

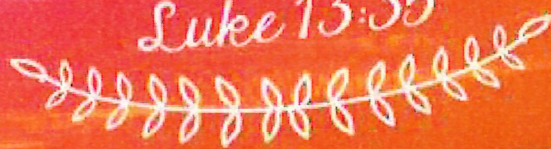
First Lutheran Church

03/16/2025

The Second Sunday of Lent

Blessed
IS HE WHO COMES
IN THE NAME OF
THE LORD

Luke 13:35



Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

YIGDAL

Cardon Burnham

Partita on YIGDAL

GATHERING

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

(Please stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

(Please kneel)

C: Compassionate One,
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.
We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
C: Amen.

(Please stand)

GATHERING SONG

The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



“I Am the One I Am”—by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake—its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



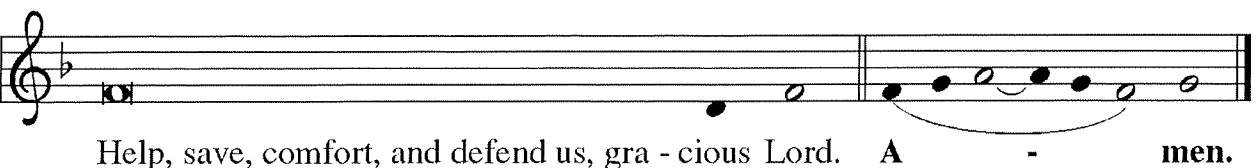
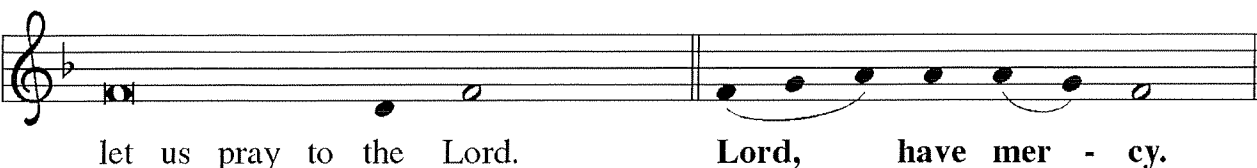
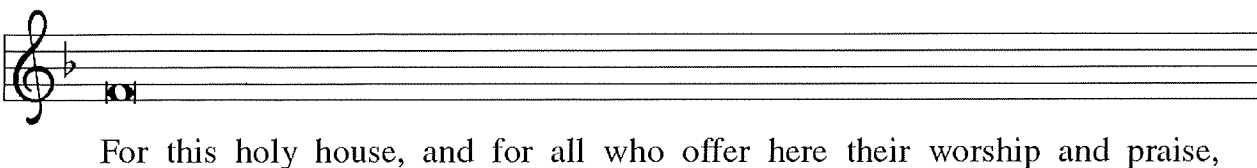
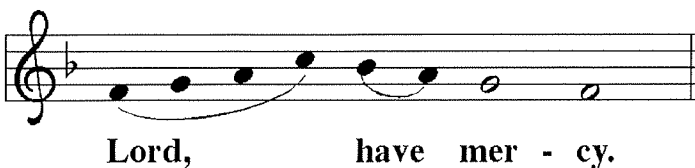
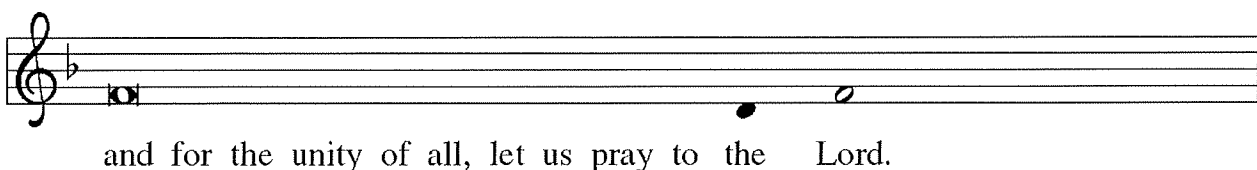
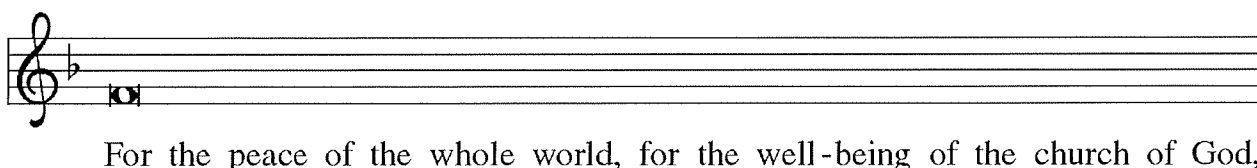
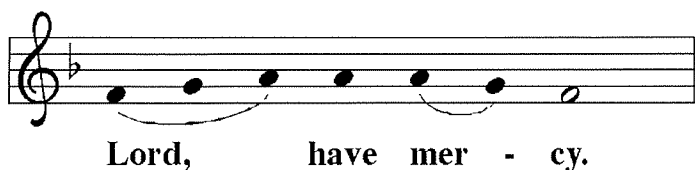
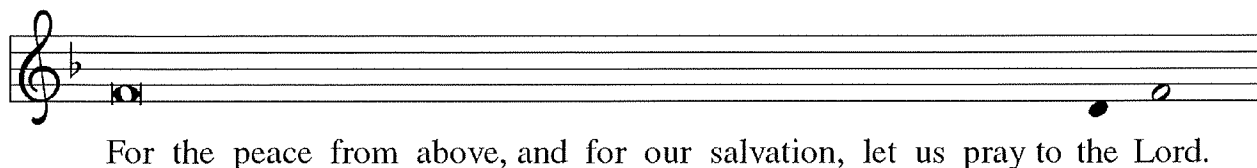
I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

L: A reading from Genesis, the fifteenth chapter.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

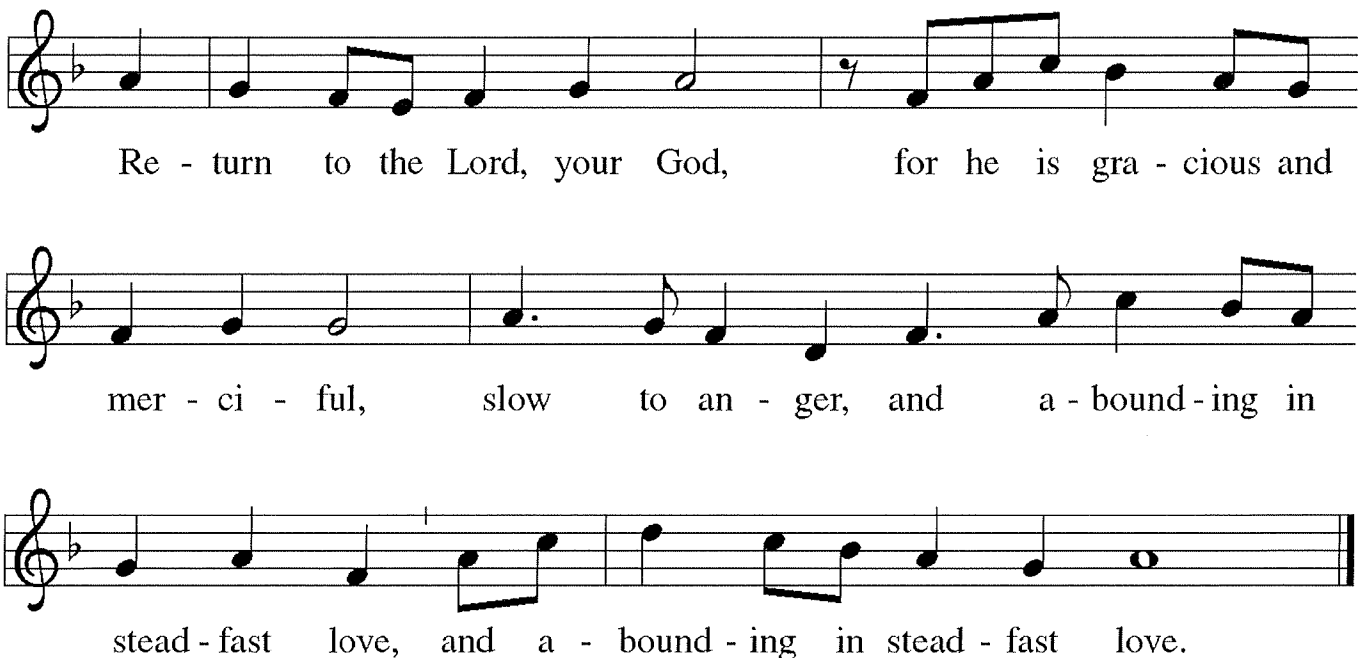
SECOND READING**PHILIPPIANS 3:17—4:1**

L: A reading from Philippians, the third chapter.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL**LUKE 13:31-35**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’

³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

P: The gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

REVEREND MARK SCHURING

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

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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(Please be seated)

INSTALLATION OF LEADERS IN THE CONGREGATION

P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices
to which you have been elected.

Officers: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

(Please stand)

P: People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders,
and will you share in the mutual ministry
that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: I now declare you installed as officers / council members of this congregation.
Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,
That you may be faithful servants of Christ.

C: Amen.

(Please kneel)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all
those in need.

Each petition concludes:

P: God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MEAL

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

O JESU, ĂN DE DINA

Around You, O Lord Jesus

Edwin T. Childs

(Please stand)

OFFERING PRAYER

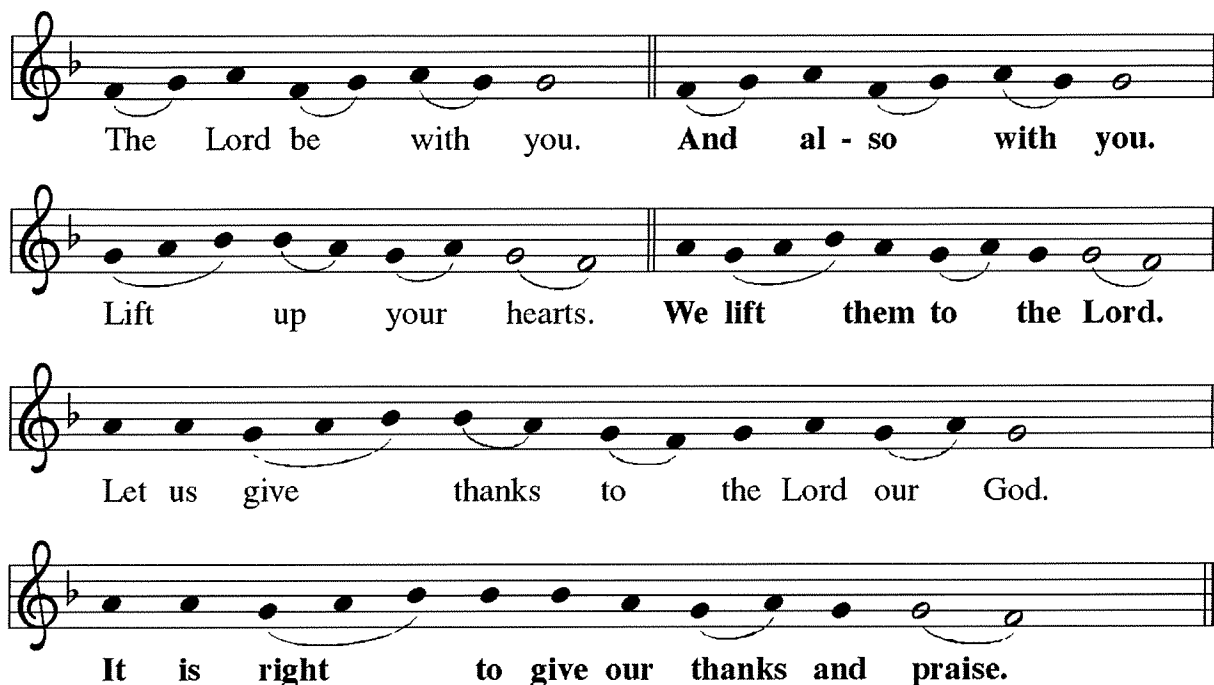
L: Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment
to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

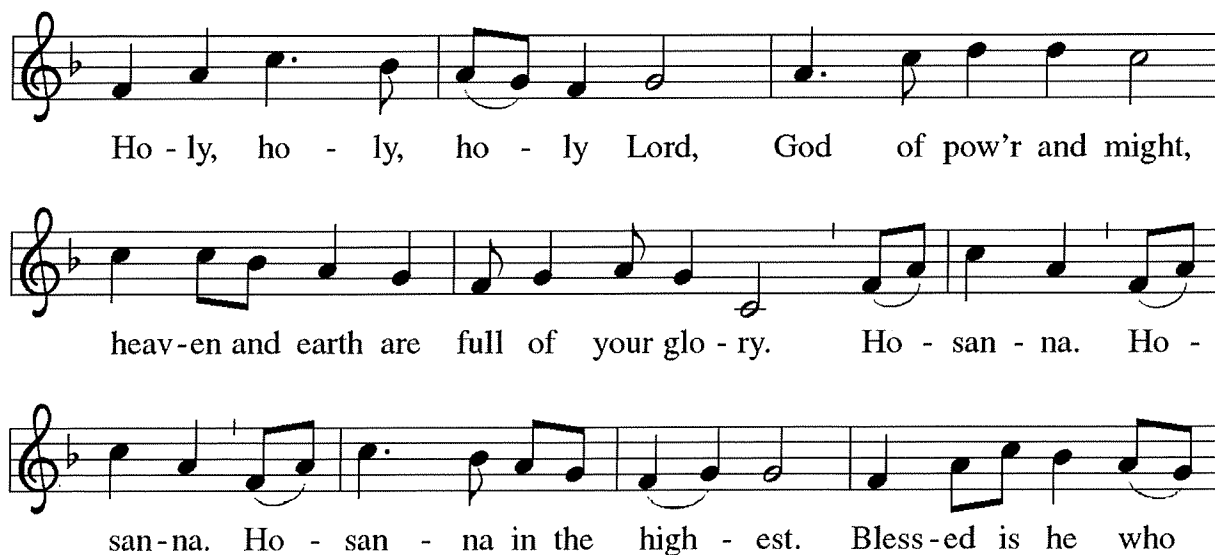
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right . . . and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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. Ho -

san-na. 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

P: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION IN TWO MANNERS

† *You may commune in your pews.*

Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.

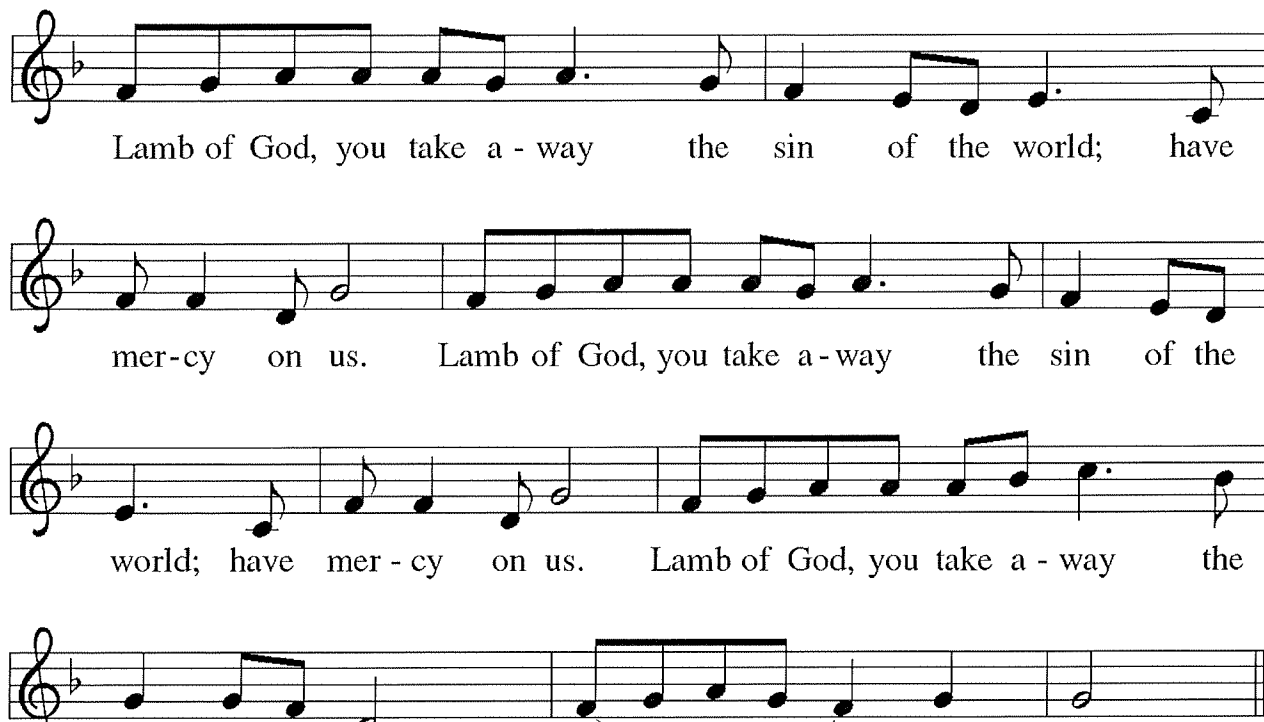
*The presiding minister will share a blessing,
all communing in-place will commune together.*

† *You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.
A basket is available for disposal of your individual communion cups.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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.

Around You, O Lord Jesus



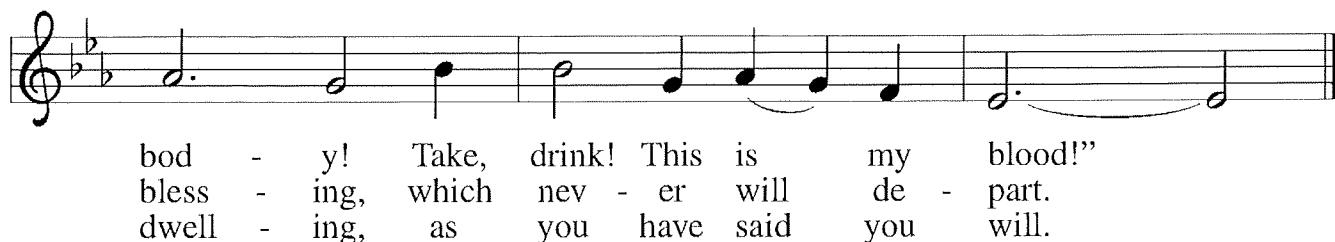
- 1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
- 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
- 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er—in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: 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.

C: Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure. We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through the years, and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future. Bless our community of faith, bless our healing, bless the changes that are before us, bless our call process and the pastoral leaders who will shepherd us through this time of transition. We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us as we align with your will, and servant or servants you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time. Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future. In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,
 ✚ bless you now and forever.



SENDING SONG

The God of Abraham Praise



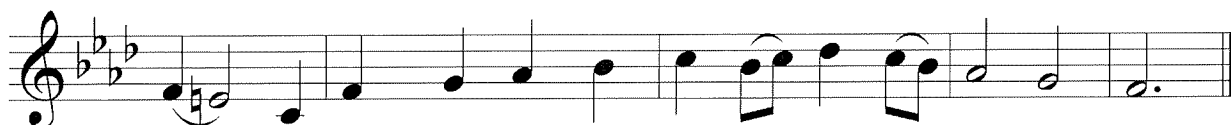
5 Though na - ture's strength de - cay, and earth and hell with-stand, to
6 The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest; a
7 Be - fore the great Three-One the saints ex - ult - ing stand and
8 The whole tri - umph - ant host give thanks to God on high. "Hail



Ca - naan's bounds I urge my way at your com - mand. The
land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and end - less rest. There
tell the won - ders God has done through all their land. The
Fa - ther Son and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry. Hail



wat' - ry deep I pass with Je - sus in my
milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a -
list - ning spheres at - tend and swell the grow - ing
A - br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly



view, and through the how - ling wil - der-ness my way pur - sue.
bound. and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
fame and sing the songs which nev - er end, the won-drous name.
lays: to you be glo - ry might di - vine and end - less praise!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

P: Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

YIGDAL

Michael Burkhardt

The God of Abraham Praise

Events in Review

Sunday **March 16**

10:00AM Church Service
After service
Meet & Greet Pastor Schuring
Instillation of Council Members

Monday **March 17**

St. Patrick's Day

10:00AM Bible Study @Willows
1:30pm Bookworms
5:15PM Bells of Praise

Wednesday **March 19**

5:30pm Council Meeting
5:45—6:30pm Lenten Supper
7pm Lent Service

Sunday **March 23**

10:00AM Church Service

Monday **March 24**

10:00AM Bible Study @Willows
5:15PM Bells of Praise

Wednesday **March 26**

5:45pm-6:30pm Lenten Supper
7pm Lent Service

Thursday

March 27

9:00am LifeLine Screening
1:00pm Food Bank

Friday

March 28

5pm Hanna/Doran Rehearsal

Saturday

March 29

3:30pm Hanna/Doran Wedding

Sunday

March 30

Service at Eccumenical Church

Events for Lent Celebration

Mid-Week Lenten Service

Need volunteers to provide the Lenten soup, bread and dessert.

Sign up sheets on the Dietz Windows.

Easter Lily/Daffodil order forms are

Also located on the table in the hallway

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



WOFB

March 27th
starting at 1 pm

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Pastor: Pastor Mark Schuring

Catechism Classes

Rick Greene and Mike Porter will be hosting Catechism Classes. If anyone is interested



Please contact either one at

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Our Mission Statement

"God is among us!"

"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need."

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