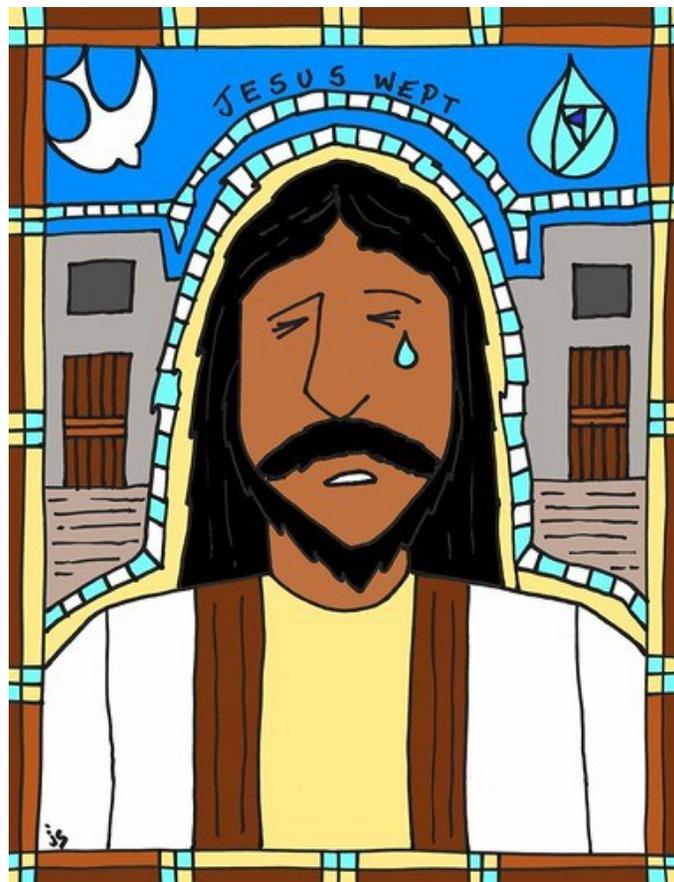


FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2026

10 AM



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor

(Please stand as you are able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - Pastor

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
Amen.

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

1 John 1:8

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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2 Corinthians
13:13-14

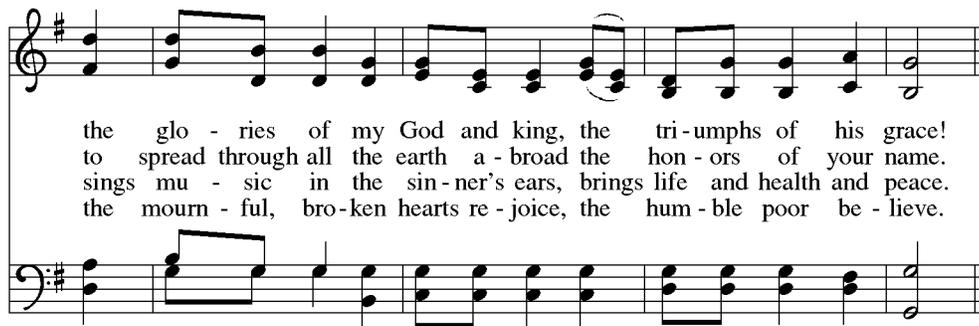
GREETING - Pastor

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.**

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



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.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

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.

The Kyrie is an ancient chant to begin Christian worship.

Kyrie eleison means Lord, have mercy.

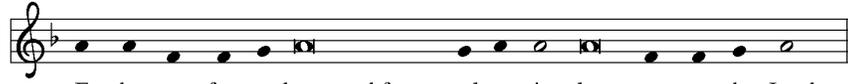
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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.



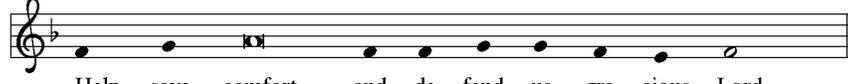
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

This prayer "collects" the theme of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Assisting Minister

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. Amen. *(Please be seated)*

This reading is typically from the Hebrew Scriptures, which Jesus often quoted.

THE FIRST LESSON - Lector

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The 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. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I 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." ⁷So 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. ⁸I 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. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, 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." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then 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.' ¹²Therefore prophesy 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Psalms are the hymnbooks of the children of Israel

THE PSALM - (Sung together)

Psalm 130



C: Choir

A: All

¹Out ¹ of the depths

I cry to ¹ you, O LORD;

²O LORD, ¹ hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my ¹ supplication.

³If you were to keep watch ¹ over sins,

O LORD, ¹ who could stand?

⁴Yet with you ¹ is forgiveness,

in order that you ¹ may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; ¹ my soul waits;

in your word ¹ is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch ¹ for the morning,
more than those who keep watch ¹ for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is ¹ steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plen- ¹ teous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall ¹ redeem Israel
from ¹ all their sins.

This reading bears witness to the early church.

THE SECOND LESSON - *Lector*

Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For 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, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

We acclaim the living Word, Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & PROCESSION

(The Gospel is read from the icon depicting the text for the day)

John 6:68



Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

THE GOSPEL LESSON - *Pastor*

John 11:1-45

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to John the eleventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But 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." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus 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. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸When 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." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now 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.

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

(Please be seated)

"Viva Vox," the Living Word of God interpreted. (Romans 10:14-17)

SERMON - Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW 666

(Please stand as you are able)

Ancient church councils adopted the summary of the church's faith in the Nicene, Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Assisting Minister

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.

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. (1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Acts 2:42)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Assisting Minister

To the words "Hear us, O God," the congregation responds "**Your mercy is great.**"

SHARING OF THE PEACE - Pastor

Extending God's word of peace to others. (Romans 16:16; Matthew 5:23-24)

THE OFFERING *(Please be seated)*

We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gifts enable our day to day operational budget, our missions, and the care of those in need. Please visit www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving or by scanning the QR Code here:

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

2 Corinthians 9:7-9



What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing,
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

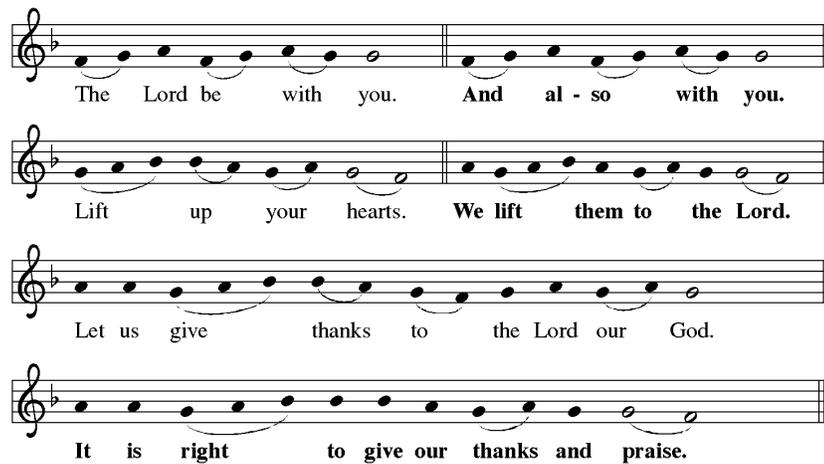
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER - *Assisting Minister*

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. **Amen.**

Before the Lord's supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into thanksgiving. (Psalm 15:1)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - *Pastor* (Please stand as you are able)



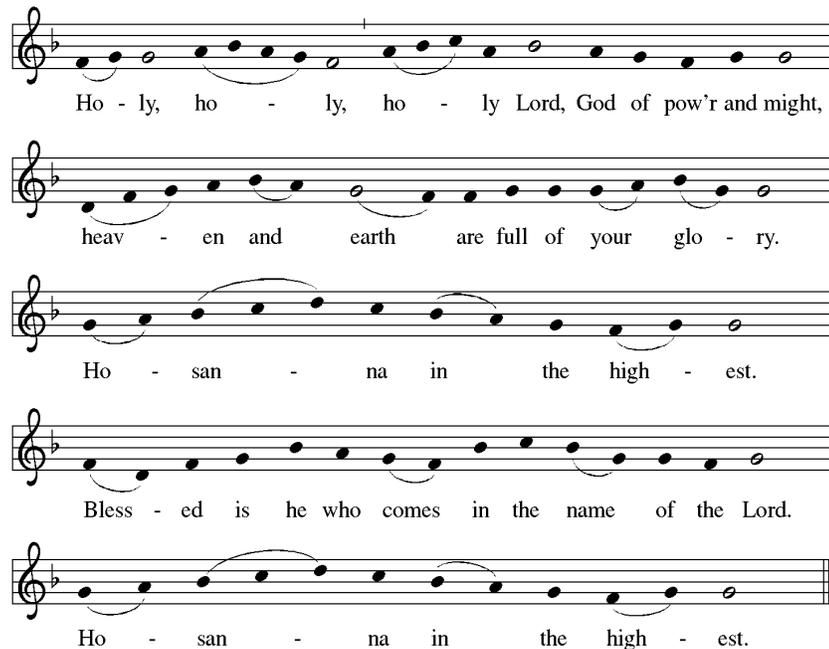
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE - *Pastor*

It is indeed right our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus is the hymn of praise that never ceases before

THE SANCTUS



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 in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In these words—Jesus institutes the sacrament for the church

Matthew 26:26-28;
Luke 22:19-20; 1
Corinthians 11:23-26

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - *Pastor*

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray.
(Luke 11:24;
Matthew 6:9-13)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. (Please be seated)

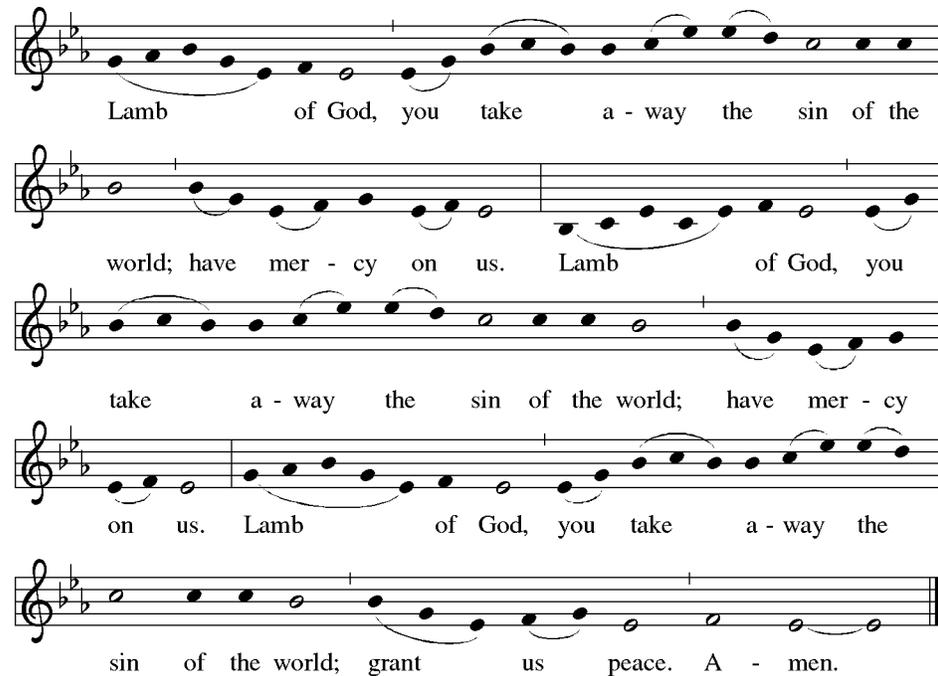
Our invitation to
Christ's Table
(adapted from Iona
Community, Scotland)

INVITATION - Pastor

This is Christ's table. It is a table of love and welcome. It is a table of fellowship with the poor.
It is a table of communion with the earth.
So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.
Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed.
Come, those of you who depend on this sacrament for your life, and those of you for whom it is a
new and strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come!

As John the Baptist
pointed to Jesus, he
said these words.
(John 1:29)

THE AGNUS DEI



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. A - men.

***Blue Communion Cards- Please remember to fill in a blue communion card each week. You can hand your blue communion cards to an usher as you come up for communion.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION - At the Lord's Table we share in the gift of Jesus' body and blood. Please bring an empty glass from the head of the aisle to receive wine from a pouring cup. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses near the empty ones. If you need a gluten-free option for bread, please indicate that to the person with bread. Peel away communion kits are also available for any who so desire. Blessings will be given to those not yet communing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
(No Music Image Due to Copyright)

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER - *Pastor (Please stand as you are able)*

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - *Assisting Minister*

Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

*A personal blessing
from God in the name
of the Triune God.*

(Numbers 6:24-26)

BENEDICTION - *Pastor*

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. **Amen.**

*On our way rejoicing.
(Colossians 3:16;
Philippians 4:4)*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

You Are the Way

ELW 758

*We go forth to bless
the world*

*Luke 7:50;
Romans 10:12-13*

DISMISSAL - *Assisting Minister*

Go in peace. Believe the Good News.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Postlude in E Flat

- Authur Foote

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You Are the Way

1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. The key signature and time signature remain the same.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

Midweek Lenten Services (Noon & Evening Opportunities)

Wednesdays: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Noontime Service

We will gather at noon in the sanctuary for a brief prayer service with reflection. Immediately following the service, you are invited to bring your own lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall as we eat together in community.

Evening Meal, Bible Study, and Meditation

Each evening, we will gather in a new way, and you are invited to join us for as much (or as little) as you are able.



Schedule:

6:00 pm – Dinner (A lite dinner will be provided each week by one of our church groups.)

6:30 pm – Bible Study (Our Bible study will explore the biblical use of the earthly elements: Air, Fire, Water, and Earth.)

7:30 pm – Meditative Worship (Following Bible study, we will move into a time of meditative worship, with prayer stations and guided prayers centered on the element explored that evening.)

You are welcome to attend any part of the evening, in any week. You do not need to come at the beginning or attend every week. If you can only join us once, that's wonderful. If you can only come for worship, that's great too.

We hope you will join us as we ground ourselves together during this Lenten season.

**EASTER
EGG HUNT**

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH | 9 AM

**In the Courtyard
2yrs. - 5th Grade**

Bring a Basket!

Serving in Worship Today	
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi
Media Technician	Sara Wetz
Assisting Minister	Mel Tuckfield
	Glenn Hollenbeck
Communion Assistants	Linda Wetz
Lector	Dave Ehemann
	Tom and Barb Freeman
	Martha Hollenbeck
Ushers	Larry Day
Communion Cleanup	Tom and Barb Freeman

Opportunities This Week

Monday, March 23, 2026

10:00 am Flying Quilters
(Fellowship)

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
(Double T)

12:00 pm Lent Service (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm Lent Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 26, 2026

11:30 am Mid-Day Bible Study
(Double T)

Saturday, March 28, 2026

10:00 am Worship Asst. Training
(Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 29, 2026

-Palm Sunday-

8:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00 am Sunday School (Fellowship)

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH
8AM AND 10AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND
NOON AND 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD
NOON AND 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH
8AM AND 10AM
***EASTER EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST AT 9AM**

Easter Brunch
Sunday, April 5th
9AM

Join us for fellowship and Easter brunch between services.

Assist us with planning, by signing up below.