

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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## **GATHERING**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PRELUDE**

### **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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.*

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.**

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.**

#### **GATHERING LITANY**

P- For these forty days, we journey with Jesus down the Lenten path. As we gather, we seek to experience the ways Christ's embodied life demonstrates God's love for us.

**C- We come with hearts open to learn.**

P- We will listen to stories of Jesus' life and of God's people, because they teach us how God calls us to live in the world.

**C- We come to learn from the stories of God's ancient people, Christ's life, and the church.**

P- We will pray as Jesus taught us and send each other back into daily life with a deeper connection to the life and love of Jesus.

**C- We come to learn how to live more fully in the embodied image of God.**

**GATHERING SONG** *This Little Light of Mine* (ELW 677)

## This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
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Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

### GREETING (ELW p. 138)

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

P- God incarnate,  
you have given us ears to hear your voice in the sounds of nature, music, and the voices of our siblings. Open our ears and our hearts to receive the gifts you have for us, and teach us to share these gifts with the world.

**C- Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

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

### **FIRST READING:** Acts 2:1-21

1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

18Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

19And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
20The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*The gospel concludes:*

P- The gospel of the Lord.

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

### **SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

### **PEACE**

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

P- The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C- 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.*

### **OFFERING**

## 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.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The final note of the fifth staff is a whole note G4.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

P- 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.

C- Amen.

## ALL\_ 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.**

**BLESSING**


P- May the Creator God, who made you whole,  
bless you in body and in spirit now and forever,  
C- **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Light Dawns on a Weary Worls* (ELW 726)


## Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



*Refrain*  
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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## DISMISSAL

P- Go in peace, open to the presence of Christ all around you.



## **C- Thanks be to God.**

There is no postlude during Lent. Please use the time for the postlude for a quiet reflection of your Lenten journey.

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One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Grayson Rollman's 14th Birthday presented by his grandparents Glenn & Helen Miller.

One vase of altar flowers has been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Regina Phillips by the Schwenk Family.

**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 the person leading service prior to start of service.

**Pastoral Coverage** –Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request. If you and/or a family member are ill at home and not able to attend church, please contact the church office so that Pastor Marie can bring communion to your home.

**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.

On the first weekend of every month there will be a donation collected for Helping Harvest. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the Pottsville Soup Kitchen after they closed.

The Cemetery Association has set April 12<sup>th</sup> as clean up day for the cemetery. Please remove any arrangements, that you would like to keep, by that date. Thank you for your cooperation.

Communion at the rail will be served on Easter Sunday.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Palm Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall for children up to and including those in grade 6. Advance registration is requested by April 6. To register your child(ren) sign sheet on bulletin board in back of church or email Reba at [llewell@verizon.net](mailto:llewell@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 April 13. Please bring egg donations to the church by the morning of April 13 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:llewell@verizon.net) or text or call 570-527-5116. Thank you in advance for your donation.

We will be assembling health kits for Lutheran World Relief again this year during the Lenten Season. Please see the insert placed in bulletins starting Ash Wednesday, March 5 for details.

Please see the bulletin board for sign up sheet for donations of food for the mid week Lenten meals held before the mid week Wednesday night services.

The Jolly Quilters are asking for donations of full, queen or king size sheets in good condition or new to use as backing for quilts.

The Social Ministry's schoolhouse will be in the narthex from Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> until Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be accepting donations of items to be sent to our college students, to have while they are studying for their final exams. Items to be donated include snacks, pens, pencils, or any other small appropriate items. The packages will be given to the students, whose families have provided us with their names and addresses. We thank everyone for their continuing generosity in donating to our project.

**DINNER AND A MOVIE:** Saturday April 5th after service.

**Movie: LIFE WITH DOG** See article in newsletter for description of movie.

The property committee has set April 26th as clean up day at church. Starting at 9 a.m.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

April 12 Cemetery clean up

April 13 Eatser Egg Hunt  
April 20 Communion at the rail

**"THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"**

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

**Monday:** Prayer Shawl

**Wednesday:** 7 pm Mid week Lenten service

**Thursday:** 6 pm Bell rehearsal

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

**ASSISTING AT WORSHIP**

**Greeter: 7 pm** Holly Maldonado

**Acolyte: 7 pm** Brian Staller

**Lector: 7 pm** Brian Staller

**Ushers: 7 pm** Holly Maldonado

**Counting Team:** Brian Staller, Holly Maldonado

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