



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT + MARCH 8, 2026

CROSS

Cross Lutheran Church

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3/8 Katie Erickson

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3/8 Sharon Crist and Kirby

Doughty Crist

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Coffee:

3/8 No Volunteers

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Duncan

If you are interested in serving coffee following worship, please sign-up on the bulletin board

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday Worship, sign up on the bulletin board in the back of the narthex, or contact the office.

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

Forty Days and Forty Nights (Lenten Partita on "Heinlein")

Craig Penfield

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

When We Are Tested

ACS922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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.

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.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

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Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, We, like Peter, often turn our backs on you. Forgive us and show us a new way to live, walking boldly and passionately toward you. 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

Jude 3-4

Beloved, while eagerly preparing to write to you about the salvation we share, I find it necessary to write and appeal to you to contend for the faith that was once and for all handed on to the saints. For certain intruders have stolen in among you, people who long ago were designated for this condemnation as ungodly, who pervert the grace of our God into debauchery and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

Psalm 51:1-12



Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.
Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.
I have not regarded what | others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent. R
My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.
I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.
Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who | rise up against them.
But at my vindication I shall | see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, behold- | ing your likeness. R

SECOND LESSON

John 18:12-24

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Judeans that it was better to have one person die for the people.

¶to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in

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.

synagogues and in the temple, where all the Judeans come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

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 18:25-27**

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

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

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1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious
 bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me
 with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es
 feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

***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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY Jesu, meines Lebens Leben attr. Johann Sebastian 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.

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, Marie, baby Hayden, Gabby and baby Creed, Ray and Clara, Henry, Dawn, Brady, Judy, Marv, Dottie, BettyLu, Lonna, Bruce, Kelly, Pastor Brian, Nick, Joshua, Rose, Dean and Shirley, Mike, MaryJo, Jose and family, Lew, the Johns family, Barb, Janice, Ron, and the Marilyn Lewinski family.

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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***DIALOGUE**

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.

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***PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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***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.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

ELW461 — *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

ELW752 — *Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying*

DISTRIBUTION

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

*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.

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

***SONG OF THANKS**

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

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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**

Incar-nate 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

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

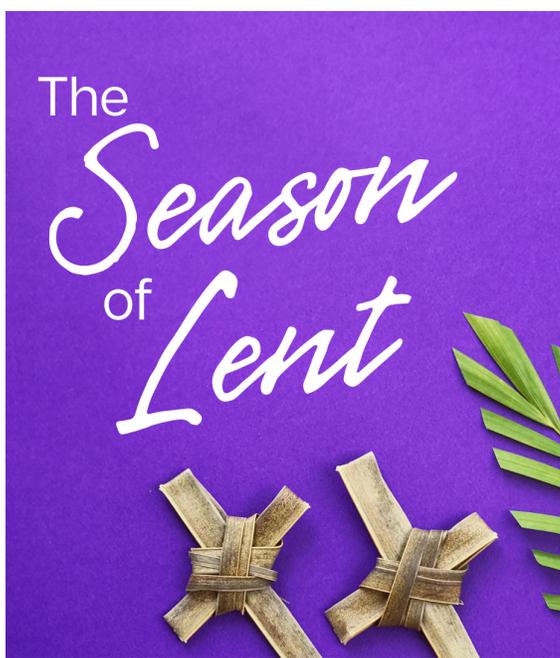
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1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
 2 Grant us your peace up - on our home-ward way;
 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,
 with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
 for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light;
 our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;
 once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
 guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
 then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,
 then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
 that in this house have called up - on your name.
 your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
 call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

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

means of grace, God's Word and sacraments.

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



The
Season
of
Lent

Wednesday Evenings

- Community Soup Supper
5:00-5:45pm
- Holden Evening Prayer
6:00-6:45pm
- Darkness to Light
Candlelight Reflection
6:45-7:30

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FOR EASTER
BEFORE MARCH 15TH**
Envelopes available in the Narthex.
Lots of different flowers and colors



Easter Flowers

FLOWERS - The flowers on the altar are given in celebration of Phyllis Moser's 80th Birthday!

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.



COMING UP

PPC MEETING Tuesday, March 10th, 6:00pm

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER— Wednesday evenings 6:00-6:45 pm

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS 5:00-5:45 pm Sign up on the board across from the kitchen to bring soup or a dessert. See Diana Border with questions.

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, March 12th. Next rehearsal will be on March 19th from 6:30-7:30, following bell rehearsal. Anyone interested in singing or has questions please contact Ken.

BELL CHOIR— There will be no rehearsal on Thursday, March 12th. Next bell choir rehearsal Thursday, March 19th, 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.

LIKE TO READ? If you are interested in reading the Bible lessons during worship, let one of the members of the Lay Ministry know. The board is making a list of readers to help out with our Sunday morning worship.

**NEXT COMMUNITY MARKET
MARCH 18TH**

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THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Sunday, March 8

9:30am
Sunday Worship
10:30am
Coffee Fellowship
11:00am
Adult Education
12:00
Cross Confirmation
1:00-5:00pm
Promesa De Dios
5:00 – 9:00pm
Ebenezer Elim

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

4:00-6:00pm
Pastor Scott office by appt
5:00-5:45pm
Soup Supper
6:00-6:45pm
Lenten Worship
6:45pm-7:00pm
Darkness to Light Prayer
and Discernment
7:00-9:00pm
Adventista Septimo Dia

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

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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