

First Lutheran Church, Findlay OH
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GATHERING

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

Announcements/Prelude – Beautiful Savior

PAXTON

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Song *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.

Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.

Greeting

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

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Christ, Have Mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Lord, in the midst of hardship, you bring comfort; in sorrow, you bring joy; in fear, you bring faith; in division, you bring unity. Come near all your beloved children today: guard us, guide us, and fill us with your love and peace. Amen.**

WORD

We hear together God's Word for us today.

First Reading: John 4:23-24

A reading from John

²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

"The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Lenten Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

A reading from the book of Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

The Word of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Moment

Hymn of the Day *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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.

Offering *The Old Rugged Cross* WOOD

Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Hymn *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Response to Lord in your mercy... **Hear our Prayer.**

that the gospel may take root in us and spread everywhere; *Lord in your mercy...*
that the earth may be restored and protected; *Lord in your mercy...*
that peace and justice may flow within us and from us,
that all nations and those in authority may serve and shield the vulnerable,
that our community may be a light to the world. *Lord in your mercy...*

We pray for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, and lonely,
for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit,
for First Lutheran Church, and those on our prayer list; Lord *in your mercy...*
for the faithful departed, who have joined the church triumphant. *Lord in your
mercy...*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and
mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Christ, Thou Art My Life*

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