

2 Lent



March 1, 2026

# Gathering

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

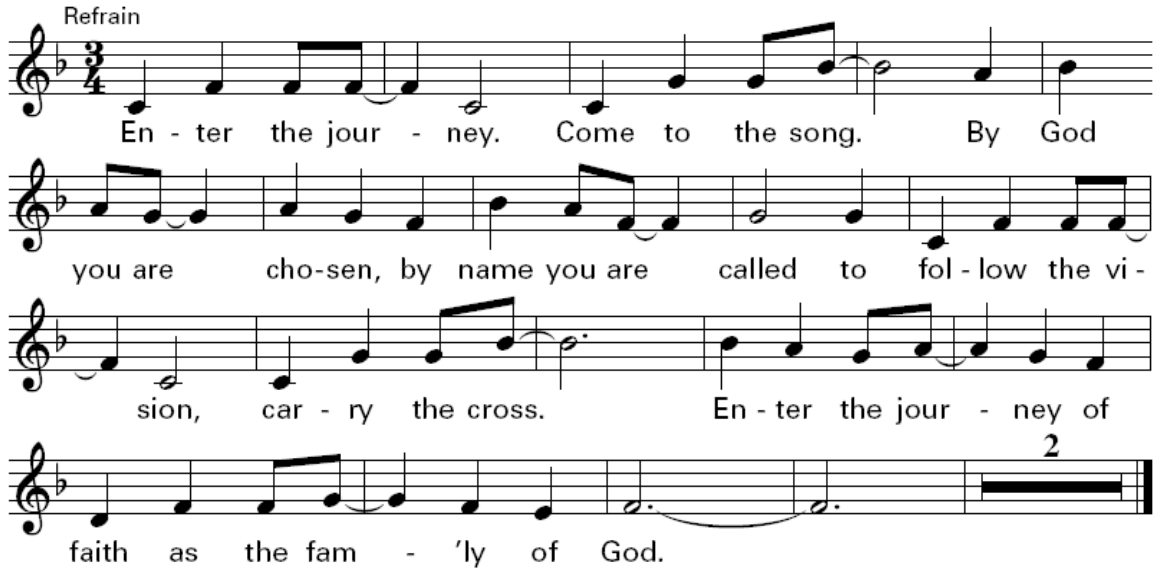
## Welcome & Announcements

### Gathering Hymn

### “Enter the Journey”

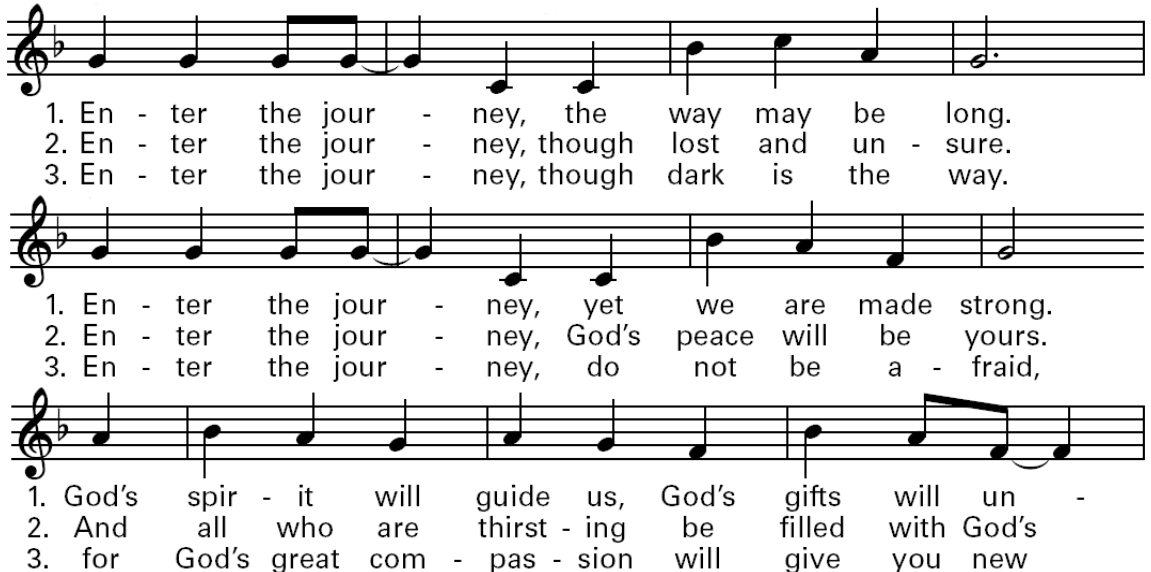
OCP vs 1-3

Refrain



En - ter the jour - ney. Come to the song. By God  
you are cho-sen, by name you are called to fol - low the vi -  
sion, car - ry the cross. En - ter the jour - ney of  
faith as the fam - 'ly of God.

### Verses



1. En - ter the jour - ney, the way may be long.  
2. En - ter the jour - ney, though lost and un - sure.  
3. En - ter the jour - ney, though dark is the way.

1. En - ter the jour - ney, yet we are made strong.  
2. En - ter the jour - ney, God's peace will be yours.  
3. En - ter the jour - ney, do not be a - fraid,

1. God's spir - it will guide us, God's gifts will un -  
2. And all who are thirst - ing be filled with God's  
3. for God's great com - pas - sion will give you new

1. fold. En - ter the jour - ney of hope!  
 2. grace. En - ter the jour - ney of faith!  
 3. sight. En - ter the jour - ney of light!

to Refrain

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## Confession and Forgiveness

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: We confess to you, most loving God, the sins that both bind and scatter us. We have knowingly believed dishonest words. We have questioned your gracious power again and again. We have given into temptation. We have acted out of fear, placing blame on others yet holding ourselves apart. In our disbelief and confusion, we have hurt our neighbors and ourselves. Gather us back to you. Forgive us, free us, and make us whole for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Friends, beloved of God, Jesus came not to condemn the world but that all might be saved through him. In the name of + Christ your sins are forgiven. May God unbind your guilt and shame, lead you by the Spirit, and bring you to wholeness in abundant life.

**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.**

## Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Living God, we come looking for signs of your heavenly kingdom. When certainty binds our spirits, astonish us and confound our expectations. Bring us through water and Spirit to trust that you speak of what you know; Birth us into the mystery that you desire to give all eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Anthem

Scott Hogan

**"To the Desert, Follow Me" – Sarah Hart**

## Word

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

**Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 121**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

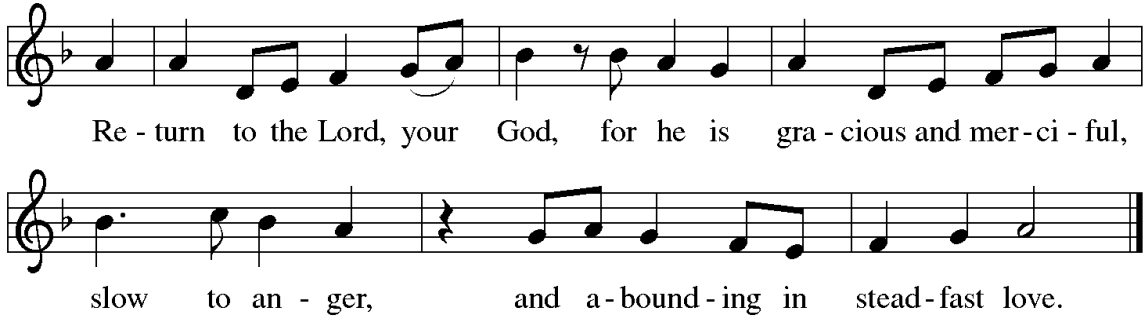
<sup>5</sup> the Lord watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

### 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.

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: John 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

**Sermon**

**Pastor Amy**

**Hymn of the Day**

**“God Loved the World”**

**ELW #323 vs 1,2&4**

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave  
his only Son the lost to save,  
that all who would in him believe  
should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
who was made flesh and suffered death;  
all who confide in Christ alone  
are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
forgives all sins that you have done,  
and justified by Jesus' blood,  
your baptism grants the highest good.

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.

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

"Make Me a Servant"

Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek.  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be.  
Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,  
make me a ser - vant to - day.

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## Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

## 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 servers. 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,

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts,

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

## Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer *(We pray with these words, or the words closest to your heart.)*

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the World; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take aw - ay the  
sin of the world; gr - ant us pe - ace, grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn

## “Blessed Assurance”

ELW #638

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

### *Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

## Communion Hymn

## “How Great Thou Art”

ELW #856

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

### *Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*
  
- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*
  
- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859-1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989.

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## Communion Blessing and Prayer

### Benediction

### Sending Hymn

### "Lift High the Cross"

**ELW #660 vs 1-3**

#### *Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
  
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
  
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace, forgiven, whole, and free.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***In Our Prayers This Week:***

Linda Brown, Russ Brown, Roger Davis, Alex Fenske, Olivia Finden, Eloise Finstad,  
Marj Frederickson, Dorothy Gramstad, Brad Haynes, Gene Haynes, Ashley Hendricksen-  
Rasche, Marilyn Hudson, Jim Hulke, JJ Johnson, Mavis Jones, Dale Nelson,  
George Putnam, Karyl Putnam, Verne Radloff, Sharon Riser, JoAnn Saffert,  
Marge Schmidt, Randy Schottle, Marilyn Stuckey

Family of Claire Jeske, Family of Michael Simpson



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**Director of Music Ministries:** Thomas Maidl

**Associate Pastor:** Amy Karlson  
**Facilities Manager:** Scott Kathman  
**Office Administrator:** Jen Geiger

**Pianist:** Jody Braulick  
**Deacon:** (8:30) Kari Christopherson  
**Acolytes:** (8:30) Lyla Krenz, Weston Lee  
 (10:30) August Kveno, Alex Marti  
**Communion Server:** (8:30) Marlene Ingebritson  
**Lector:** (8:30) Jill Curry  
**Ushers:** (8:30) David Curry  
**P/P:** (8:30)

**A/V:** Jeff Julien  
 (10:30) Coryn Enck  
 (10:30) Linda Postel  
 (10:30) Amanda Neidecker  
 (10:30)  
 (10:30) Lois Aufderheide

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	<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>YTD Offering</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<b>2/22</b> General Offering	\$ 13,037.72	\$ 72,490.13	\$ 83,330.80
<b>2/22</b> Building Fund	\$ 3,509.00	\$ 8,958.00	\$ 8,461.52
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 16,546.72</b>	<b>\$ 81,448.13</b>	<b>\$ 91,792.32</b>
<b>2/22</b> World Hunger	\$ 181.00	\$ 1,289.00	

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>8:30AM Sun.</b>	<b>10:30AM Sun.</b>	<b>6:30PM Wed.</b>
2/22/26	100	65	96