

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Charlotte, North Carolina

Service of Holy Communion



Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023
10:00 am

WELCOME TO ALL!!!

As a community of faith in God, the members of St. Luke's welcome **ALL** regardless of your age, your economic status, your ethnicity, your gender identity, your physical or mental abilities, your sexual orientation, or even if you confidently believe, or may be questioning. We affirm that in Christ Jesus "There is no east or west; no north or south – only **ONE** great assembly of **LOVE** throughout the whole, wide earth!" We hope you leave both refreshed and renewed to face with encouragement the challenges of your week.

CONGREGATIONAL HAPPENINGS

We are a church that encourages living and sharing God's love.

LENTEN SOUP, SUPPER, WORSHIP & STUDY

Come and break bread with us every Wednesday in March!

Week 4: March 22th – Currency of Wellness

Currencies of Blessing: Instead of a sermon, we will be having a time of presentation and conversation regarding Eric Law's "Six Currencies of Blessing." We will explore the six currencies identified and explore how we keep these blessings flowing and exchange the ones we have abundance in for those we may be lacking. Each week there will be a reflection sheet with information about the blessing and opportunity to reflect.

Soup Supper at 6pm: Join in a time of food and fellowship with a simple soup supper in the Parish Hall.
Worship and Presentation at 6:30pm: Worship will frame the study as we come into the time through mediation, prayer, and singing. In the Chapel.

TRANSITION TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

Letter Requesting Nominations

A letter has been sent out by email and is also available in the narthex. You are invited to enter a process of prayer and reflection before offering names of those you would recommend serving in this time. The letter includes qualifications to consider for this important work.

Deadline for Nominations is TODAY

We will be receiving nominations by filling out the nominations form and mailing in or dropping off at church. You can also email the church at office@stlukeselca.org or phone in your nominations.

This team will advise and guide the transition process as this congregation moves into a new future and new ministry relationship.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

The Contemporary Bible Class invites you to join us each Sunday at 9:00 in the conference room for study and discussion. Our new series is based on the book, For You When I Am Gone: Twelve Essential Questions to Tell a Life Story, by Steve Leder. The class, led by Tracey Perez, will focus on the ancient practice of writing an ethical will. This will be an interesting and rewarding experience, and we welcome all adults to join us.

NOISY OFFERING TODAY

Today we are collecting for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. The St. Luke's Constitution provides a discretionary account that allows the Pastor to make cash or check distributions to members or non-members he/she feels are in need.

FRIENDSHIP ROOM

We are back hosting Friendship Room in the Parish Hall after service today. *THANK YOU* to Marilyn Schuster & The Vucovich's for hosting this week!

ROOM IN THE INN TODAY

THANK YOU to everyone who is helping with our last hosting of the season this evening. We couldn't do it without your help and participation.

CALLING ALL EASTER BUNNIES

Plans are underway for the Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn on Easter morning and the Bunny Patrol visits but we still need your help! Here's a list of what we need for these events.

- Bags of small individually wrapped Easter themed candy to go inside the plastic eggs
- For the homebound Easter Baskets
 - 5 bags of Easter basket 'grass'
 - 10 small packets of Peeps
 - 6 large chocolate Easter Bunnies or Eggs
 - 4 large diabetic chocolate Easter Bunnies or Eggs
 - 6 decorated Easter themed cookies
 - 4 diabetic Easter themed cookies or other type diabetic candy

Donations can be dropped off on Sundays in the narthex or during office hours.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Many of our neighbors are in need. So, we will be collecting items for Loaves and Fishes on Sundays or stop by the office to drop off items. They are asking for: canned meats (Tuna, chicken, etc), canned fruit (low in sugar or in juice), pasta (canned or dry box), low sodium canned veggies, peanut butter, and diapers (especially larger sizes). Please no glass items.

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

- Maundy Thursday 7pm Service
- Good Friday 7pm Service
- Sunrise Easter Service 7am Service in the Columbarium
- Easter Breakfast 8:30am in the Parish Hall hosted by the Katharina Circle
- Flowering of the Cross Starts at 8:30am
- Easter Service 10am Service
- Easter Egg Hunt After service (With CMS being on Spring Break this week we will be hosting another Egg Hunt on 4/23)

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter lilies are now available for purchase to adorn the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Flowers can be dedicated to the glory of God, in honor, or in loving memory. Easter lilies are \$15 and can be taken home after Easter service. Supplies will be limited and are due by 4/5. Order forms are in the narthex and an email version will be sent out later today.

2023 HOPE SYMPOSIUM APRIL 29, 2023

We have been invited to an exciting upcoming event hosted by Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Fuquay-Varina, NC. A full day of inspirational speakers, fellowship and worship formed around the concept of HOPE. Please visit www.dovesandcross.org to learn more about and register for this event. Event includes attendance, lunch inspirational music and worship.

AFFILIATION

St. Luke's is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America www.elca.org and of the North Carolina Synod www.nclutheran.org

St. Luke's website is www.stlukeselca.org

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kristen Conner, President TBD, Vice-President

Rebekah Woodward, Secretary Pete Schmidt, Treasurer

Emily Phillips, Lisa Rhyne, David Sweet, Jon Wolff,
Tom Ainsworth, Erin Pushman-Aldred, Sara Mueller

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members

(On-going)

Jan McCoy, Jo and Kim Sigmon, Alice Bostic, Charlie Cushing, Betty Paysinger, Julia Passmore, Carol Cash, Deborah & Stan Hager, and Lucille Aldred.

Homebound

Todi Frick, Walter Cooper, Phyllis Burnett, Virginia Floyd, Eva Franz, Carrie Graves, Carol Richardson, Bill Robertson, and Pat Thorne.

Friends and Family

Margaret Dickens (*Steve Hubbard's mother*); Margaret and Philip Neville (*Margaret Brown's daughter and son-in-law*); Marian (*Margaret Howell's Mother*); Marlo Wiggins and Mary Packard (*Margaret Howell's Friends*); Will Moore (*Rebekah Woodward's grandchild*); Olga Millan (*Vilma Millan-Lee's Sister*); Laura Johnson (*Anthony Lee's sister*); Jenny Messiah (*Vilma Millan-Lee's Friend*); Nicole Drake (*Ami-Luise's Sister*); Philip Behm (*Chris Behm's father*); Ashley Furman (*Nicole Behm's aunt*); Louis Arnaud, his family and friends, praying for Louis's health, safety, and release from Iran (*Nicole Behm's friend*); Amy Landers; Ethan; Ashley; Anastasiia.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

We will celebrate with the Aldred-Pushman family as Gabriel will be baptized on March 26th during Sunday service.

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

"What a Friend"

Bonnie Jones, Piano

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p.94)

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

Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave His only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

GREETING (ELW p.147)

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 (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps.

**Jesus Loves Me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**



COLLECTION OF NOISY OFFERING BY THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 *(Read responsively by whole verse)*

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

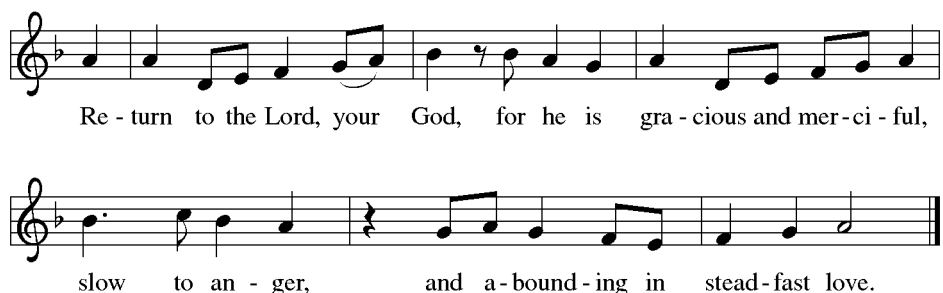
⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)



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.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made

mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Keith Copeland

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

CREED (ELW p. 152)

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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation, kneeling or sitting as you are able.

A brief silence.

Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, by your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve especially Jan McCoy, Jo and Kim Sigmon, Alice Bostic, Charlie Cushing, Betty Paysinger, Julia Passmore, Carol Cash, Deborah & Stan Hager, Lucille Aldred, Todi Frick, Walter Cooper, Phyllis Burnett, Virginia Floyd, Eva Franz, Carrie Graves, Carol Richardson, Bill Robertson, Pat Thorne, Margaret Dickens, Margaret and Philip Neville, Will Moore, Olga Millan, Laura Johnson, Jenny Messiah, Nicole Drake, Marian, Marlo Wiggans and Mary Packard, Philip Behm, Ashley Furman, Louis Arnaud, his family and friends, Amy Landers, Ethan, Ashley, Anastasiia and all whom we name in the quiet of our thoughts.

(Pause for personal meditation)

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

As the sharing of the Peace concludes, the assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Please know your continued generosity helps to resource the ministry of St. Luke's and beyond.

Passing of the plate.



<https://onrealm.org/StLukesLutheran/-/form/give/default>

ANTHEM

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Bonnie Jones, piano

OFFETORY (ELW p. 152)

"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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 152)

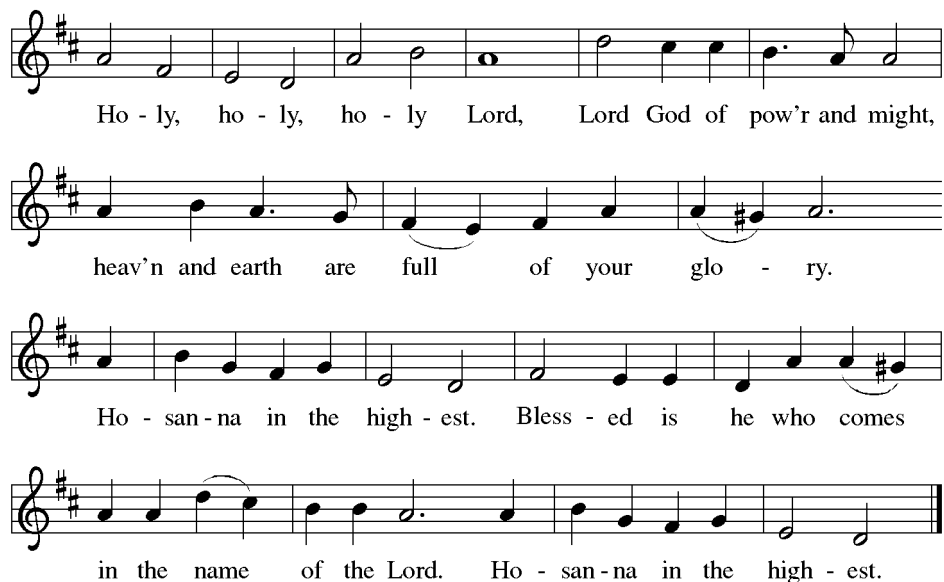
God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p.153)

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.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)

THE LORDS PRAYER (ELW p. 154)

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.

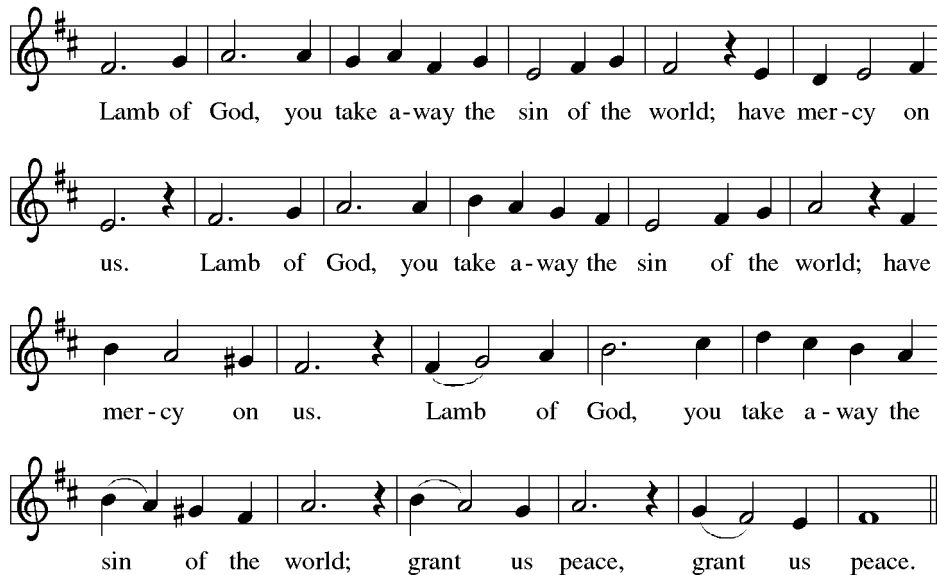
INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 154)

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

COMMUNION

*[By Christ Jesus' invitation **all are welcome** to the table to receive Holy Communion. There is gluten free host (Body of Christ) as well as grape juice (Blood of Christ) available. Simply make your request known as you approach the communion ministers. Those who do not commune, but desire a blessing, present with arms across your body, hands on shoulders, that way the ministers will know to offer you a blessing. Once you have received communion, please discard your cup in the receptacle on the return aisles, making your way back to your seat for personal prayer (you may utilize the kneeler if you wish)].*

COMMUNION SONG



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, grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God,

at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

BLESSING (ELW p. 155)

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

SENDING INTO MISSION (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in memory of Gary Brauer.

Given by Jan, Ben, and Steven

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Keith Copeland
D. Jan McCoy, Organist/Director of Music Ministry

10:00am

Assisting Minister:	Terri Wells
Greeter:	Pam & Joel Moser
Reader:	Rebekah Woodward
Communion Assistants:	Rebekah Woodward & Karen Smith
Audio/Video:	Ami-Luise Vucovich
Ushers:	Dale Bartlett
Altar Guild:	Terri Wells
Altar Flowers:	Jan Brauer

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NEXT WEEK WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS 3/26/2023:

Assisting Minister:	
Greeter:	Pam & Joel Moser
Reader:	Tracey Perez
Communion Assistants:	Tracey Perez & rebekah Woodward
Audio/Video:	Ami-Luise Vucovich
Ushers:	Paul Sullivan
Altar Guild:	Jan Brauer
Altar Flowers:	

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It is our software platform that helps us manage the operations of the church and is an easy way to stay connected to the church and other members.

Please reach out to Ami-Luise if you have any questions.

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