

## **Ash Wednesday** **February 14, 2024**

In Person worship, Saturday, 5 pm on the first Saturday of the month  
Sunday at 8 am and 10:30 am on the first Sunday of the month  
All Sunday 10:30 am services will be livestream on Facebook

*On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly gathers in silence.*

#### **GATHERING**

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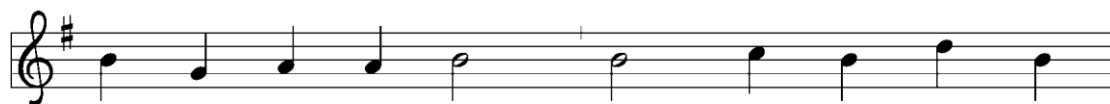
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.*

**GATHERING SONG GATHERING SONG *The Glory of These Forty Days* (ELW 320)**

## The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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### \*GREETING

*The assembly stands. The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD**

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

**FIRST READING: Joel 2:1–2, 12–17**

*Because of the coming Day of the Lord, the prophet Joel calls the people to a community lament. The repentant community reminds God of his gracious character and asks God to spare the people, lest the nations doubt God's power to save.*

Blow the trumpet in Zion;

    sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

    Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,

    for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near —

<sup>2</sup>a day of darkness and gloom,

    a day of clouds and thick darkness!

    Like blackness spread upon the mountains

    a great and powerful army comes;

    their like has never been from of old,

    nor will be again after them

    in ages to come.

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD,

    return to me with all your heart,

    with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

<sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing.

    Return to the LORD, your God,

    for he is gracious and merciful,

    slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,

    and relents from punishing.

<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,

    and leave a blessing behind him,

    a grain offering and a drink offering

    for the LORD, your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;

    sanctify a fast;

    call a solemn assembly;

<sup>16</sup>gather the people.

    Sanctify the congregation;

    assemble the aged;

    gather the children,

    even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her canopy.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.  
Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,  
and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
a byword among the nations.  
Why should it be said among the peoples,  
'Where is their God?'"

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 51:1–17**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.  
<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**  
<sup>3</sup>For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.  
<sup>4</sup>**Against 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.**  
<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.  
<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**  
<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.  
<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**  
<sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.  
<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**  
<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.  
<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**  
<sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways | to offenders,  
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.

**<sup>14</sup>Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, o- | pen my lips,  
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.

**<sup>16</sup>For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.  
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10**

*The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.*

<sup>20b</sup>We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

<sup>2</sup>For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

**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: Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.*

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in

heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

*The gospel concludes:*  
The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Savior, When in Dust to You (ELW 601)*

## Savior, When in Dust to You



1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom-age due;  
2 By your help-less in-fant years, by your life of want and tears,  
3 By your hour of dire de-spair, by your ag-o-ny of prayer,  
4 By your deep ex-pir-ing groan, by the sad se-pul-chral stone,



when, re-pen-tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes;  
by your days of deep dis-tress in the sav-age wil-der-ness,  
by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc-ing spear, and tor-turing scorn,  
by the vault whose dark a-bode held in vain the ris-ing God,



oh, by all your pains and woe suf-fered once for us be-low,  
by the dread, mys-te-rious hour of the in-sult-ing tempt-er's pow'r,  
by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread-ful sac-ri-fice,  
oh, from earth to heav'n re-stored, might-y, re-as-cend-ed Lord,



bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
turn, oh, turn a fa-v'ring eye; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
lis-ten to our hum-ble sigh; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.  
Music: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry, 1841–1903

### INVITATION TO LENT

*The assembly is seated. The presiding minister invites the assembly into the discipline of Lent.*

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's



mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

#### **+CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The presiding minister leads the following or another confession.*

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

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Most holy and merciful God,

**we confess to you and to one another,  
and before the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned by our fault,  
by our own fault,  
by our own most grievous fault,  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*People may come forward to receive the ashes.*

*Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:*

**Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**

*After those who desire ashes have received them, all may kneel or sit, and the minister continues.*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Let us pray.

*A brief silence.*

You call us to return to you, steadfast God. Renew a right spirit within the church and cleanse the hearts of your people. Strengthen those who proclaim your gospel in word and deed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You sustain your creation, generous God. Supply all that is needful for life to flourish. Protect endangered species and fragile habitats. Teach us to live lightly upon the earth and to honor it as our home. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You seek justice and peace, righteous God. Rebuild cities and homelands devastated by war (*regions in conflict may be named*). Provide welcome, help, and safety to refugees. Prosper negotiations that lead to lasting peace among the nations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You care for all people, loving God. Heal any who are scarred by violence, addiction, or trauma of any kind. Comfort those who grieve and bring relief to any in pain. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You gather this assembly, abiding God. Unite us in serving our neighbors and working for justice. We pray for caregivers and people who are hospitalized, in treatment, or recovering from illness (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You redeem us from death, faithful God. We give thanks for those who served you in the church (*especially Cyril and Methodius, missionaries, whom we commemorate today*). Bring us with all the saints into everlasting joy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **OFFERING (ELW p. 144)**

#### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

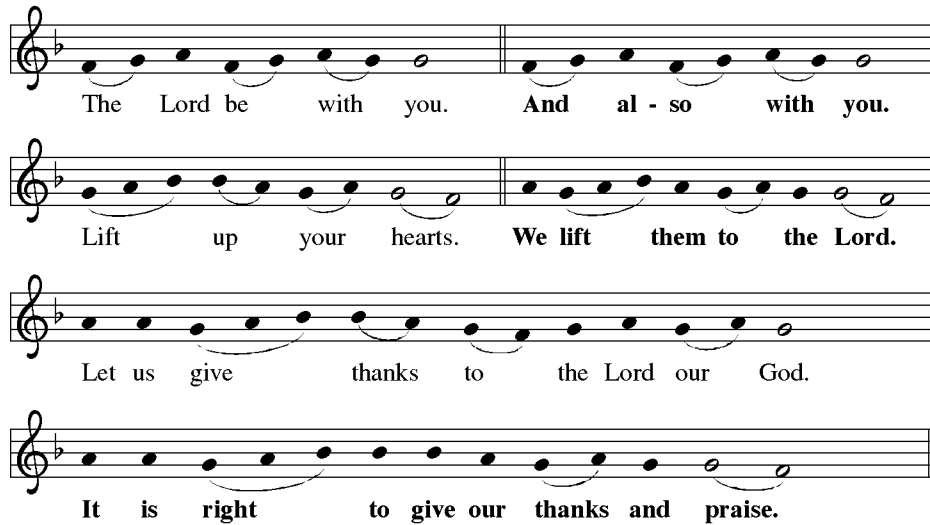
Let us pray.

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.**

## DIALOGUE

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*



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.

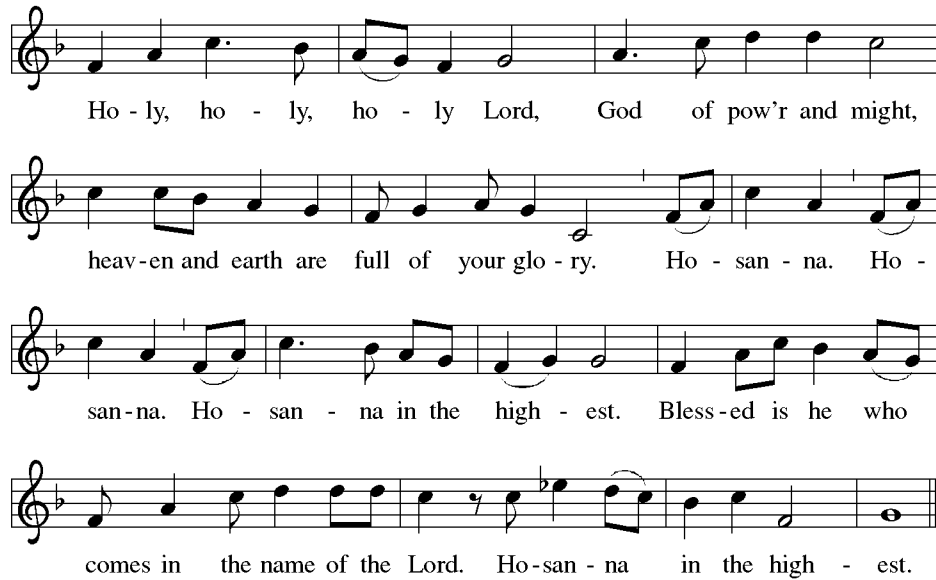
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name 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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

Holy God,  
 our living Water and our merciful Guide,  
 together with rivers and seas, wells and springs  
 we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,  
 and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,  
 who joined us in our desert,  
 pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

#### **COMMUNION**

*We welcome to the Lord's Table all visitors who are eligible to receive the Sacrament in their home congregation. After the worship assistants have communed, the ushers will direct the congregation to the altar. Please take a glass as you come to the altar. Kneel (or stand) to receive the bread and wine (or grape juice).*

*Return to the pew by the center aisle after placing the empty glass in the tray held by an usher. Children and those who do not receive communion, may come forward for a blessing.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*  
Amen.

**\*TABLE BLESSING**

*The presiding minister may say a table blessing, and the assembly responds*  
The body and blood of our Lord  
Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assisting minister leads the following 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.**

**SENDING**

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

**\*BLESSING**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*  
Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and ✝ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Be Thou My Vision* (ELW 793)



## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

*During the Lenten season there will be no postlude. Please use this time to reflect on your own Lenten journey.*

### QUIET REFLECTION

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**Prayer Requests** – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to the person leading service prior to start of service.

**Pastoral Coverage** –Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request.

**Reminder: Hospital visits** -The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

**Attendance for February 4, 2023** 66 in person, 131 views online and 3 shares as of February 8, 2024..

**Sponsoring bulletins and flowers** is a great way to honor a special event in your loved ones' lives or to remember a loved one who has died. (Please only two vases of flowers per week.) Flowers are now \$15.00 a vase. If flowers are not sponsored, this is an added cost to the church. **The charts are on the bulletin board for 2024.** There are many empty spaces on the charts.

Due to the current situation, please check with Linda in the office before any doors will be unlocked to gain access to the church during the regular office hours. Any questions, see any council member.

For pastoral emergencies after office hours, you may call Pastor Ken McDowell at 610-207-4783. Please remember this is for pastoral emergencies only, otherwise please call the church office during regular office hours. Please remember, most hospitals no longer notify the church of people being admitted, so please contact the church if you or a family member has been admitted.

On Sunday Feb 11, service at 10:30 am will be led by our own Brian Staller. Please give him a big St. Paul's thank you.

On Sunday Feb 18, service at 10:30 am will be led by Rev. Carl Filer. Please give him a big St. Paul's welcome.

**Mark your calendar:** Ash Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> there will only be a service at 7 pm. During Holy Week, there will only be the Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, service at 10:30 am, and the Easter service, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 10:30 am. You are encouraged to attend another church on Maudy Thursday and Good Friday. Suggestions will be announced in March.

There will not be mid-week Lenten services at the church this year. You are invited to attend these services at St. Paul's UCC.

On Sunday, February 11th, Social Ministry will sponsor Souper Bowl Sunday. Any food items donated will be given to the Sch. Haven Food Pantry and monetary donations will be given to the Pottsville Soup Kitchen. Thank you for your generosity.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Palm Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall for children up to and including those in grade 6. Advance registration is requested by March 17. To register your child(ren) sign sheet on bulletin board in back of church or email Reba at [llewell@verizon.net](mailto:llewellyn@verizon.net) or text or call 570-527-5116. Please leave child's name and age.

Egg Hunt Donations – Filled plastic eggs will be appreciated for the children's Egg Hunt on March 24. Please bring egg donations to the church by March 17 and place on table in the back of the fellowship hall. To sign up your donation, please sign sheet on bulletin board in back of the church or email Reba at [llewell@verizon.net](mailto:llewellyn@verizon.net) or text or call 570-527-5116. Thank you in advance for your donation.

We will be assembling health kids for Lutheran World Relief again this year during the Lenten Season. Please see the insert placed in bulletins starting Ash Wednesday, February 14 for details.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

February 11- Souper Bowl Sunday -no communion  
February 14- 7 pm Ash Wednesday service  
March 24- Palm Sunday service  
March 28- Maundy Thursday no service  
March 29- Good Friday no service  
March 31- Easter service

### **STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:**

Synod/ELCA Benevolence                      \$72.30

Local Benevolence	\$449.29
Current	\$2230.50
Capital Building Fund	\$25.00
Plate Offering	\$76.00
Initial	\$11.00
<b><u>Total Received</u></b>	<b><u>\$2864.09</u></b>

### **"THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"**

**Today:** 10:30 am Worship Service

**Monday:** 10 am Prayer Shawl

**Wednesday:** 7 pm Ash Wednesday Worship service

**Thursday:** 6 pm Bell Choir

**Next Sunday:** 10:30 am Worship Service

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Mon: Psalm 110:1-4; Exodus 19:7-25; Hebrews 2:1-4

Tues: Psalm 110:1-4; Job 19:23-27; 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Wed: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thu: Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:1-14; 1 John 1:3-10

Fri: Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:15-25a; 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Sat: Psalm 25:1-10; Psalm 32; Matthew 9:2-13

### **ASSISTING AT WORSHIP**

**Greeter:**

**Lector:**

**Ushers:**

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