

March 16th, 2025  
Second Sunday in Lent  
10:30am



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# HOLY COMMUNION

## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

Jacob Wilson

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Congregational responses are in bold print.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

*You are invited to kneel or remain seated. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess 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.**

*The pastor announces God's forgiveness.*

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. **Amen.**

*You are invited to stand as able.*

**GATHERING SONG      ELW#834**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

**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.**

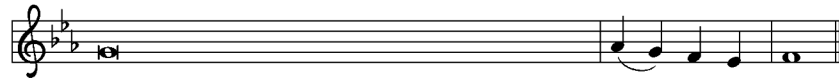
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



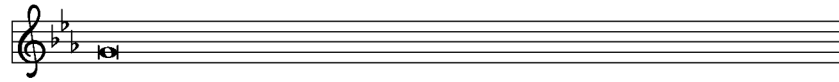
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



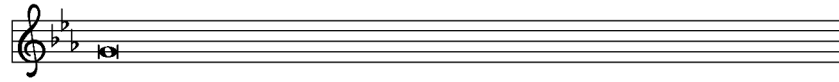
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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.*

## **WORD**

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

### **FIRST READING**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM**

Psalm 27

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

*Continues.....*

**<sup>6</sup> Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

**<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.**

**<sup>8</sup> My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

**<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.**

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**<sup>10</sup> Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me in.**

**<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.**

**<sup>12</sup> Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up  
against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

**<sup>13</sup> This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!**

**<sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD and be strong.  
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

## **SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:17-4:1

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

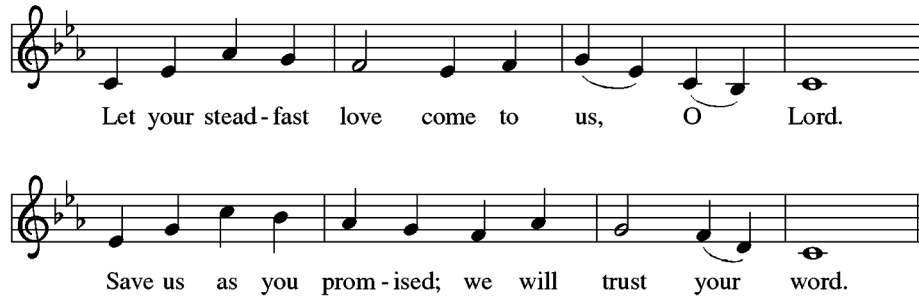
## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

*You are invited to stand as able.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes with a final whole note. The lyrics are written below the notes.

### **GOSPEL**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 13:31-35

The gospel of the Lord.


**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

*You are invited to stand as able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY      ELW #613**

**Thy Holy Wings**



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down-y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep-ing thy chil-dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with-in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet-ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite

Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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## **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**

*Each portion of the prayers ends:*

God, in your mercy

**receive our prayer**

*The prayers conclude:*

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things  
together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us  
from death to life. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,  
and may say "peace be with you," or similar words.*

*Please be seated.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is received for the mission of the church.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** - Solo -Karen Linfor      "That Beautiful Name"

## **OFFERING SONG**

*You are invited to stand as able.*

### **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

#### *Offering Song*

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano or alto clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music concludes with a double bar line.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERING PRAYER** Let us pray.

**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

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, that we should at all times and 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 fest, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

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.

**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 your holy ones of every time and place, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

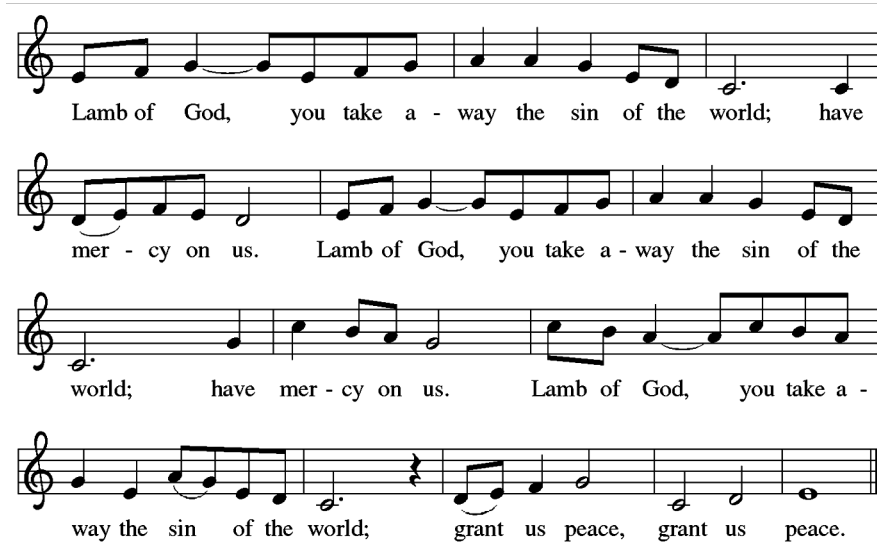
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

#### **COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Come forward by the center aisle at the usher's invitation. Those not yet communing will receive a blessing. Bread will be placed in your open hands. Grape juice is in the pink glasses in the center of the tray encircled by wine in clear glasses. Individual communion packets are available near the entrance for those who prefer them.*

## 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.

*You are invited to stand as able.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Generous Host,**

**you have shared your feast with us and made us new.**

**Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

May our God of Trinity look favorably on you with joy,  
empower you with empathy and kindness,  
and ✚ deliver you in love and peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG ELW#705

### God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Jane Fanucci

## **Worship Assistants**

Altar Care: Shirley Prouty  
Announcements: Carolyn Andrews  
Communion Assistants: Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice,  
& Kirsten Ireton  
  
Prayer Leader: Phil Karlstad  
Psalm Leader: Daniel King  
Reader: Phil Peterson  
Refreshments: Justin & Laura Tice  
Song Leader: Karen Linfor  
Usher: Bill Myers



### **Flowers Today Provided by:**

*Bruce and Karen Kiser*

In Celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

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### **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S**

March 16th– 22nd 2025

Today	Holy Communion	10:30a.m.
Monday	Soul Sisters—Room 4	12:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study on Zoom	10:00 a.m.
	Church Council - Rm. 5	6:00p.m.
Wednesday	Soup Supper - Schultz Hall	6:00p.m.
Thursday	New Member Class - Conference room	6:00pm - 7:00pm

### **LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**

Wednesday, March 19th Hosted by:

***Council and Christian Education***

*The soup supper will begin at 6:00pm with service following at 6:45pm. They will both be in Schultz Hall.*



## **100th Anniversary Pictorial Directory**

The Congregational Event Committee would like to put together an updated Anniversary Pictorial Directory. We would like every Congregation Household represented in the Directory for our 100th year Anniversary.

The next Date for the Photo's is next **Sunday, March 23** after Church Service. The times will be **12:00 to 5:00**.

We have a Sign Up Sheet in the Narthex. Please sign the sheet for which time slot that best works for you.

Thank you, *Carole Vance, Congregational Events 916-421-9172*