

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT + FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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In each liturgy of Holy Communion, the **Holy Spirit** gathers people around the **means of grace: the Word of God and the sacraments.**

## GATHER

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

### PRELUDE

Sanata in g minor

Domenico Scarlatti

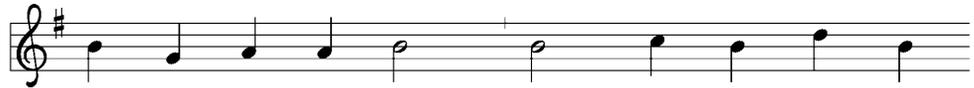
### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Glory of These Forty Days

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1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*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.

*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:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the  
living water Christ offers:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your  
healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's  
call to come forth to life:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
 Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. 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.**

**\*KYRIE**

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, 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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer 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.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Sunday is the primary day on which the Church gathers; the first day of creation when God transformed darkness into light. Sunday is the day that the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the disciples and was made known to them in word and in the breaking of bread.

The heart of worship is not found in what we do, the words we speak, or the songs we sing. The heart of worship is **what God does** and **what God gives**.

In the presence of all of us together—in baptism, in the word sung and preached and prayed, in the gift of the body and blood of Christ in holy communion—we participate in God's mission to the world.

On this day of Christ's resurrection, and at other times, we make the sign of the cross, the sign first marked on us in holy baptism.

**We confess our sin and receive God's word of forgiveness**, giving thanks that, even while dead in our trespasses, God makes us alive together with Christ *Ephesians 2:5*

Together we are brought into the presence of God with an honest recognition of human sin and brokenness and the reality of our own sin and brokenness.

Together we hear God's promise and declaration of forgiveness.

United in worship, we are God's people, gathered around Word and sacrament.

During the gathering, music plays an important role in giving us a common identity.

Gathering songs welcome us to the mercy of the triune God and move us from our individual experiences into the purpose of worship.

Whether the gathering is brief or extended, the presiding minister and assembly greet each other in the name of the triune God.

The *Kyrie* is our prayer of peace for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

The *Canticle of Praise* gives thanks for God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ.

When we sing *Glory to God*, our voices join with the angels in a song from Luke's gospel.

In *This is the Feast*, we gather with all creation around God's heavenly throne, singing words from the book of Revelation.

The *Prayer of the Day* marks a hinge or turn in the service. This prayer gives thanks to God through Jesus Christ and is prayed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Led by the presiding minister, the Prayer of the Day gathers all our praise into one and highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

**All Christian worship is biblical.** In scripture reading, preaching, and song, the church hears the good news of God acting in this and every time and place.

The *first reading*, usually from the *Old Testament*, is followed by a psalm sung in response to the reading.

The *second reading*, usually from a *New Testament* letter, bears the witness of the early church.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of new life, As Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, renew and restore us to new life, leaving in the grave all that prevents us from loving you fully. Amen.

#### \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you always. And also with you.

## WORD

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

### FIRST LESSON

John 11:1-16

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But 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." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Judeans were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus 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. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 104:24-35



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

How manifold are your | works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,  
living things both | small and great.**

There go the ships | to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

**All of them | look to you  
to give them their food | in due season. R**

You give it to them; they | gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

**May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;  
O Lord, rejoice in | all your works. R**

You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

After the second reading and before proclaiming the Gospel, we join in another sung response.

This **pattern of .read, sing, read, sing.** is a practice Christians inherited from the ancient synagogue worship of the Jewish people.

Before the **Gospel** is read, we stand and acclaim the living Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, who is among us.

The Gospel then leads directly to **preaching**. Luther considered preaching to be the first of two peaks or high points in the worship service.

For Lutherans, preaching is biblical and participates in the creating and transforming word of God, proclaims Jesus Christ crucified and risen, and brings God's word of law and gospel into our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.

**The Holy Spirit works through preaching,** forming and empowering us to carry out the mission of God in our daily lives.

This **preaching event is a means of grace.**

God's word is now further proclaimed as we sing and confess our faith.

One uniquely Lutheran element in the service of Holy Communion is the **Hymn of the Day.**

This hymn is the assembly's response to God's word read and preached and echoes themes of the season or the day.

The creed that follows is also both response to the word and proclamation of the word.

A creed professes the faith of the whole church. **The Apostles Creed** is anchored in holy baptism.

The Nicene Creed ponders the wonder of the incarnation.

Each creed links us to the saints, our ancestors in faith, and is a confession of faith that unites us with the church around the world and people of every nation, from all tribes, peoples, and languages *Revelation 7.9*

God's word read and preached, sung and acclaimed, leads the assembly to the **Prayers of Intercession.**

These prayers are the assembly's prayers for the wideness of God's mercy to be known throughout the world. Prayers for the church, for the well-being of creation, for peace among nations, for the poor and all in need, for local needs and special concerns, and for the faithful departed, take up St. Paul's invitation that supplications, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone *1 Timothy 2.1*

Following the prayers of intercession, the presiding minister and assembly **greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.** This greeting is more than a "hello" or "good morning." This greeting is the very peace by which Jesus greets his disciples following the resurrection.

The peace we share, which marks another hinge or turn in the service, is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus.

The same peace of God, now received and extended, also reaches out from this assembly and into the world.



Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

**I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;**  
**I will praise my God while I | have my being.**  
May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the Lord.  
**Bless the Lord, | O my soul.**  
**Hal- | lelujah! R**

**SECOND LESSON** **John 11:17-35**

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

When 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." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Judeans 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. When 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."

When Jesus saw her weeping and the Judeans who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Judeans said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

**\*LENTEN ACCLAMATION**

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Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

**\*GOSPEL**

**John 11:36-44**

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you O, Lord.

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus 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." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 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." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ.

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

**There is a Balm in Gilead**

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*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;  
 there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,  
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,  
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

**\*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 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.

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God in Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayer.

A *collection* of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a *sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts.*

As the gifts are gathered, the table is set with bread and wine.

The proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper are connected.

Luther called these the *two "high points"* in the liturgy of Holy Communion.

In the Word read and proclaimed, God speaks to us.

In the Lord's Supper, a "visible word" of which Luther speaks, *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Before the Lord's Supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into *thanksgiving* for the gifts of creation and redemption, including themes of the season or festival that are the focus of this gathering.

As part of thanksgiving we join our voices with all of creation and sing the angels' song, "Holy, Holy, Holy." *Isaiah 6.3*

In the meal of Holy Communion, *the grace of God's gift for us is always proclaimed* by the presiding minister, in Jesus' own words of command and promise.

This clear proclamation in *the words of institution* is shared by the assembly, and *included in a prayer of thanksgiving*, which includes praise to God for creation, for God's faithfulness to the people of ancient Israel, for God's revelation in the saving work of Jesus Christ, remembering the crucified and risen Christ, and praying for the Holy Spirit in this meal.

**The Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.**

*In Christ's body and blood given to us, God's saving mission is made known. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared.*

**We receive the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world** John 1.29

We are forgiven and given new life.

Like the disciples, we recognize the presence of the risen Christ who is made known in the breaking of the bread. Luke 24.30.

christ, who died and rose from the dead, is given to us and we are united with one another in the body of Christ. Through this meal, God also nourishes us for mission in the world.

**We receive the body of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion to live as the body of Christ in the world.**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*This week we pray for: Lisa, Marya, Sheree, baby Hayden, Henry, Gabby and baby Creed, Ray and Clara, Dawn, Brady, Richard, Judy, Marv, Dottie, BettyLu, Robin, Lonna, Bruce, Kelly, Steve, Pastor Brian, Nick, Joshua, Rose, Karen, Kimberly, Gayle, Dean and Shirley, Rick, Mary Beth, Mike, Stacey, Cristina, Wadby family, MaryJo, Jose and family, Pastor Rodolfo, Lew, and the Johns family.*

*If you have a name to add or remove from this prayer list, please contact Jamie Gudknecht or Pastor Scott.*

**MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERTORY** Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten **Johann Michael Bach**

**\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS** Create in Me a Clean Heart **ELW188**

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.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**\*DIALOGUE**

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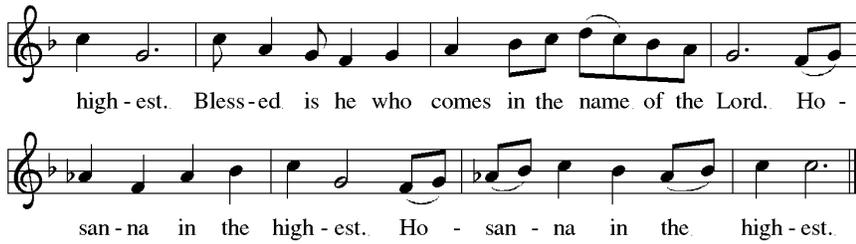
**\*PREFACE**

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.

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



### \*PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

Praise to you for inviting us to share in your sacred story, that...

### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*All are invited to proclaim the words of institution along with the presiding pastor.*

**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.**

### \*PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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

### LAMB OF GOD

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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.

Today we practice continuous communion using a pouring chalice as a common cup. Ushers will invite you to proceed up the aisle towards the pastor. Please offer cupped hands to receive the bread. Proceed to the cupbearer, select an empty cup and hold it for the lay minister to fill. Please recycle your cup in the basket provided and return via the side aisle.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please tell the pastor when you approach to receive the bread. Pre-filled grape juice cups are available in the silver tray.

Children who are not yet communing and others wishing not to commune may receive a blessing from the pastor. Please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

Individual sealed communion sets are also available at the sanctuary entrance.

**ANOINTING** After communing, you may receive prayer and anointing with oil in the narthex.

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION

ELW 342 — *There In God's Garden*

ELW 785 — *When Peace Like a River*

## DISTRIBUTION

### \*COMMUNION BLESSING

### \*SONG OF THANKS

### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW 207

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. Amen.**

# SENDING

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

## \*BLESSING

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One,  
abiding Comforter, † bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy. **Amen.**

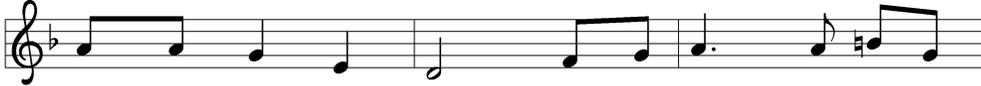
## SENDING SONG

### Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

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1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
bod - y of our Lord.  
riv - er, you the sea.

4. From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own;  
stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone.

## \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace; see the goodness of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**In observance of Lent, there will be no postludes during the season.**

*The Sending* brings our worship full circle. We have been gathered, in all our diversity, and shaped into a community, one body in Christ.

From the table where, in communion, Jesus Christ brings forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out in mission, into daily baptismal living.

The presiding minister blesses us in the name of God, granting us God's favor and peace.

**With the blessing of God we go out to live as Christ's body in the world**, proclaiming the good news that the kingdom of heaven has come near. (Matthew 10.7), living in service to others, caring for all in need, and continuing our participation in God's mission, only to be gathered here again around the means of grace, God's Word and sacraments.

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**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** Join us after worship in the community room for fellowship (and maybe coffee).

**ADULT EDUCATION** .continues today with *Fear Not*, where we engage Gospel stories where Jesus urges his followers (including us) not to fear, but to trust. We will explore scripture, stories, song, and more. 11 am in the north community room.



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## COMING UP

**PPC MEETING** - 6:00pm in the coffee room

**DARKNESS TO LIGHT**— A weekly gathering for contemplation and discussion as we together discern how we can be church for each other, or partners, our neighbors, and the world during this time of disruption and upheaval. Wednesday evenings following Lenten Evening Prayer. **We will be praying around a candle box... BYOC (Bring Your Own Candle).**

**CROSS CHOIR**— There will be no rehearsal on Thursday, February 26th. Normal Thursday rehearsals will resume on Thursday, March 5th, from 6:30-7:30, following bell rehearsals. Anyone interested in singing or has questions please contact Ken.

**BELL CHOIR**— Next bell choir rehearsal Thursday, March 5th, from 5:30-6:30. Rehearsals will be typically held twice a month going forward. Anyone interested in ringing or has questions please contact Ken.

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** meets Thursdays at 11:00 am. All are welcome.

**MATH CARNIVAL** is February 26th from 5:30-8:00pm. Watch for sign-up in Narthex. See Katie Erickson with questions.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** begin February 25th. Sign up on the board across from the kitchen to bring soup or a dessert. See Diana Border with questions.

**DONATIONS** continue for our partner congregations. We have at least 33 families sheltered at home. They are looking for: toiletries, toothpaste, paper towel, corn tortillas, avocados, cilantro, bell peppers, and celery. Leave donations on the table in the Narthex.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS** are now available. Complete an order envelope and return in the offering plate. See flyer for available options. Deadline for orders is March 15th.

## **THIS WEEK AT CROSS**

**Sunday, February 22**  
9:30am

Sunday Worship  
11:00am  
Adult Education  
1:00-5:00pm  
Promesa De Dios  
5:00 – 9:00pm  
Ebenezer Elim

**Monday, February 23**

Office Closed  
2:00-5:00pm  
Pastor Scott office drop-in

**Tuesday, February 24**

1:00-5:30pm  
Pastor Scott office by appt  
6:00pm  
PPC Meeting

**Wednesday, February 25**

4:00-6:00pm  
Pastor Scott office by appt  
6:00-6:45pm  
Lenten Worship  
6:45pm-7:00pm  
Darkness to Light Prayer  
and Discernment  
7:00-9:00pm  
Adventista Septimo Dia

**Thursday, February 26**

11:00am  
Bible Study  
1:00pm  
Shores of Lake Phalen  
2:00-5:00pm  
Pastor Scott office drop in

**Friday, February 27**

1:00-4:00pm  
Pastor Scott office by appt  
7:00pm – 10:00pm  
Ebenezer Elim

**Saturday, February 28**

9:00am – 1:00pm  
Adventista Septimo Dia  
1:30pm – 4:30pm  
Cross Organ Practice  
5:00 – 7:00pm  
Adventista Septimo Dia

**Sunday, March 1**

9:30am  
Sunday Worship  
10:30am  
Coffee Fellowship  
11:00am  
Adult Education  
1:00-5:00pm  
Promesa De Dios  
5:00 – 9:00pm  
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