

FIRST  
*Sunday*  
OF LENT



March 9, 2025

# Gathering

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

Welcome & Announcements

**Gathering Hymn**

**“With All I Am” – Mike Nelson**

**vs 1-3**

*Refrain*


With all I am I come with hum - ble heart,  
I come with soul re - joic - ing to do your will.  
With all I am, All I can  
Vs. 1  
be, all I of - fer I of - fer for you. All Things were  
made through Him the Word of God. Let it be our mi - ssion  
Lord, to show your light.

*Refrain*

Verse 2

U - pon a wood - en cross you gave your life for us  
sin - ners of this earth, to live a - new.

### Verse 3



Out of the dark-ness Lord, your truth shines forth for all  
those who've lost their way and need your light.

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 lyrics are written below the notes.

*Refrain*

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### Call to Confession

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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

### Prayer of Confession

P: Compassionate One,

**C: 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.**

### Forgiveness

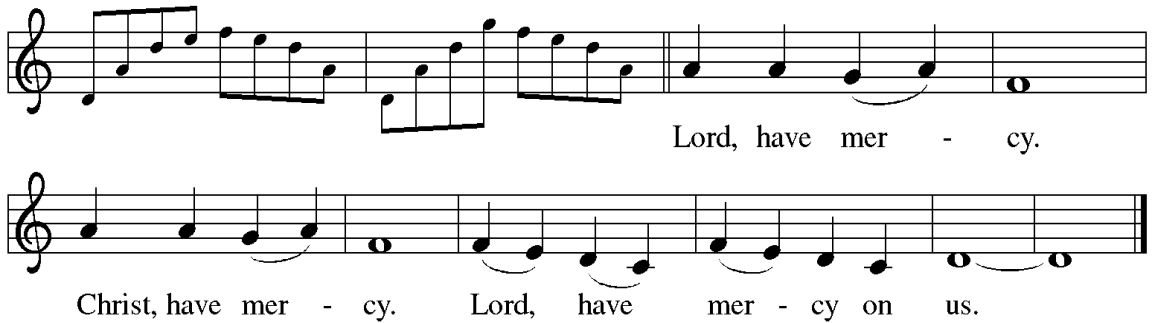
P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **C: Amen.**

### 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: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Word

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

### Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this

place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter four.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

### Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup> and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

**Sermon**

**“ ‘If’ or ‘Because’ ”**

**Pastor Ted Kunze**

**Hymn of the Day**

**“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”**

**ELW #451**

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| <p>1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus,<br/>we are baptized in his death;<br/>that as Christ is raised victorious,<br/>we might live a brand new life.<br/>And if we have been united<br/>in a dreadful death like his,<br/>we will all be reunited, for he lives.</p> | <p>2 In the water and the witness,<br/>in the breaking of the bread,<br/>in the waiting arms of Jesus<br/>who is risen from the dead,<br/>God has made a new beginning<br/>from the ashes of our past;<br/>in the losing and the winning we hold fast.</p> |
| <p>3 Glory be to God the Father,<br/>glory be to Christ the Son,<br/>glory to the Holy Spirit,<br/>ever three and ever one;<br/>as it was in the beginning,<br/>glory now resounds again<br/>in a song that has no ending. Amen.</p>                                 | <p>Text: John C. Ylvisaker<br/>Text © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker</p>   |

Apostles’ Creed (8:30)

**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.**

**Baptism of Kezlyn Ariya Cooreman (10:30)**

*Kezlyn is the daughter of Chad & Asha Cooreman. Her baptismal sponsors are Chelsea Cooreman, Erik Cooreman, and Shane Harazin & Melissa McMullen. May God's blessing be upon this child.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support *Kezlyn*, and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ? **C: We do.**



**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

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



P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.**

Hymn (10:30)

**"Jesus Loves Me!"**

**ELW #595 vs 1**

1	Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.	<i>Refrain</i>	Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
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Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

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.

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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.**

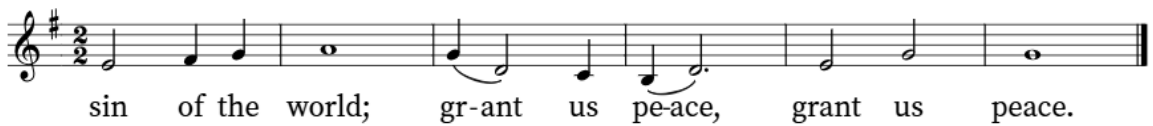
### Words of Institution

#### The Lord’s Prayer

**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



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## Communion Hymn

## "On Eagle's Wings"

ELW #787

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

### *Refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*
- 4 For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

### *Final refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand;  
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

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## Communion Hymn

## “Here is Bread, Here is Wine”

ELW #483

### Verse 1

Here is bread here is wine  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Break the bread drink the wine  
Christ is with us here

### Chorus

In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here

### Verse 2

Here is grace here is peace  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Know His grace find His peace  
Feast on Jesus here *Chorus*

### Verse 3

Here we are joined in one  
Christ is with us He is with us  
We'll proclaim 'til He comes  
Jesus crucified *Chorus*

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## Communion Blessing and Prayer

### Benediction

## Sending Hymn

## “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

ELW #335 vs 1,2&4

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

### Refrain

In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

### Dismissal

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**Senior Pastor:** Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner  
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**Director of Music Ministries:** Thomas Maidl

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**Office Administrator:** Jen Geiger

**Pianist:** Tom Maidl  
**Deacon:** (8:30) Lexi Uhl  
**Acolytes:** (8:30) Chael Johnson, Braedon Lambrecht  
 (10:30) Karli Horner, Liam Horner

**A/V:** Jeff Julien  
 (10:30) Kari Christopherson

**Communion Server:** (8:30) Joan Krikava

(10:30) Lisa Larson

**Lector:** (8:30) Joan Krikava

(10:30) Deb Egeland

**Ushers:** (8:30) Jim Schmidt  
 (10:30)

**P/P:** (8:30)

(10:30) Amanda Neidecker

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	<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>YTD Offering</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<b>3/2</b> General Offering	\$ 9,474.00	\$ 79,830.94	\$ 92,122.11
<b>3/2</b> Building Fund	\$ 740.00	\$ 11,548.00	\$ 9,519.21
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 10,214.00</b>	<b>\$ 91,378.94</b>	<b>\$ 101,641.32</b>
<b>3/2</b> World Hunger	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,680.00	

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>8:30AM Sun.</b>	<b>10:30AM Sun.</b>	<b>6:30PM Wed.</b>
3/2/25	124	53	102

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

Russ Brown, Eloise Finstad, Dixie Flitter, Brad Haynes, Gene Haynes, Marilyn Hudson, Lyndon Jones, Kru Medina, Treacy Meyer, Dyan Miller, Karyl Putnam, Verne Radloff, Sharon Riser, Marge Schmidt, Family of Jim Senske