



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

Children's resources, including activity bags, worship bulletins and booster seats, are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery care is provided at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Assistance in Worship: For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated and contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Grace Council Statement on Racism: Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

How do you see without light? While blindness is the presenting issue in today's reading from John, darkness is the deeper problem. Jesus works this sign against the backdrop of the Festival of Booths, at which the people lit four great lamps in the city to remember the pillar of fire that led them through the night as they moved from slavery into freedom. Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world." He is the great I AM, the one who first lit the cosmos when creation was born, the one who led the Israelites out of Egypt. Claiming lordship of the Sabbath, he cures the man before him, restoring him to sight. Jesus has no problem opening our eyes. But will we step into his light or choose to remain in the dark, persisting in our unbelief? This is the drama that plays out across John 9. By the end, this much is clear: Jesus is a Light that will not be dimmed, beckoning us out of the darkness, inviting us to follow him into freedom freely given.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

(8:30) Dearest Jesus, We Are Here, BWV 731

(11:00) String Quartet No. 1 (*Lyric*)

2. Molto adagio

Johann Sebastian Bach

George Walker

We stand to face the cross at the tolling of the bell.

PROCESSION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit

that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,

and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you

and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,

things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

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 the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

APOSTOLIC 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

(green) LBW #168



P Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris-te e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove,



you a - bound in gra - cious love, of all things the mak - er



and pre - serv - er. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O Christ, our king, sal - va - tion for



all you came to bring. O Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, our me -



di - a - tor at the heav'n-ly throne: hear our cry and grant our sup -



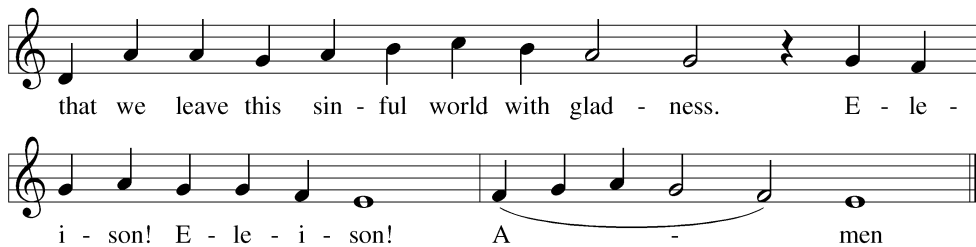
pli - ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, guard our



faith, the gift we need the most. And bless our life's last hour,



Text: Latin, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
Music: KYRIE, GOTT VATER, "Kyrie fons bonitatis," c. 800, adapt.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us.

By your gracious life and death for us,
bring light into the darkness of our hearts,
and anoint us with your Spirit,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1–13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ²Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.”

¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

℟ The Word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 ANTIPHON: You have anointed my head with oil. Aniello R. Barone

℟ The Lord | is my shepherd;*
I shall not | be in want.

☞ **He makes me lie down | in green pastures*
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

℟ He re- | vives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways | for his name’s sake.

☞ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall | fear no evil;*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

℟ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

☞ **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8–14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

℟ The Word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: John 8:12

Michael D. Costello

Jesus said: “I am the light of the world;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.”

HOLY GOSPEL: John 9:1–41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Light It Up

Pastor Dave R. Lyle

John 9:1–41

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Amazing Grace

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1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

NICENE CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING

(8:30) **VOLUNTARY:** Amazing Grace

(11:00) **VOLUNTARY:** Seven Last Words of Christ

Sonata 1: Largo (*"Father, forgive them"*)

Robert Hobby

Franz Joseph Haydn

We stand and sing as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men'.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and

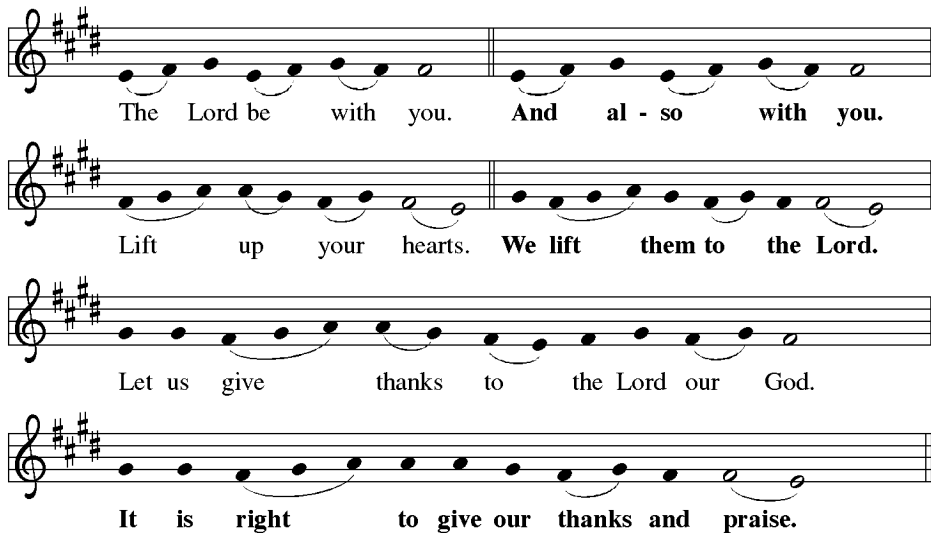
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



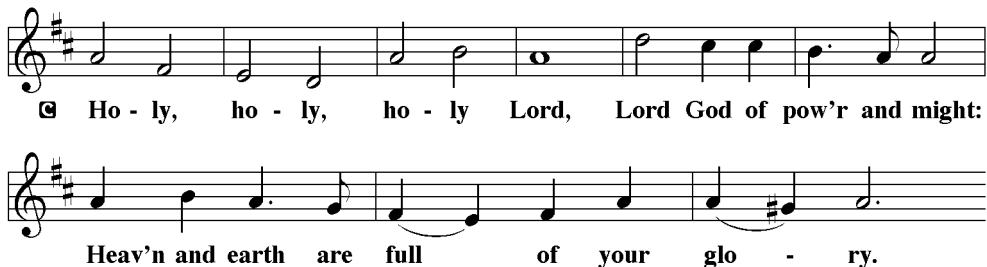
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

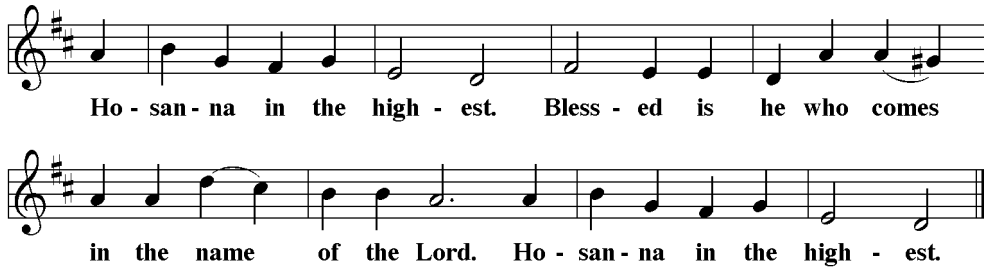
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.
You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast.
Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs
to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for the priceless grace you have bestowed upon us
through Jesus Christ, who died upon the tree of Calvary
and rose again to make us living branches,
drawing our life from him and bearing fruit in all 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.

Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and power,
to renew our faith as we receive our crucified and risen Lord
who comes to us in his body and blood.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

C **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.

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).

Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

(8:30) **ANTHEM:** Open My Eyes

K. Lee Scott

Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;

Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments.

O God, be my only Lord, and beside you let there be none else, no other, none else with you.

Teach me to worship you and serve you in all my undertakings

With truth of spirit, with honor of body, with blessing of mouth both in public and private. Amen.

Lancelot Andrewes, 1555–1626, alt.





1 Dear-est Je - sus, at your word we have come a - gain to
 2 All our knowl-edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark-ness
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of light from God pro -
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and ad - o -



hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in
 shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night, fill - ing
 ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light; help our
 ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most: your blest



glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is - es here
 us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and all good
 hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and songs may
 gos - pel's con - so - la - tion, while we here on earth a -



giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, adapt.
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have fed us with the bread of heaven, the body and blood of your Son. In your mercy, sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage, that faith in you might be revealed in acts of fervent love toward one another; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

☐ Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☑ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Christ the Life of All the Living

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1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Christ, the Life of All the Living

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister
Rebecca Dahlstrom, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

8:30

Dan Lehmann
Ellie Schnack, Mary Margaret Bartley
Ellen Claud, Paul Nelson
Julia Lehmann, Lois Harb
Scott Schwar, Alex Tan

Catherine Amato, Ellie Schnack
Parish Choir

Julia Lehmann, Sabrina Maggio
Allison and Avery Tan
Julie Hinz, Liz Hanson

Deacon
Lectors
Crucifer/Bible Bearer
Gift Bearers
Ushers

Altar Guild
Choir/Strings

Greeters

Livestream audio/video

11:00

Lori Martin
David and Carrie Simpson
Sadie Berg, Luke Murphy
Neal and Esther Armstrong
Mary Rasmusson,
Lance and Stephanie Wilkening
Roberta Gillespie, Gerlinde VanDriesen
The Kontras Quartet
Eleanor Bartsch, François Henkins, violinists
Ben Weber, violist
Jean Hatmaker, cellist
Susan Bogner, Kathryn Jandeska,
Bill Koehne

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TODAY, MARCH 19

Library Open (self-service, coffee) 8:15 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.
Worship – Holy Communion 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
New Member Class (Conference Room) 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School (3rd Floor Commons) 9:45 a.m.
Confirmation (School Library) 9:45 a.m.
Teen Talk (Youth Center) 9:45 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

Eagle Scout Board of Review (Seminar Room) 7:00 p.m.
Church Council (Conference Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Knitting Group (Church Library) 1:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts (3rd Floor Commons) 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

School Chapel..... 8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library)..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer..... 11:00 a.m.
Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall) 11:45 a.m.
Lenten Supper (Fellowship Hall)..... 6:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer..... 7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

GraceNotes Mailing Crew (Church Library) 9:00 a.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 p.m.
Board of Discipleship (Conference Room) 7:30 p.m.
Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

GriefShare (Church Library) 9:00 a.m.
Young Adult Theology on Tap (Offsite) 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Men of Grace (Youth Center) 9:00 a.m.
St. Matthew Passion Lecture (Sanctuary) 5:00 p.m.
St. Matthew Passion (Sanctuary) 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

St. Matthew Passion Lecture (Sanctuary) 3:00 p.m.
St. Matthew Passion (Sanctuary) 4:00 p.m.

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