

Sunday, February 22, 2026
First Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM

“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk
in darkness but will have the
light of life.”

John 8:12

Welcome to Worship!
As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome at the Lord's table. Holy Communion is God's Word made visible in bread and wine. At communion distribution, the BREAD is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cups. Gluten free options are available, as well.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services.

Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”
based on “Whole World” a traditional African- American Spiritual
Will Simpson, Organ arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

WELCOME

Pastor Lara Forbes

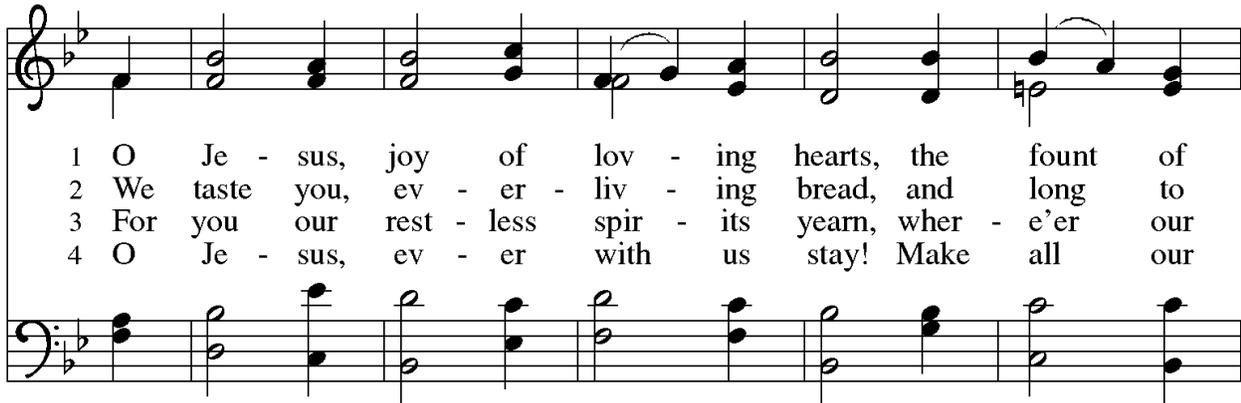
Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

**For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you,
for desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word,
for failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit;
for drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers;
for disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world;
for dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life;**

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love, gracious God. Amen.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. Holy God,
**our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your
grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Doug Johnson

WORD

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 8:12-20

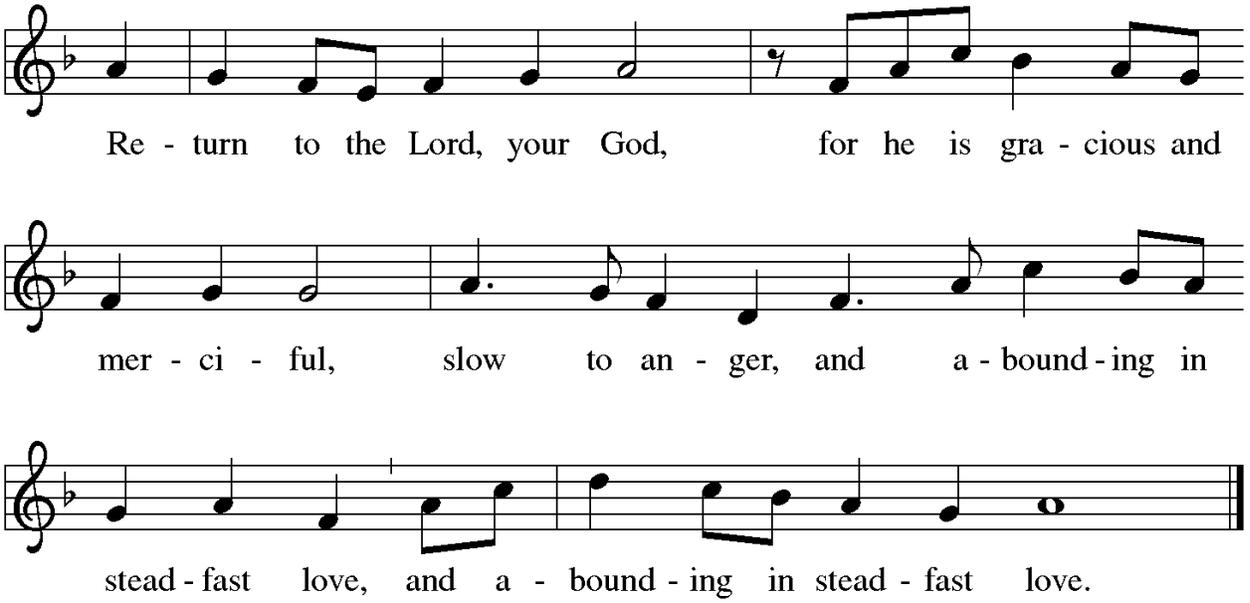
Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” Then the Pharisees said to him, “You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.” Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge but I and the Father who sent me. In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.”

Then they said to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

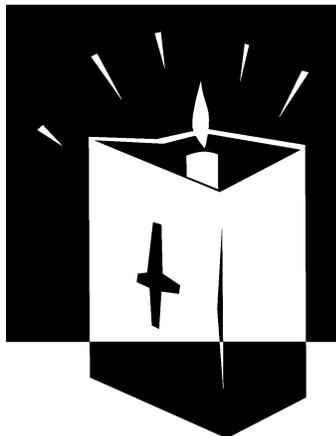


Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

SERMON

Pastor Lara Forbes

Please stand as you are able



HYMN

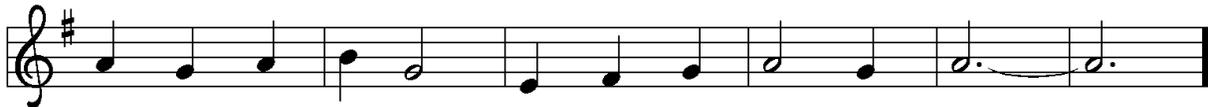
Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Trusting in God's baptismal promises, we affirm our faith using the words of the 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 power of 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.**

** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

THE PRAYERS

*After each petition, the leader will say. "Hear us , O God,"
Your response is, "**your mercy is great.**"*

THE PEACE

**The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.**

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lara

OFFERING Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

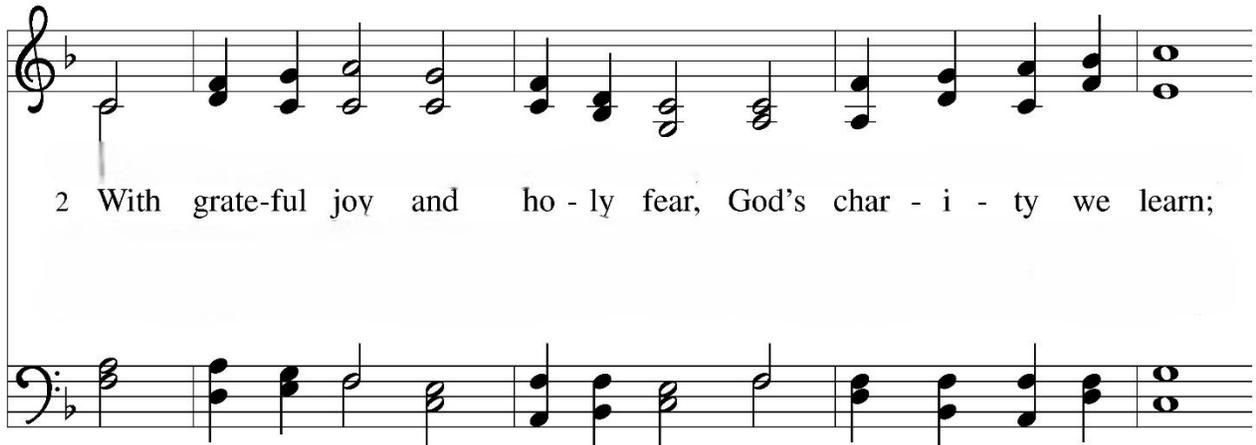
“Bread of the World”

arr. Daniel Burton

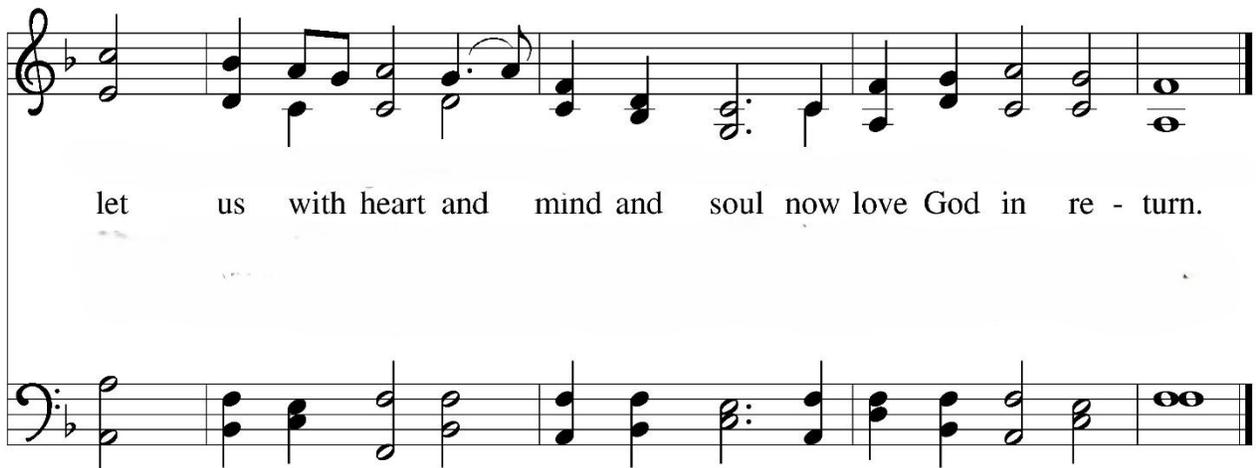
Melanie Grad, cello; Will Simpson, organ

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY VERSE



2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;



let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

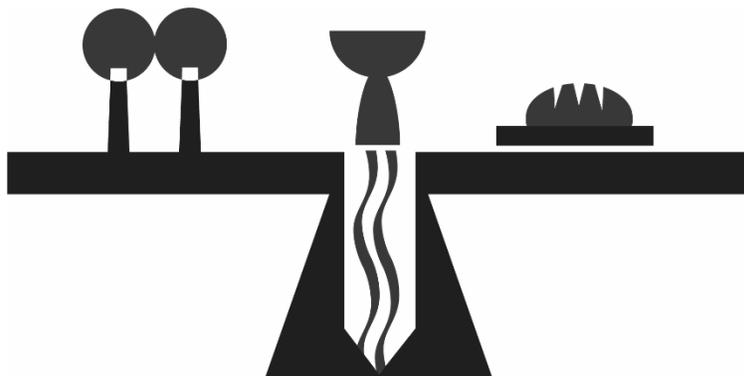
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

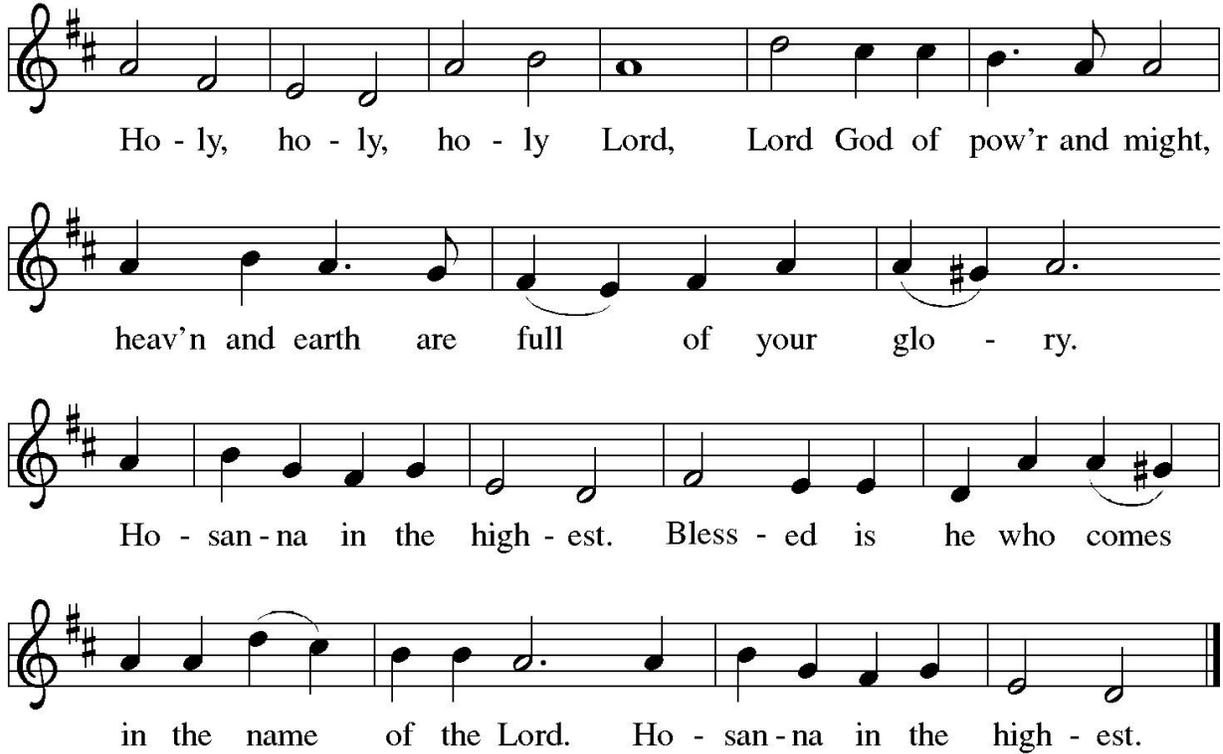
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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:



SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

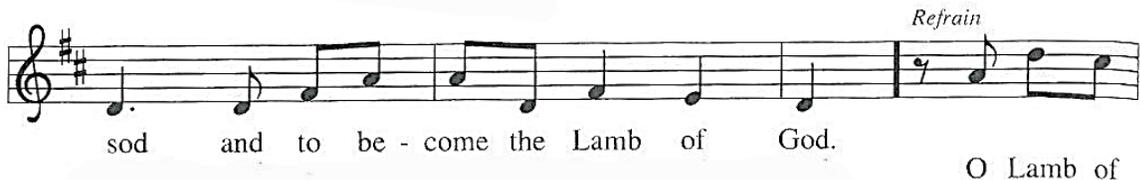
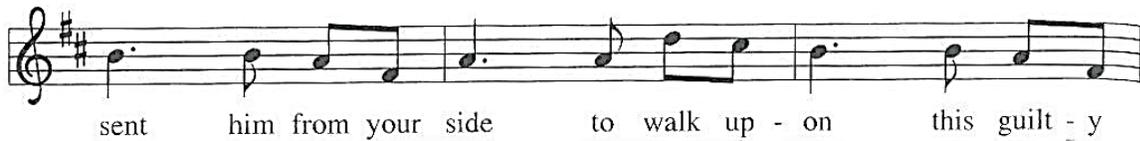
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come to the table.

The feast of grace is spread.

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed. All are invited and welcome at the Lord's table.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Today, Communion is received continuously at two stations.

Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION HYMN



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

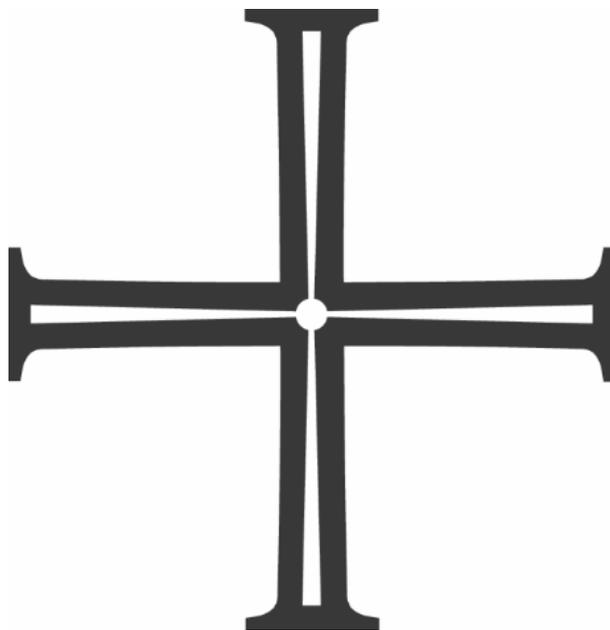
Let us pray together. God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

BLESSING

May God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✚ bless you now and always.
Amen.

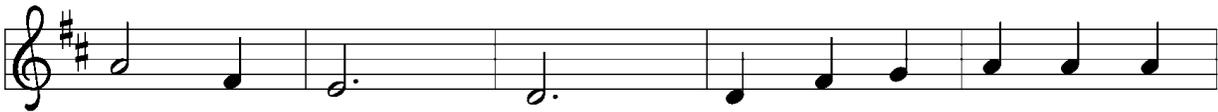


SENDING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Share God's love.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Raymond H. Haan
Melanie Grad, cello; Will Simpson, organ

The flowers today are given by Beverley Watt in loving memory of her husband Richard.



Thank you to all who are assisting with worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding*

Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Shana Nielsen, *Assisting Minister*

Jean Wahlstrom, *Lector*

Zoe Elien, *Acolyte*

Mark Davis and Art Gurtel, *Ushers*

Jay Baxter, *Altar Guild*

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Erik Nielsen, *Audio*

Liz Rudolph, *Coffee host*

**Worship Text for March 1
Second Sunday in Lent
John 9:1-40**

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Calendar

Sunday, February 22

9:00 AM Education Hour
Sunday School (preschool – 5th Grade)
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, February 23

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 24

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
11:45 AM Lent Devotions/Sack Lunch
7:00 PM Building and Property Committee
Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 25

7:00 PM JEDI Meeting

Thursday, February 26

6:00 PM ELF dinner
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 27

Office is closed

Saturday, February 28

Sunday, March 1

9:00 AM Education Hour, Guest Speaker
Sunday School (preschool – 5th Grade)
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, March 2

10:00 AM Health & Wholeness Committee
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Executive Committee

Tuesday, March 3

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
9:30 AM Dorcas Circle
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study
11:45 AM Lent Devotions/Sack Lunch
7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 4

Thursday, March 5

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 6

Office is closed

Saturday, March 7

3:00 PM Pride Event/Nico Lang

Sunday, March 8

9:00 AM Education Hour, Guest Speaker
Sunday School (preschool – 5th Grade)
10:00 AM Worship
4:00 PM Joint Confirmation
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