

Sunday, March 23, 2025
The Third Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM

God's love is freely shared with all. When we help a neighbor, share with a stranger, assist the afflicted, or acknowledge the overlooked, we do so because Christ first did the same for us. In other words, we live in response to God's love. It is challenging, perspective-altering, and radically humbling work. And we are able to do it with the nourishment of wine and bread, and the inspiration of Christ working through our community.



Kelly Latimore Icons

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.

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

“Lord’s Prayer”
Tom Getzinger, soloist

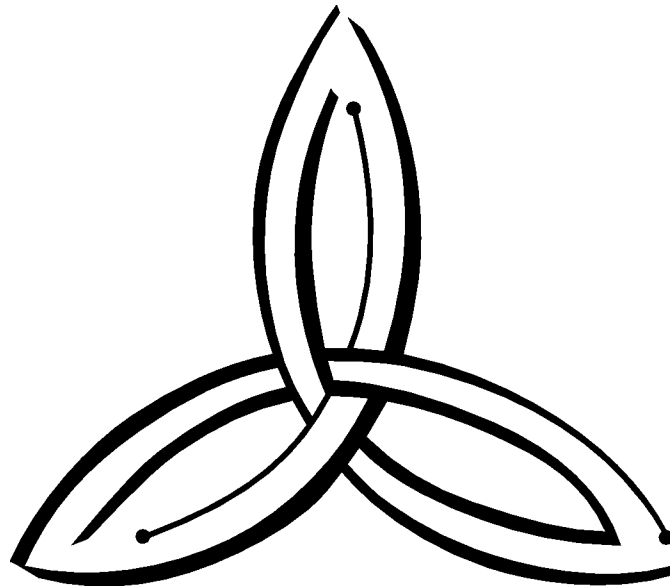
Albert Hay Macotte

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

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



HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



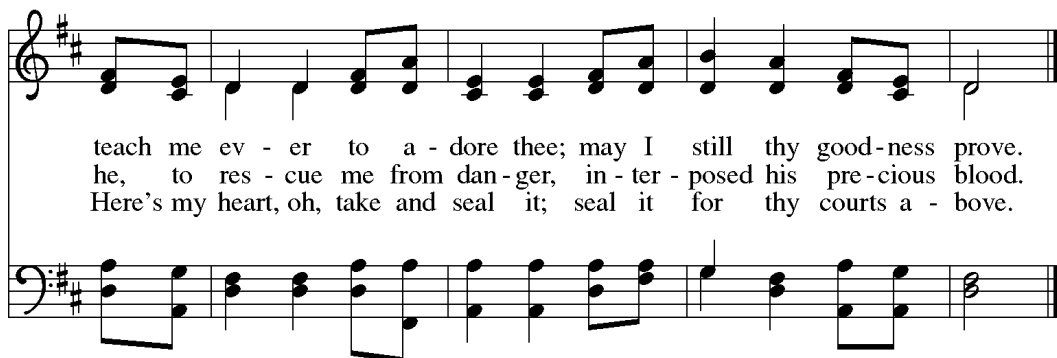
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my *Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a * fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

**Ebenezer= stone of help; *fetter = a chain or shackle*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

KYRIE



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
2	Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.



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Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**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.**

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.
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. God of mercy and compassion,
**you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve us in your loving
care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and follow all things that
sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

You can find this in your Story Bible on page 378.

Doug Johnson

WORD

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 15:1-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

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.

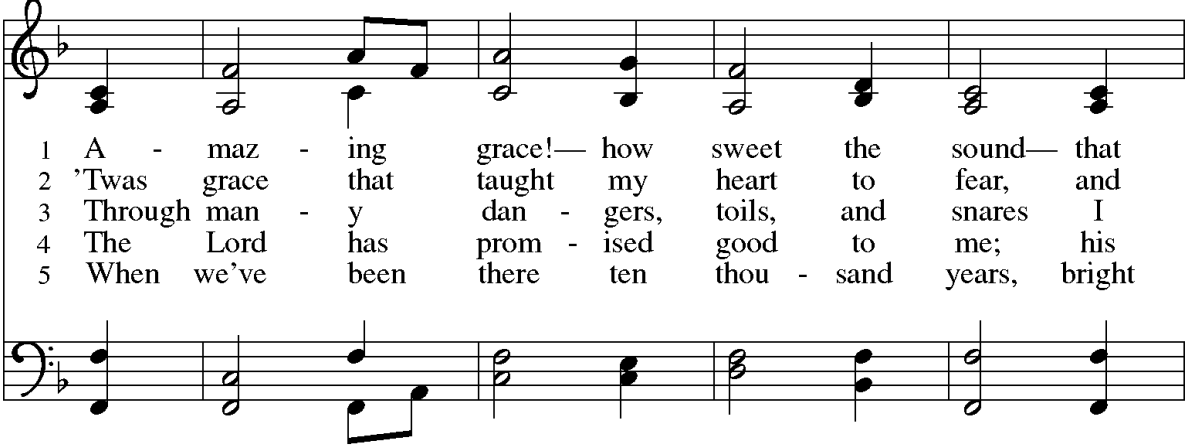
SERMON

Pastor Lara

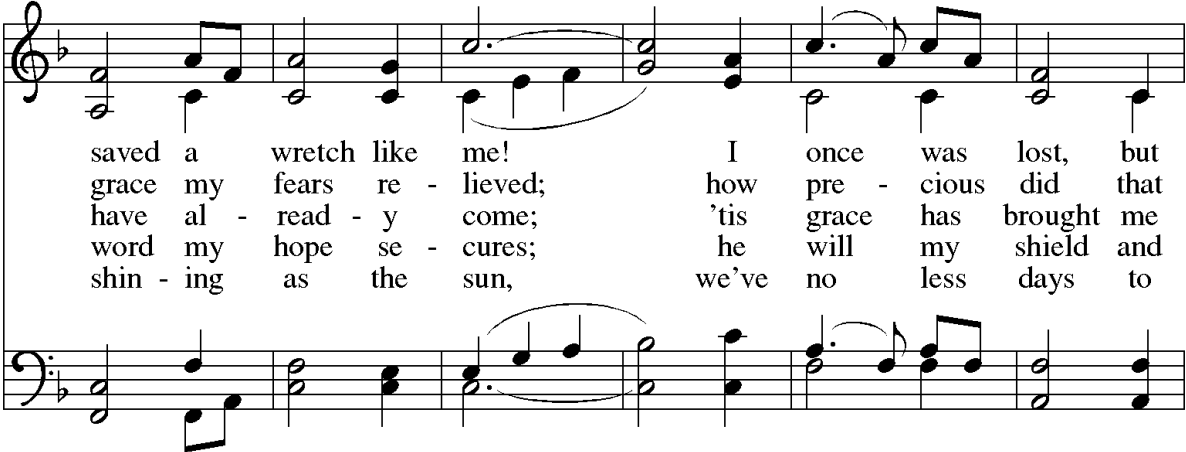
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HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



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.

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.*

*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, "God in your mercy".
Your response is, **receive our prayer.***

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

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 “Rock of Ages”

Hastings/Toplady arranged by Chris Rice
David Mills, soloist/guitar



OFFERTORY VERSE Now Thank We All Our God

3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We pray together. God, our 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.
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.

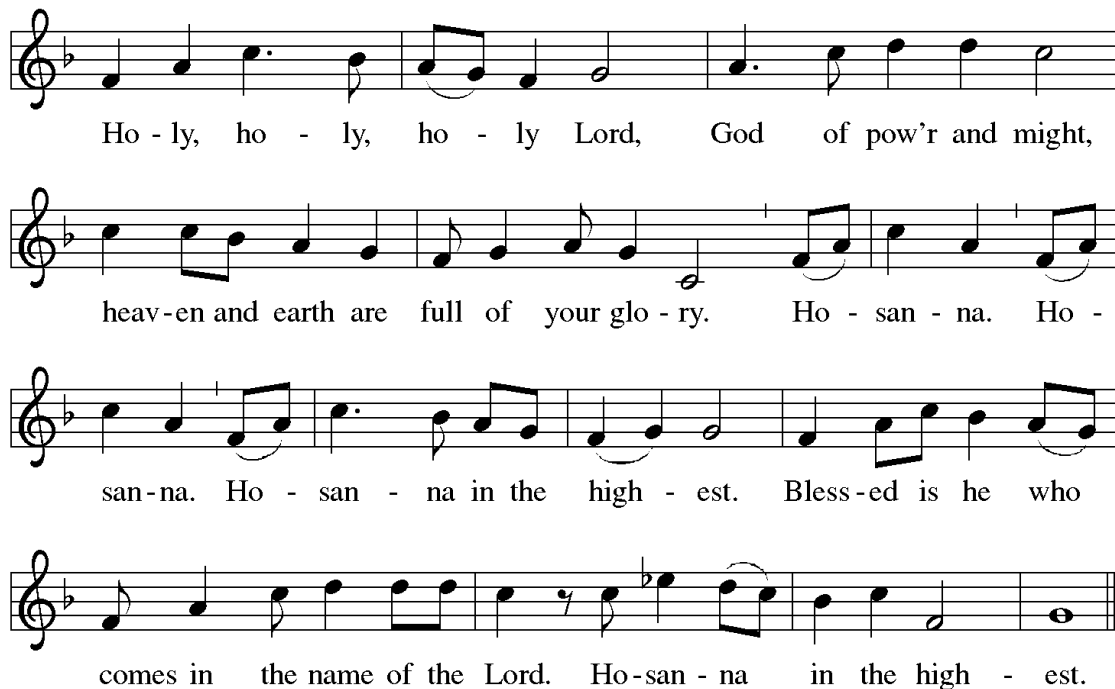
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.”

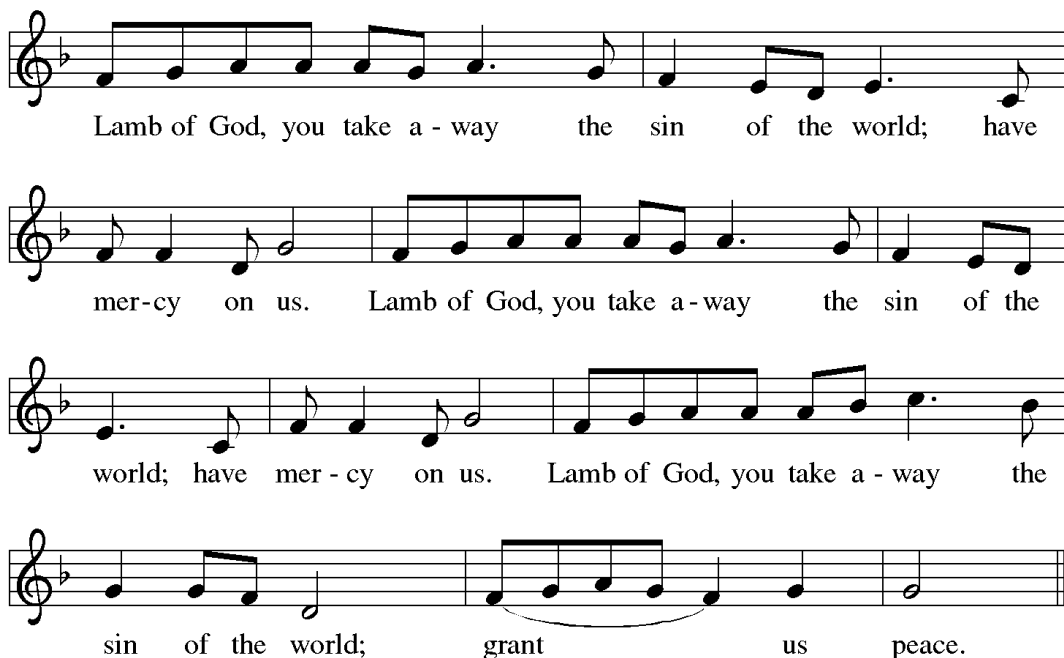
We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

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.

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup.

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

COMMUNION HYMN

We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. God, our generous host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

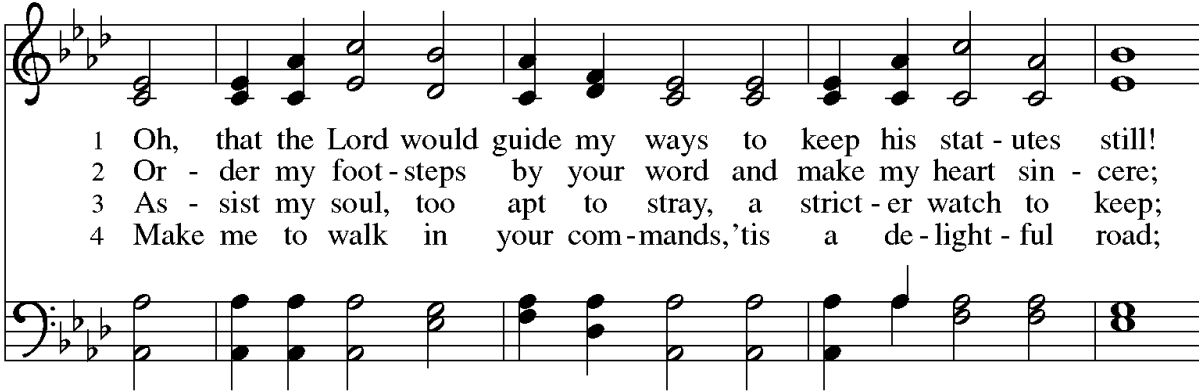
Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

SENDING

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

Go in peace. Share in love.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Converse/Scriven arranged by David Mills

David Mills, soloist/guitar

Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Rev. Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding Minister*

Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Dana Nasby, *Assisting Minister*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Michele Vossler, *Lector*

Zoe Elien, *Acolyte*

Stephanie Lester and Soren Lester, *Ushers*

Christine Koch, *Altar Guild*

Melanie Grad, *Livestream Video*

Johannes Grad, *Audio*

Andy and Diane Hogle, *Greeters*

Teresa Lutterman, *Coffee Host*

The flowers today are given by Anne Carr in loving memory of her and Ray's wedding anniversary.

**Worship Text for March 30
Luke 16:19-31**

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Announcements

“Speaking Truth to Power: What Would Bonhoeffer Do?” Led by Rev. Dr. Rick Rouse with Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker. Offered by Our Savior's Lutheran, Everett on March 16, 23, and 30 in person and via ZOOM on Sundays at 11 am recordings will be available on YouTube. **Interested Saint Andrew's members can head to the library after worship to watch the ZOOM presentations on Sunday mornings.**

Is this a Bonhoeffer moment in America and what can Dietrich Bonhoeffer teach us about God's call to be courageous disciples during difficult times? We'll explore how we are called to be tellers of the truth as well as messengers of healing and hope. Mark Brocker is President of the Oregon Bonhoeffer Society, translator of Bonhoeffer's works for Augsburg Fortress, and former PLTS professor. Rick Rouse is retired pastor, professor and author of several books including *A Journey Called Hope: Today's Immigrant Stories and the American Dream* (Chalice Press, 2024).

It's that time of year again! The Health and Wholeness Committee is collecting items for **Personal Care Kits**. These basic items will be sent by LWR to designated areas around the world. These things are needed:

- TOWELS, 20" x 40"-27"x52". Light weight, dark colors. Need to be washed first.
- COMBS, large and sturdy. No pick combs
- METAL NAIL CLIPPERS, large size
- TOOTHBRUSHES, adult size
- SOAP, 4 or 5 oz.

Place items in LWR basket in Narthex, or leave in church office, designated for LWR. Many thanks for your support of this important ministry!

“I called you by name...” Name tags for neighbors: Whether you're new to St. Andrew's or have worshipped here all your life, wearing a name tag is a good way to welcome visitors and help us get to know each other better. Grab a name tag on your way into Sunday worship and get to know your neighbors!
-Discipleship Ministries Committee

hopelink Hopelink doesn't often have a supply of spaghetti or similar pasta or pasta sauce in their market. It is something that their clients want but can't often get. So, that is what we will collect for March.

So, for March we are collecting:

- Pasta, particularly long pasta (spaghetti, linguine or fettuccine – in 1-pound packages)
- Pasta sauce (in 24 ounce jars)

A Women's Gathering: Jill Nichols-Hicks is organizing a women's gathering on **Friday, March 28th, 6pm-9pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad or hot dish to share, beverages and desserts will be provided. We will gather with a community-wide group of women to meet, connect, make new friends, and learn something new as we listen to a panel of women who will share their stories about writing and publishing their books. Bring a friend, fill the car and come have an uplifting evening.



Questions? Ask Jill at jnicholshicks@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

A promotional graphic for a robotics event. It features a young man in a dark hoodie holding a small, boxy robot. The background is dark with a grid pattern and some faint text. The main text is in a bold, sans-serif font.

Robotics Explained
Sunday, March 30 at 9 AM come and be amazed at what robotics can do! Our own Chase Dooley (Sammamish HS Robototes team) will demonstrate and explain robots!!
Worship is at 10 AM in person and livestreamed

Discipleship Form: Sunday, March 30th at 9 AM Our own Chase Dooley + friends (real and robotic) will explain and demonstrate how robotics work and how they are helpful. Chase is on the “Robototes” competitive robotics team at Sammamish High School. Come, learn, support!

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

APRIL 13

Palm Sunday Worship, 10 AM

APRIL 17

Maundy Thursday Worship 7:30 PM

APRIL 18

Good Friday Worship 7:30 PM

APRIL 20

Easter Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Worship in person or livestream



Calendar for the Week

Sunday, March 23

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum
Sunday School (Pre-K~5th gr), (119)
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM “What Would Bonhoeffer Do?”, (L)
Imagine Housing Update, (FH)

Monday, March 24

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

Tuesday, March 25

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor Lara
2:00 PM Sophia’s Place lunch drop-off

Wednesday, March 26

10:00 AM Sophia’s Place lunch

Thursday, March 27

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 28

Office is closed.

6:00 PM Jill Nichols-Hicks Women’s Event

Saturday, March 29

10:00 AM Council Retreat

Sunday, March 30

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum; Sunday School
(Pre-K~5th gr), (FH)
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM “What Would Bonhoeffer Do?”, (L)

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