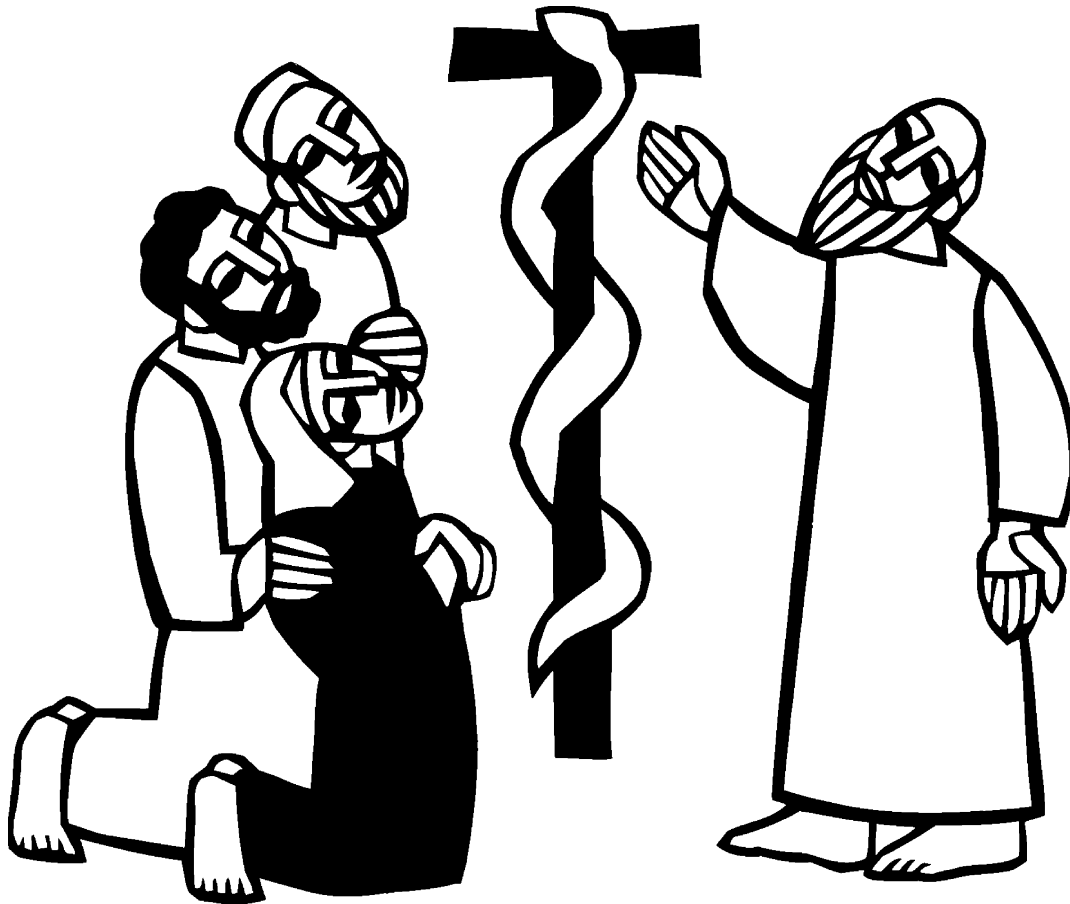


SAINT PETER EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



4TH SUNDAY IN LENT  
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Saint Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church-ELCA**

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***PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES***

**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS**

We welcome you to worship. We are blessed by your presence with us. Everything you need is printed in this worship folder. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please accept our Welcome Packet and kindly fill out a visitor card. Cards may be found in the pews and returned in the offering plate.

We invite ALL people to receive Holy Communion and share in the gifts of our Lord's body and blood. As you come forward for communion, a pastor will give you bread from the loaf. Gluten free bread is available upon request. You may take an empty cup to be filled by an assistant with communion wine at the pouring chalice station, or a purple cup prefilled with grape juice. The cups can be disposed of in the receptacles on either side of the sanctuary.

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*What Wondrous Love*  
Saint Peter Hand Bell Choir  
Cindy Ledbetter, conductor

arr. William Walker

*Please stand*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.  
Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

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.**



## GATHERING SONG

*Our Father, We Have Wandered*

HYMN 606



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
com-pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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## APOSTOLIC 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.**



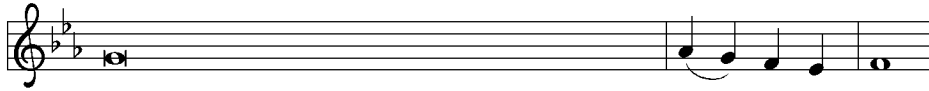
## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



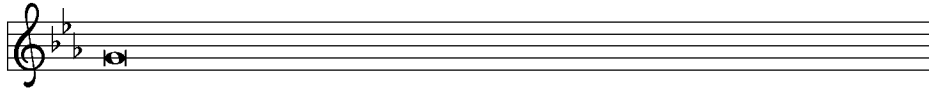
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



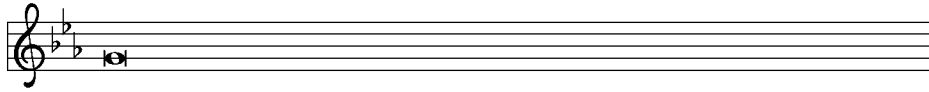
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

**O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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*

## **FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the <sup>1</sup>LORD is good,  
**for God’s mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.**

<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the <sup>1</sup>LORD proclaim  
**that God redeemed them from the hand <sup>1</sup>of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in <sup>1</sup>from the lands;  
**from the east and from the west, from the north and <sup>1</sup>from the south.**

<sup>17</sup>Some were fools and took re-<sup>1</sup>bellious paths;  
**through their sins they <sup>1</sup>were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all man-<sup>1</sup>ner of food  
**and drew near <sup>1</sup>to death’s door.**

- <sup>19</sup>Then in their trouble they cried <sup>|</sup> to the LORD  
**and you delivered them from <sup>|</sup> their distress.**
- <sup>20</sup>You sent forth your <sup>|</sup> word and healed them  
**and rescued them <sup>|</sup> from the grave.**
- <sup>21</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your <sup>|</sup> steadfast love  
**and your wonderful works <sup>|</sup> for all people.**
- <sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices <sup>|</sup> of thanksgiving  
**and tell of your deeds with <sup>|</sup> shouts of joy.**

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

**GOSPEL: John 3:14-21**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

**PASTOR JASON HUEBNER**





*Please stand*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*God Loved the World*

HYMN 323



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

## 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.

*Please be seated*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

...Hear us, O God  
**Your mercy is great.**

... the prayers conclude with  
Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM AT 8:30 AM**

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

Trevor Manor

John Illingworth, cello

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free. Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me is the current of thy love. Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above. O the deep, deep love of Jesus spread His praise from shore to shore! Oh, change-th never, nevermore. How He watches over His loved ones, died to call them all His own. How for them He intercede-eth, watch-ed over them from the throne. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every, love the best: "Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a have sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! "Tis a heaven of heavens to me, and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee."

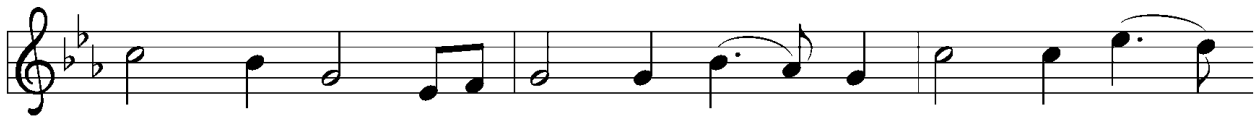
## OFFERTORY HYMN AT 11:00 AM

*Just As I Am, without One Plea*

HYMN 592



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

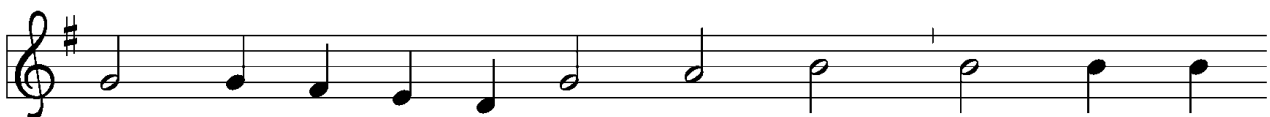
Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

*Please stand*

## OFFERTORY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

HYMN 884



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all



crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

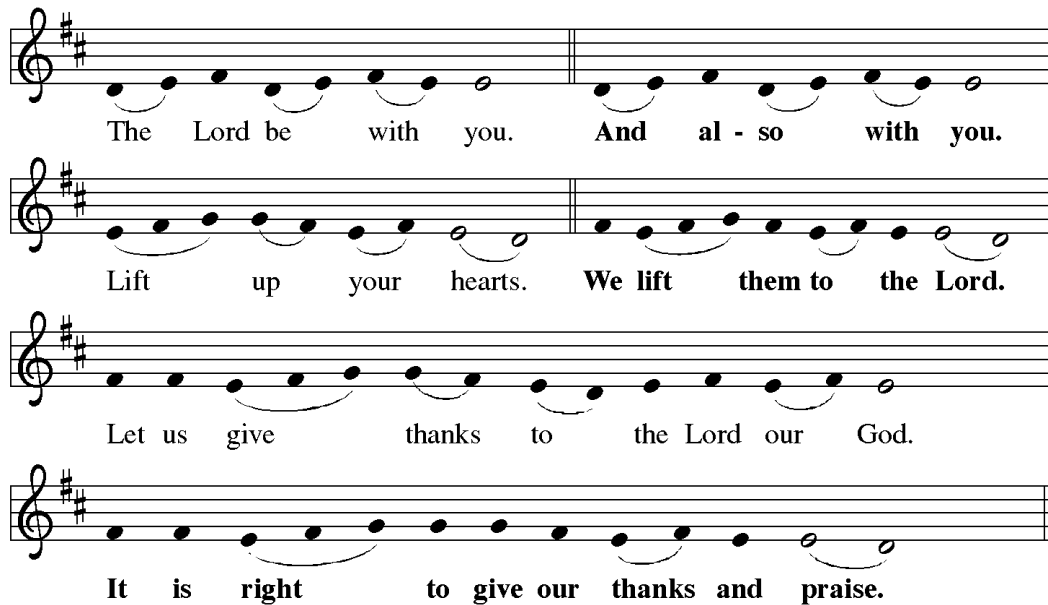
## OFFERING PRAYER

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.

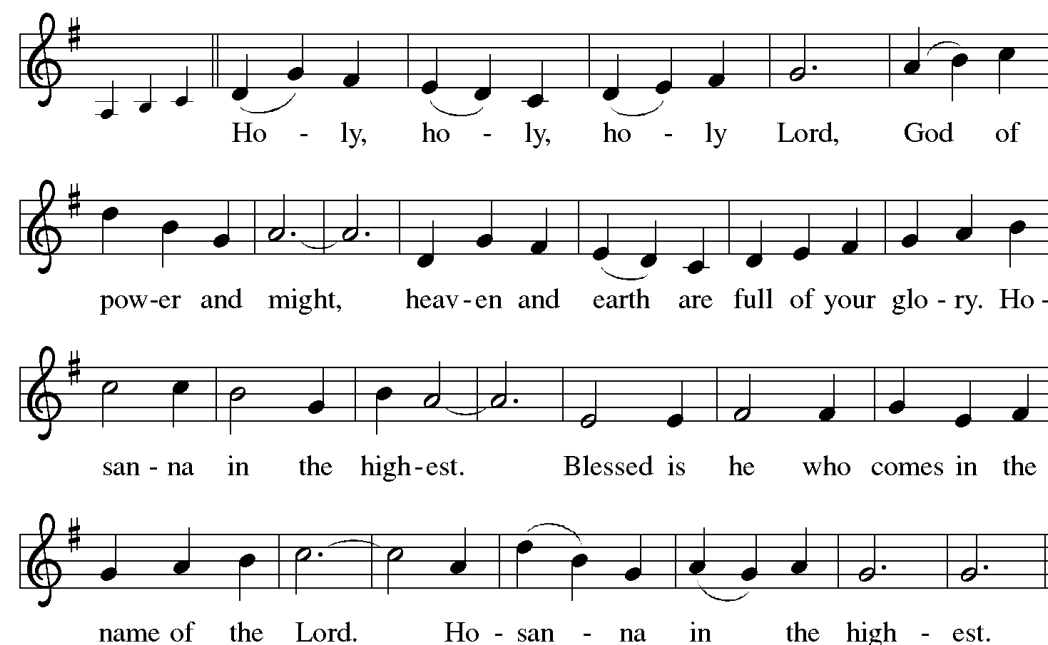
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

## PREFACE

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef. The melody is simple, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff continues the melody and lyrics. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION SONG

*Lamb of God (Young)*

HYMN 195

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948  
Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

*A Lenten Prayer*

Dorothy Harvell

*Please stand*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

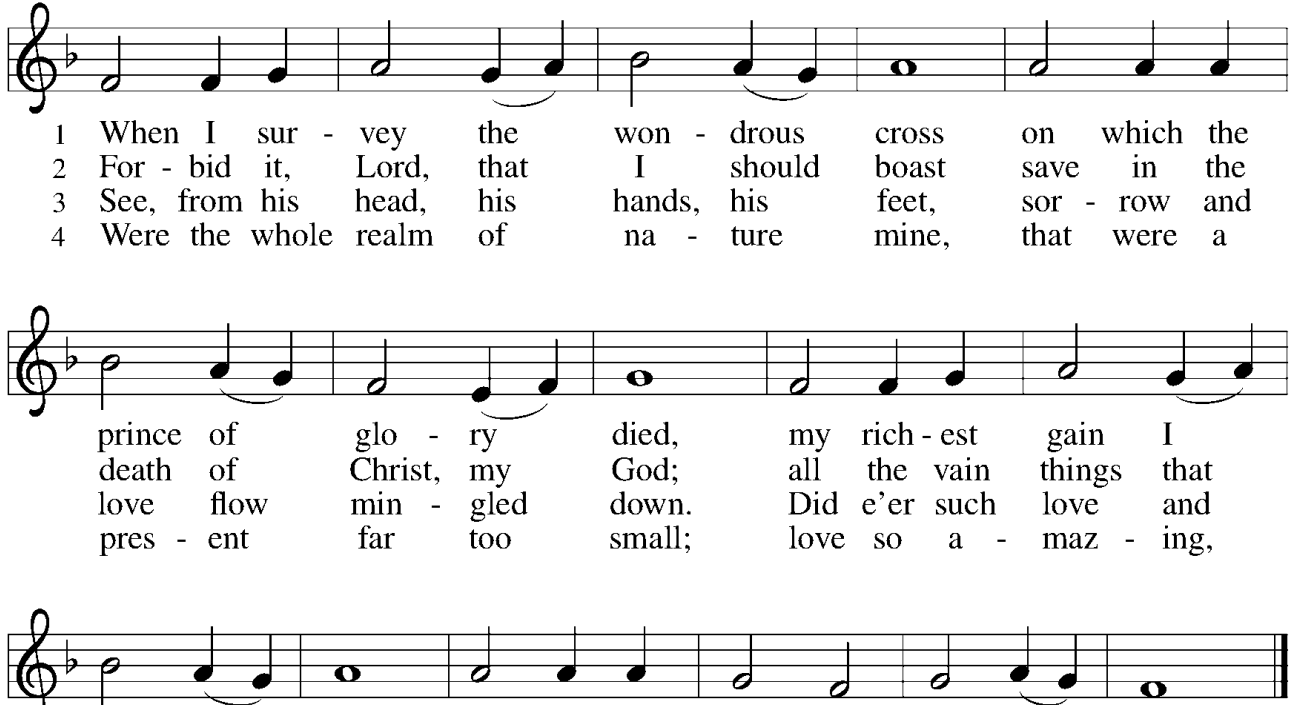
## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HYMN 803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a  
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,  
count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*All Glory Be To Thee*

Gertrude Haupt Richolson



### **PRAYERS FOR OUR SAINT PETER FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Janice Fox, Charles Dietrich, Brenda Wilson, Linda Ingher, Orrin and Larry Foss, Elaine Bastedenbeck, Judy Reynolds, Dennis Dietrich, Katie Miller, Steven Dungan, Ray DeChristopher, Jamie Hensler, Wayne and Judy Huffman, Sophia Diaz, Gisela Allen, Paul Stream, Twylla Ford, Pat Whiting, Judy and Susan [no last names]

### **SANCTUARY BANNER FOR SUNDAY**

Lent

**Purple** banners reflect the royal coming of the King. **Three Crosses on Calvary** recall our Lord's crucifixion, fastened by **Three Nails**. He was mocked by **INRI**, **Latin** for "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers in the sanctuary were placed to the glory of God and by Carol Amaya in honor of her mom Agnes Ashdown.

### **ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

8:30 am Worship – 102

11:00 am Worship – 127

### **DAILY SPIRITUAL READINGS**

**March 11– March 17**

Scripture citations taken from the Three year Daily Lectionary in the HYMNAL, pg. 1121 (Year B)

Monday Hebrews 3:1-6

Tuesday 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Wednesday John 8:12-20

Thursday Hebrews 4:1-13

Friday Hebrews 4:14-5:4

Saturday John 12:1-11

Sunday John 3:14-21





## **WORSHIP SERVERS**

8:30 AM

LA— DIANE GUSS  
CA— PAULA RUANE  
LECTOR— CHRIS BRINKPOPF  
USHERS— GUY & ANNE HAGER  
GREETERS—BARRY & TY KELCHNER  
COUNTERS— DON BRENNER & ELAINE VAN BRUNT  
ALTAR GUILD— LYN MANGIAPANE  
ASL – DOTTIE CAPRIOTTI  
SECURITY TEAM—KEVIN PENNER

11:00 AM

LA— LARRY CAPRIOTTI  
CA— LEWIS WEATHERS  
LECTOR— RICK COLLINS  
USHERS— DOUG ELZNIC & KARL FARRIS  
GREETERS— VICKI FARRIS & STEPHANIE ELZNI  
COUNTERS— DON BRENNER & HANK RAPP  
ALTAR GUILD— CHRIS FLASSER  
ASL – DOTTIE CAPRIOTTI  
ACOLYTE – LYON SCHULTZ  
SECURITY TEAM— RICH BOOTH

## **CHURCH OFFERING**

To provide an online offering please scan the following QR Code to be taken to the link on the parish website for the online giving:



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Sun 03/10</b>	<p>8:30 am Worship Service (S)  10:00 am Congregational Meeting (S)  10:00 am Youth Group (Library)  11:00 am Worship Service (S)  12:30: pm Living Last Supper Cast Meeting (S)</p>
<b>Mon 03/11</b>	<p>3:00 pm Every Man A Warrior Book Review (CR)  6:00 pm Sea Notes Choral Society Practice (S/MPR)</p>
<b>Tues 03/12</b>	<p>9:00 am Communications Team Meeting (Pastor's Office)  10:00 am Admin Meeting (Pastor's Office)  10:00 am SAVVY Caregiver Program (MPR)  11:00 am Sisters of Prayer (S)  1:30 pm Finance Committee (CR)  2:30 pm Book Club (FH)  4:00 pm Endowment Committee (CR)  4:00 pm Tutoring (Children's Room)</p>
<b>Wed 03/13</b>	<p>3:00 pm Worship &amp; Music Committee (CR)  3:30 pm WW Keys Setup (S/MPR)  5:15 pm WW Worship (S/MPR)  5:45 WW Meal (FH/K)  6:30 pm Choir Practice (S/MPR)</p>
<b>Thurs 03/14</b>	<p>9:30 am Christian Education (CR)  10:00 am Elder's Rising Shepard's Meeting (FH)  11:30 am 40 Day Devotions (MPR)  11:45 am Communications Advisory Committee (CR)  1:00 pm Fellowship Committee (MPR)  2:00 pm Woman's Small Group Meeting (CR)</p>
<b>Fri 03/15</b>	<p>9:00 am Woman's Bible Study  9:00 am Giving Garden Work (GG)  1:00 pm Organ Practice (S/MPR)</p>
<b>Sat 03/16</b>	<p>8:00 am CHURCH CLEANUP</p>