

March 17, 2024

Gathering

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

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" ELW #319 vs 1,3&4

- O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above; so teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.
- Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.

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Call to Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **C: Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Prayer of Confession

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Forgiveness

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

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.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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.

Anthem Adult Handbells

"And He Never Said a Word" – Ryan

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of

Egypt—a covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

Reading: Psalm 51:1-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the

one who said to him,

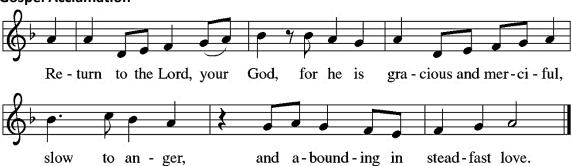
"You are my Son, today I have begotten you;" ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.





P: The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter twelve.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

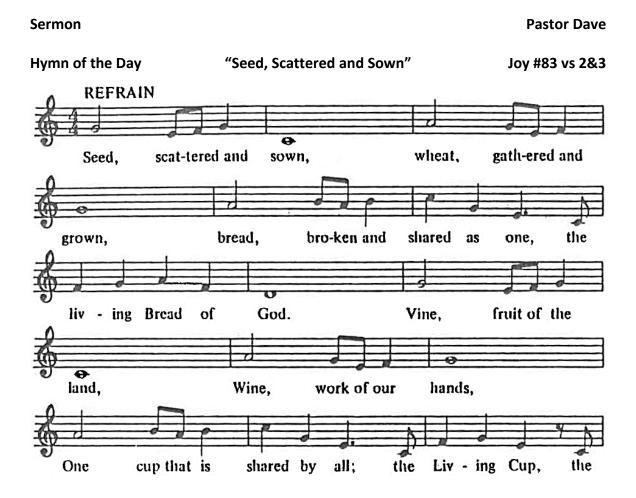
²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

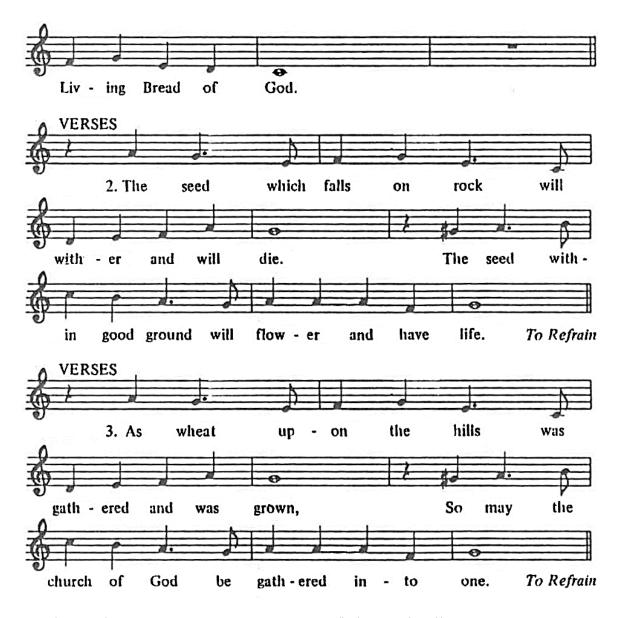
²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message





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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 the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing God's Peace

Offertory

Offertory Hymn

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray,

C: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.

P: The Lord be with you,

P: Lift up your hearts,

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: And also with you.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

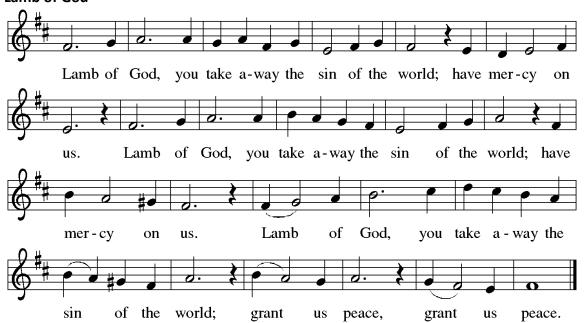
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

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.

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

ELW #484

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice.

Refrain

- With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*
- 4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell: whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*
- 5 You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *Refrain*

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Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ELW #693 vs 2-4

- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield; wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
 Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home. Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide. Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home; from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away; give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

In Our Prayers This Week:

Rich Baumann, Audrey Broste, Russ Brown, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Brad Haynes, Marilyn Hudson, Sharon Hulke, Ken Johnson, Lyndon Jones, Mavis Jones, Treacy Meyer, Verne Radloff, Paul Reker, Pam Riebe, Sharon Riser, Gabrielle Rolloff, JoAnn Saffert, Marge Schmidt

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(10:30) Kylie Domeier, Lucas Hillesheim

Communion Server: (8:30) Deb Kaehler (10:30)(10:30)Lector: (8:30) Deb Kaehler Ushers: (8:30) Ken Varland (10:30)P/P: (8:30) Dyan Miller (10:30)

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	Weekly Offering		YTD Offering		YTD Budget	
3/10 General Offering	\$	9,200.25	\$	87,554.40	\$	102,504.40
3/10 Building Fund	\$	50,610.00	\$	64,788.00	\$	10,576.90
TOTAL:	\$	59,810.25	\$	152,342.40	\$	113,081.30
3/10 World Hunger	\$	90.00	\$	2,145.00		

ATTENDANCE	8:30AM Sun.	10:30AM Sun.	6:30PM Wed.
3/10/24	106	60	119