**

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. *(repeat)*

*† 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.

## *† Prayers of Intercession*

With hope in your promised redemption, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, your mercy is infinite and your forgiveness sure. Be patient with us when we fail you, and renew your promises within our sorrowful hearts, to the glory of your name. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

You show us the way, even when we are unsure where we are going. Make us to delight in new pathways and trails, trusting that you guide us each step of the way. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

You have blessed us with young leaders. We thank you, God, for every child you have called to this congregation. Let us be open and receptive to their ideas, wisdom, and dreams. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Sometimes we get it wrong, Lord. Forgive our shortsightedness, pardon our weakness, and heal every infirmity which plagues us. Bestow your tender spirit upon all those in need of your healing, especially Gene. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

What joy to know that one need not be perfect to be counted among your saints. Consider us mercifully when you gather your children around your heavenly throne, clothed in light and crowned with salvation. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Into your hands we place our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and entrust all things to your eternal care. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## *† Peace*

## Liturgy of the Meal

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### ***Offering Prayer***

Steadfast God, we bring before you these gifts out of those gifts you first gave to us—financial resources, the ability to give service, and even our very lives. Whatever we have been able to offer, now accept, bless, and use for the good of others, in your holy name. **Amen.**

### ***† Great Thanksgiving***

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.**

### ***† Words of Institution***

### ***† Lord's Prayer***

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## ***Communion***

*If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words “The Body of Christ given for you” and the cup with “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

### ***Lamb of God***

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

### ***Communion Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together***

***ELW 535***

Let us break bread together on our knees;

let us break bread together on our knees.

#### ***Refrain:***

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Let us praise God together on our knees;

let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

## **Sending**

### ***Announcements***

#### ***† Blessing***

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

## † **Sending Song:** *Go Now*

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Go now with God, go now with God

Into the world as a servant

Go now with God, go now with God

Go now, go now, go now with God (2x)

Waters of Mercy have found us

Go now with God, go now with God

Grace on the journey surrounds us

Go now with God, go now with God

Go now, go now, go now with God (2x)

## † **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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