

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

* stand +kneel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE What Wondrous Love Is This Mark Hayes arr. Marvin Gaspard

◆*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

† forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG** (*Sunday only*)
“What Wondrous Love is This”

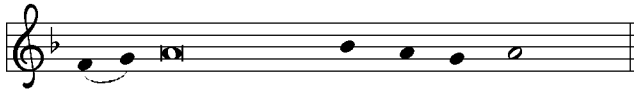
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GREETING

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.

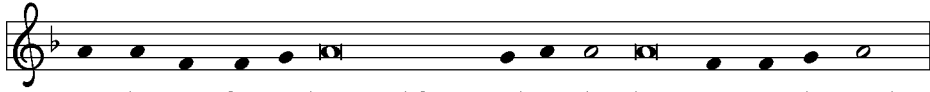
◆ **KYRIE** *spoken Saturday Sung on Sunday*(Setting 5)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



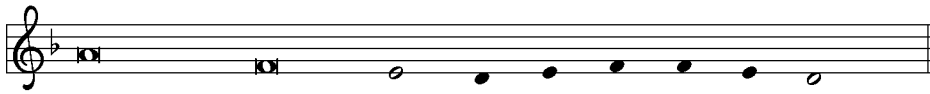
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through 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

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

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

PSALM: Psalm 130

¹Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, | hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,
O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plentiful redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

◆ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *spoken Saturday Sung on Sunday (Setting 5)*



***GOSPEL: John 11:1-45**

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.
²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.”
⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”
¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”
³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him,

“Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** (Sunday Only)

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

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The assembly may be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30 am only)

PRESENTATION

The presiding minister addresses the assembly in these words.

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors present the candidate.

We present Kayce David Kahl for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents.

Called by the Holy Spirit,
trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have Kayce David
baptized into Christ?

Response: We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism,
you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Kayce David in the Christian faith
as you are empowered by God's Spirit,
and to help him live in the covenant of baptism
and in communion with the church?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support Kayce David
and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

The assembly stands.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

The assembly may join in the responses.

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

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

Response: I renounce them.

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

Response: I renounce them.

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

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the baptismal group and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The presiding minister leads the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family,
and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you set us free from the power of sin and death
and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word,
that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

The assembly may be seated. Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Kayce David Kahl I baptize you in the name of the Father,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:
and of the Son,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

After the baptism, the assembly responds with the following,
**Blessed be God, the source of all life,
the word of salvation,
the spirit of mercy.**

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit

you give your daughters and sons new birth,
cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain Kayce David Kahl with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Kayce David, child of God,
you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child)

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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.**

***APOSTLES CREED (5PM AND 8 AM ONLY)**

**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.**

The assembly kneels or sits.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe (*specific synods, dioceses, or congregations may be named*), and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing (*local natural places may be named*). Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from systems of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness (*especially*). You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation (*specific ensembles may be named*) and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; 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.

BELL ANTHEM 10:30am only

Meditations On The Cross arr. Bill Ingram

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING (Sunday Only)

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
During this time, the table is set.*

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands

***OFFERTORY** (Sunday Only)

“Let the Vineyards”

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◆ OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

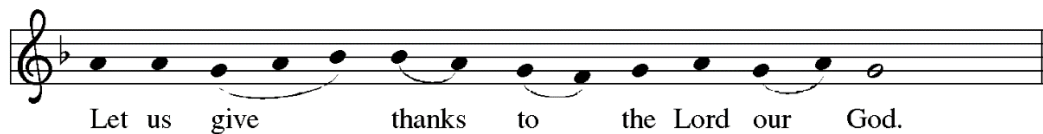
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

***DIALOGUE** Spoken Saturday Sung On Sunday (Setting 5)



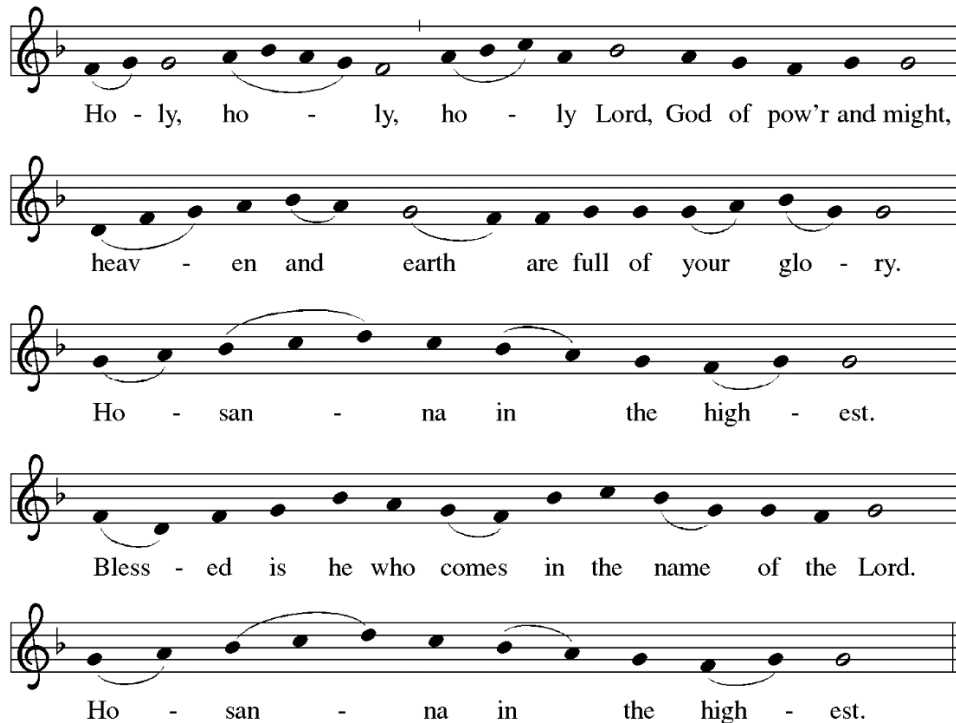
◆ PREFACE

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** *Spoken Saturday Sung On Sunday*



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 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**

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 those 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

THE 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

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

*COMMUNION SONG *Spoken Saturday Sung Sunday(Setting 5)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. Beginning with the lectern side of the church, please come down the center aisle, and take a glass as you come forward. Receive the bread from the pastor then the wine from the communion assistant, and return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your used glass in the tray at the side aisle. Children who do not yet receive communion and those who do not wish to receive, 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 says 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**

Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.
Amen.

SENDING

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

***BLESSING**

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.
Amen.

***SENDING SONG (Sunday only)**

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God. We will!

POSTLUDE

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One vase of altar flowers has been placed in memory Earl Sholl presented by his daughters Faye Williams and Helen Miller and their families.

Important Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

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 Pastor Fryer prior to start of service. Please direct Pastoral care requests in the same way.

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 March 19, 2023 61 physically present, 110 views online, 2 shares as of March 21, 2023.

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 2023. There are many empty spaces on the charts.

"Hero Hotline" VBS will be held June 11-15, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:30 in the pavilion. Children from ages 2 and up to including those completing 6th grade are invited to join "Hero Hotline" VBS. To register complete the registration form found on the table in the back of the church and give to a Sunday School teacher or place in the Christian Education mailbox. In order to make sure that we have enough materials for all students, we ask that you register by May 28, 2023.

The Synod Assembly will be held this year on June 2nd and 3rd at Kalahari Resort. The church is responsible to send two voting members from the congregation. There is not a date set yet for the registration deadline.

The Summer Hill Cemetery Association has scheduled a work day in the cemetery for April 1. We request that any decorations or flower boxes that any members would wish to keep be removed by this date. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 22 for details.

This year we will not be having services on Wednesday evenings during Lent. St. Paul's UCC has stated that all would be welcome there to worship with them at 7 pm each week after Ash Wednesday. There will also be services at Jerusalem Lutheran at 6:30 pm. There will be a supper each week at 5:30 pm if you wish to attend.

Easter Egg Hunt will be held Palm Sunday, April 2 at 2:00 PM in the pavilion for children up to and including those in grade 6. Advance registration requested by March 26. To register your child(ren) sign sheet on bulletin board in back of church or email Reba at llewell@verizon.net or text or call 570-527-5116. Please leave name of child and age.

Egg Hunt Donations – Filled plastic eggs will be appreciated for the children's Egg Hunt scheduled for April 2. Please bring egg donations to the church by Sunday, March 26 and placed on table in back of fellowship hall. To sign up your donation, please sign sheet on bulletin board in back of church or email Reba at llewell@verizon.net or text or call 570-527-5116. Thank you in advance for your donation.

The Schuylkill Cooperative Ministry is sponsoring a free movie night on Friday May 12th. The movie will be "Wonder" and will start at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30. The event will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church Friedensburg. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Linda Covert at Jerusalem Lutheran Church Schuylkill Haven by April 30 at 570-385-2657. Website www.jerusalemchurch.com. Any questions see Marlene Troxell or Brian Staller.

Council made the difficult decision to modify the worship schedule. Effective May 2023, Saturday evening services will be limited to the first Saturday of the month.

Student Loan applications are available in the library for the 2023-2024 academic year. Please return completed, signed applications to a member of the Student Loan Committee or the church office by April 23, 2023. Contact a member of the Student Loan Committee (Marlene Troxell, Trish Krause, Michael Troxell, Cindy Brown and Jessica Rollman) with any questions.

The Social Ministry schoolhouse will be in the narthex from March 25th until April 16th to accept items for our college students to have during their finals. Items to donate include snacks, pens, pencils, or any small appropriate items. Thank you for your generosity.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is being administered this morning to Kayce David Kahl, child of Kevin and Kathryn (Neubauer) Kahl. Sponsors are Brian Kahl and Jayce Glover.

The Jolly Quilters have two requests: Full size or larger bed sheets or any piece of material that size are needed to attach to the back of the quilts and 6 mo. to 24 mo. one or two piece baby suits are needed for the baby kits that are assembled and sent to Lutheran World Relief when the quilts are sent

every year. As always, if you would like to donate money instead, please place in an envelope marking what the money is to be used for and place it in the offering plate. Any questions, please contact the office. As a side note, the items collected for the personal care kits collected during Lent will be blessed when quilts and other items are blessed.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 31st- remove items from cemetery.

April 1- No service

April 2- Easter Egg Hunt at 2 pm

April 8- Spoken Easter service

April 9- 8 am and 10:30 am Easter service

April 16- deadline for schoolhouse items

April 23- deadline for Student Loan applications

May 28- Deadline to register for VBS

VBS- June 11-15th at 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:

Synod/ELCA Benevolence \$32.00

Local Benevolence \$240.00

Current \$1394.79

Capital Building Fund \$25.00

Plate Offering \$6.00

Lenten Offering \$37.00

Total Received \$1734.79

"THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

Today: 8 am and 10:30 am Holy Communion Service

9:15 am Sunday School

Monday: 10 am Prayer Shawl

Thursday: 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday: 5 pm Spoken Service with Holy Communion

Next Sunday: 8 am and 10:30 am Holy Communion Service

9:15 am Sunday School

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12

Tues: Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10

Wed: Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33

Thu: Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11

Fri: Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30

Sat: Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

Greeter: 8 am Eva Waldman **10:30 am** Matthew Platt

Acolyte: 8 am

Lector: 5 pm Debbie Hummel

8 am Charles Hawk, Sr. **10:30 am** Troy Hollenbach

Ushers: 8 am Eva Waldman **10:30 am** Becky Mairose

Counting Team: Kathie Faust, Debbie Hummel
Council Greeter: 5 pm Debbie Hummel
8 am Brian Staller **10:30 am** Debbie Hummel
Communion Assistants: 5 pm Debbie Hummel
8 am Brian Staller **10:30 am** Debbie Hummel

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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 dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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| 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace! | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n. |
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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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