

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Bring your baskets and join us for crafts, stories, snacks and Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. We will gather on the St. James Playground to begin the Easter rotations.

We are collecting plastic eggs filled with individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please make donations by Friday, March 29. There is a container by the portico door to collect your donations!

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross event this year is being coordinated by Teresa Hillie of Grace Lutheran Church. As one way to honor Jesus Christ, on Good Friday, March 29, we will plan to gather at 3:15 p.m. and begin the service at 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Grace Lutheran Church. The church is located at 58 Chestnut Drive, SW in Concord. The walk will take place in the Logan Community. If we experience inclement weather, we will hold the event in the Sanctuary at Grace Lutheran. We hope you will plan to participate.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Children and Volunteers...*Please save the dates July 28-30, 2024 for Vacation Bible School.*** All volunteers will be required to have a current Safe Gatherings background check. Please contact Debbie in the Church Office to receive instructions as to how to complete this process. She will then give you written instructions as to how to fill out information online.

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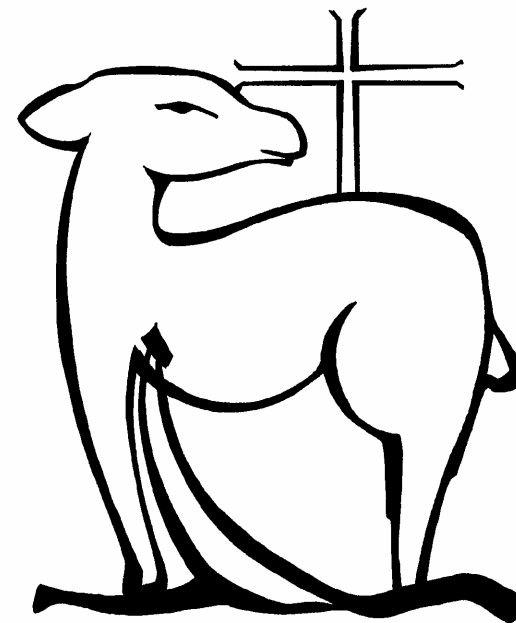
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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024

THE HOLY COMMUNION

TEN O'CLOCK



ST JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Welcome!

*St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At St. James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of our city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.*

**Newcomers and visitors**, we hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available in the Narthex during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns. Please be sure and sign the guestbook located in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor or to an usher so that we can extend to you a warm welcome.

**Although there are customary postures** (such as standing and kneeling) in Lutheran worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

**Children are most welcome in worship** at Saint James Church. For those who desire it, nursery care is provided on the first floor of the Education Building (ages 0-up to and including ages 5)

**First Aid Kits and the Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)** are located outside the church office door, immediately behind the Sanctuary, at the bottom of the stairs in the Portico area and in the Narthex. Fire extinguishers are located in the Sacristy and in the Narthex.

**If you are interested in membership** to this parish or desire a call from the Pastor, please indicate this to an usher or to the Pastor.

**Restrooms are available** on the first and second floors of the Education Building.

**Pew Pads** are on the end of each pew (*near center aisle*), please sign and pass so that we have a record of your attendance and communion.

**St. James Lutheran Church Facebook and Instagram groups**

Send Joseph Beasley any pictures and/or articles you would like to have posted at [joseph.f.beasley@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.f.beasley@gmail.com) @stjamesnc

### PRAYER LIST

Tom Grady; Tom Ridenhour; Noah Clifton; Linda and Paul Jones (family members of Barbara & Dale Merrell); Susan Tadlock (friend of Deb Black);  
Mary Dorothy White (friend of Patsy Black)

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

<b>March 20</b>	<b>Ann Gillon</b>
	<b>John Marlow</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Chip Blackwelder</b>
	<b>Tanner Poplin</b>
	<b>Landon Trott</b>

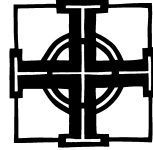
### CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

*Blessings Box – Rotary Square this month*

<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 am	Parish Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday, March 18</b>	10:30 am	Quilting Group
	6:30 pm	Scouts
		<i>My Father's House</i>
<b>Tuesday, March 19</b>		<i>My Father's House</i>
<b>Wednesday, March 20</b>	5:30 pm	Wednesdays in Lent
	6:00 pm	Bella Voce Choir
	7:00 pm	Parish Choir
		<i>My Father's House</i>
<b>Thursday, March 21</b>	6:00 pm	Handbells
<b>Saturday, March 23</b>	9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.	Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 am	Parish Choir
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship

## THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.



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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Lector/Intercessor:** Gretchen Walker

**Communion Assistant:** Ann Blackwelder

**Acolyte/Crucifer:** John Meadows

**Ushers:** Mike Downs, Al Brown, Jr., Sid Hughes,  
Bill Hardister, and Hunter Huss

**Videographer:** LeeAnn Miller

**Greeter:** Judy Benz

**Building Supervisors:** Chip Blackwelder

## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

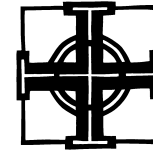
**March 20, 2024 - 5:30ish - 7ish**

Light meal / Study / Prayer Office

Menu: Pizza, Salad, Tea, and Dessert

**Please sign up on pew pads, e-mail or call church office...**

**[info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net) / 704-786-0166 (to have #'s for meal prep)**



## THE SEASON IN LENT THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Gathering



### Chimes of the Trinity and Welcome

**Opening Voluntary**      *O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin*      Johann Seb. Bach

*Please stand.*

### THE INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your

forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please kneel or sit, as able.  
Silence for self-examination*

P Most merciful God,  
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. In his living water God makes us his children and bestows on us his Holy Spirit. Refreshed and renewed we rest in his peace and rise to serve him.

C **Amen**

## THE SENDING HYMN: *Christ, the Life of All the Living* Jesu, Meines Lebens Leben

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

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

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

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

## THE BENEDICTION

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
C Amen

## THE ENTRANCE HYMN #93 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* Du Liebe Meiner Liebe

*A graphic with the harmony is not available to us. You may find it in the hymnal (#93).*



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, blest re - deem - er, whom we love,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, breath - ing no re - pen - tant vow,  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent love for you;



foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior from the world a - bove:  
though we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing, see your thorn - en - cir - cled brow?  
may our eyes be ev - er turn - ing to be - hold your cross a - new;



of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed, gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall;  
Yet your sin - less death has brought us life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest;  
till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er from the bless - ed Sav - ior's side,

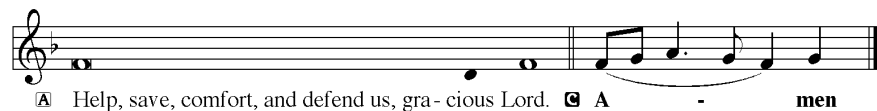
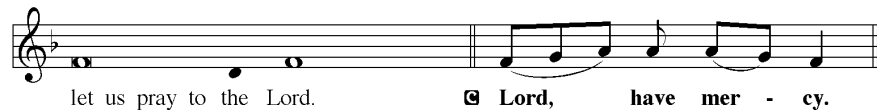
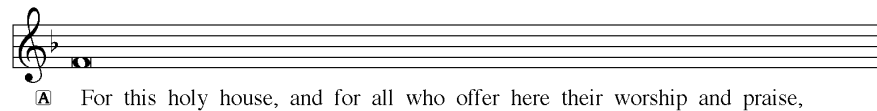
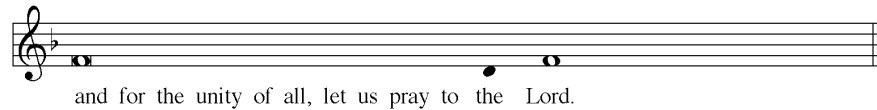
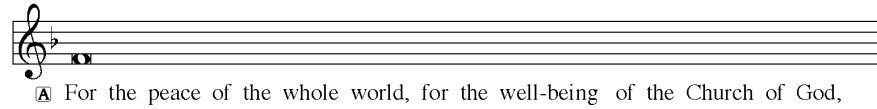
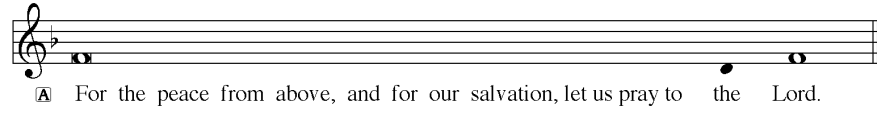
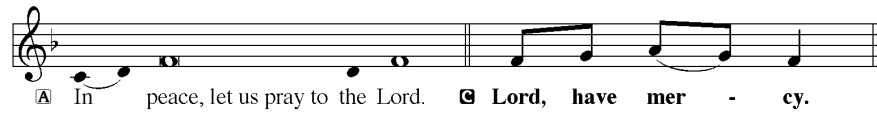


yet up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, you have borne the pain of all.  
on - ly what your grace has taught us calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
grav - en in our hearts for - ev - er, dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C And also with you.

## THE KYRIE



## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray ... Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of

*unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. If you are unable to come to the altar, the pastor will bring communion to you at your seat. Please advise an usher.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM *Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love* Gabriel Faure

*Lamb of God, what wondrous love O my soul. Love, such love that Thou shouldst die for me. Lord of Grace, what matchless love O my soul. Son of God, Thou loving sacrifice for me. Here, O Lord am I, fearful sinful man; guilty and condemned Thy death is surely mine. Cross of God I would to turn away yet love, it bids me stay, O my soul. Can it be the very death I fear is that which draws me near, Lord, to Thee? Lamb of God, Thou died for me. Lamb of God, what wondrous love.*

*Please stand.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

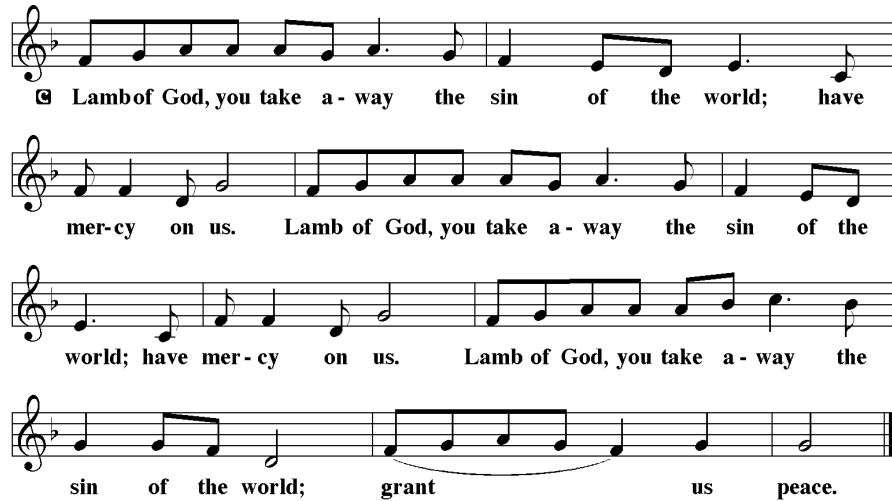
## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.  
A Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his through the same Jesus Christ our Lord  
C Amen

## Sending



**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**



☞ 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.

*Please sit.*

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A: Instituted by Christ himself, it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

Q: What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

A: We are told in the words “for you” and “for the forgiveness of sins.” By these words the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.

*-Luther’s Small Catechism Part V*

*Jesus bids all the baptized to feast at his table. Please come by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisle. If you need help figuring out where to and when to go, an usher or fellow worshiper will help you. At one time we too were confused. For those*

love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please sit.*

**Word**



### THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (by Bella Voce)

*In the Garden*

Patti Drennen, arr.

### THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

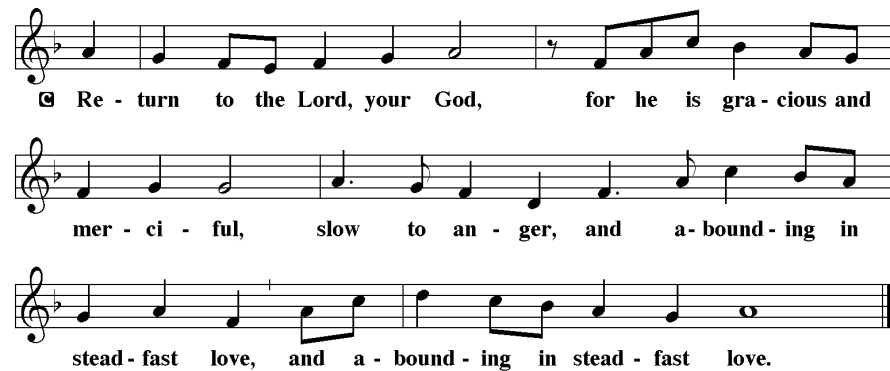
“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;  
<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,  
“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

A The Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

#### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

#### THE GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints.

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

C **Amen**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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



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.

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;  
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit.

## THE SERMON

*Please stand.*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #487 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Lasset Uns Mit Jesu Ziehen**

*A graphic with the harmony is not available to us. You may find it in the hymnal (#487).*



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove,  
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.  
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
then by grace we all may win un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.  
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
Je - sus, un - to you I die, there to live with you on high.  
Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, life e - ter - nal grant to me.

**THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,**

**THE OFFERING**

*Please stand.*

**THE OFFERTORY**



**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 to me the**



**joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.**

**THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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

Table



To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,  
and to reconcile us to them;  
to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures  
of the earth, the sea, and the air;  
and graciously to hear our prayers:  
**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they should turn from their evil way and live: Graciously turn us from those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and grant us grace evermore to serve you in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

#### THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please sit.*

#### THE ANTHEM *O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head* David N. Johnson

*O dearest Lord, thy sacred head with thorns was pierced for me;  
O pour thy blessing on my head that I may think for thee.*

*O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands with nails were pierced for me;  
O shed thy blessing on my hands that they may work for thee.*

*O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet with nails were pierced for me;  
O pour thy blessing on my feet that they may follow thee.*

*O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart with spear was pierced for me;  
O pour thy Spirit in my heart that I may live for thee. Amen.*

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

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

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the  
virgin Mary, and was made man.**

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

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his  
kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
With the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit, as able.*

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
from the cunning assaults of the devil;  
from an unprepared and evil death:  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From war, bloodshed, and violence;  
from corrupt and unjust government;  
from sedition and treason:  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From epidemic, drought, and famine,  
from fire and flood, earthquake, lightning and storm;  
and from everlasting death:  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your incarnation; by your holy birth:  
**Help us, good Lord.**

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
by your agony and bloody sweat;  
by your cross and suffering;  
by your precious death and burial:  
**Help us, good Lord.**

By your glorious resurrection and ascension;  
by the gift of the Holy Spirit:  
**Help us, good Lord.**

In all time of our tribulation;  
in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:  
**Save us, good Lord.**

Though unworthy, we implore you  
**to hear us, Lord our God.**

To rule and govern your holy catholic Church;  
to guide all servants of your Church in the true knowledge  
and understanding of your Word and in holiness of life;  
to put an end to all schisms and causes of offense to those who would believe;  
and to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and gone astray:  
**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

To beat down Satan under our feet;  
to send faithful workers into your harvest;  
to accompany your Word with your Spirit and power;  
to raise up those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and  
to comfort and help the fainthearted and the distressed:  
**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

To give to all nations justice and peace;  
to preserve our country from discord and strife;  
to direct and guard those who have civil authority;  
and to bless and guide all our people:  
**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation;  
to protect and guide all who travel;  
to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth;  
to watch over children and to guide the young;  
to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends;  
to bring reconciliation to families in discord;  
to provide for the unemployed and for all in need;  
to be merciful to all who are imprisoned;  
to support, comfort, and guide all orphans, widowers, and widows;  
to watch over our loved ones in need; especially . . .  
and to have mercy on all your people:  
**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**