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11:00 AM - March 9, 2025, First Sunday in Lent Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion Setting 1

INTRODUCTION

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus Cynthia Hopkins, flute

arr. David Ferreira

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

In the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

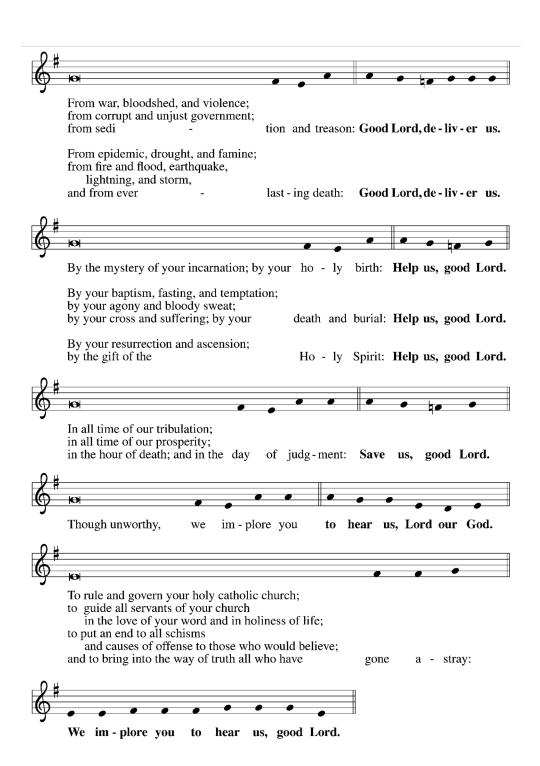
Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your 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.

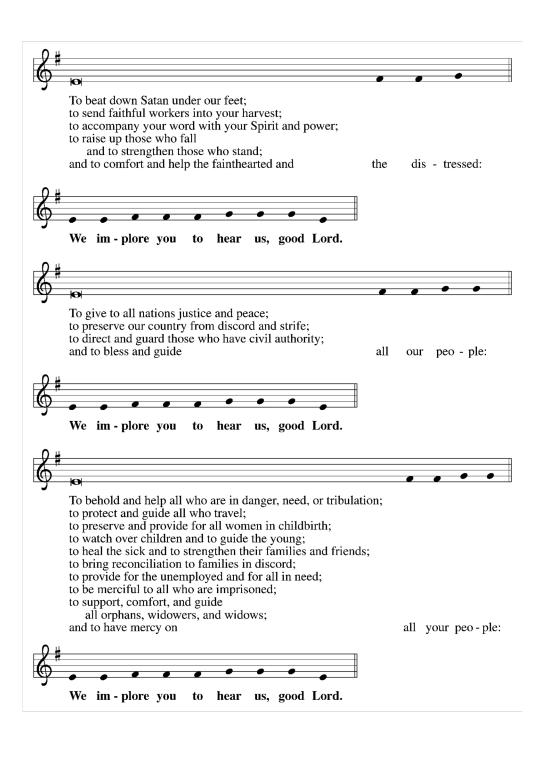
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

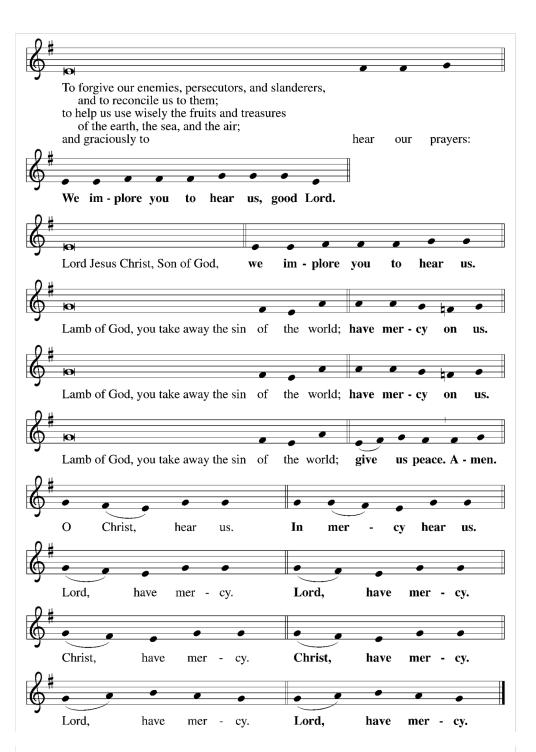
HYMN 238

Great Litany









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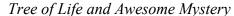
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GREETING ELW p. 98

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.

HYMN 334



THOMAS



One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.

General

Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord; give new strength to our believing. give us faith to live your word

Lent 1

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

Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing, may we be a blessing true; may we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do.

Lent 3

Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul; springing up in new creation. flow in us and make us whole.

Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light. Give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright.

Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death, hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as every breath.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 5 you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7 we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. II Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16



¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

² you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,

my God in whom I put my trust." R

⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰ no evil will befall you,

nor shall affliction come near your dwelling. R

For God will give the angels charge over you,

to guard you in all your ways.

¹² Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. R

¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent. I will deliver those who cling to me;

I will uphold them, because they know my name. **R**

¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation. R

SECOND READING Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from Romans.

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

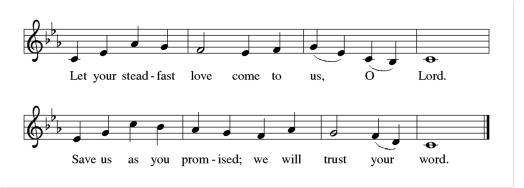
^{8b} "The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him."

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,

to protect you,'

11 and

'On their hands they will bear you up,

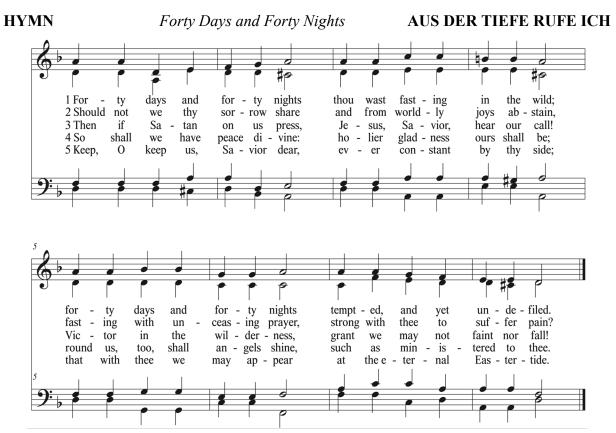
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Wade Roof



Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt

Music: Aus der Tiefe rufe ich, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

CREED ELW p. 152

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 INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

PEACE ELW p. 152

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days Cynthia Hopkins, flute Walter L. Pelz

OFFERTORY HYMN 188

Create in Me a Clean Heart

J. A. Freylinghausen



Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

OFFERING PRAYER ELW p. 107

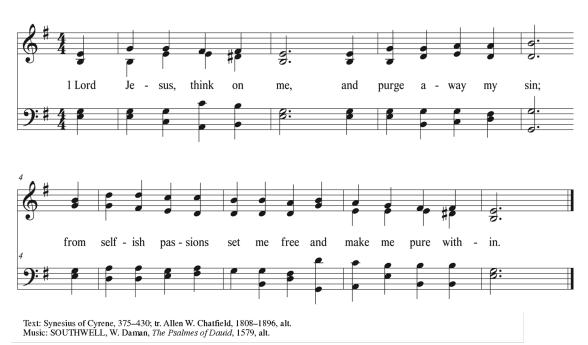
Let us pray.

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.**

HYMN 599

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SOUTHWELL



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW p. 108

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.

HYMN 599

Lord Jesus. Think on Me

SOUTHWELL

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.

HYMN 599

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SOUTHWELL

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 112

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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.

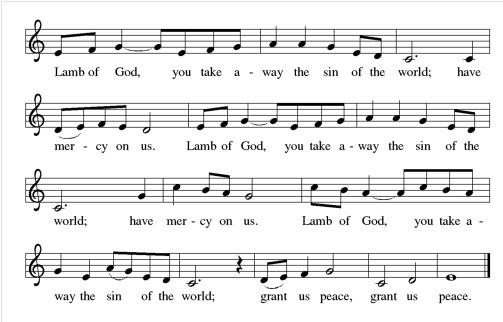
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI ELW p. 112





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Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING ELW p. 114

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



DISMISSAL ELW p. 115

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

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 Amy or Kevin Oliver

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 Dusty Rhodes, Ron Tryon, Rodney Edge



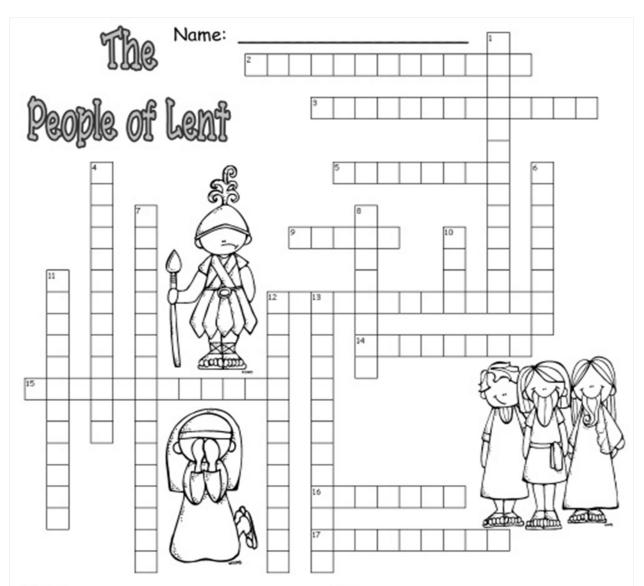
The vases of greenery placed on the altar today are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Mary Lou Tryon by Ron and Stephanie Tryon and Family.

Today's bulletin covers are given by Scott and Betty Jo Cato to the glory of God and in honor of their grandson, Easton Cato's 3rd birthday, which was on March 6th. Truly one of God's miracles!



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Across

- 2. Thirty pieces of silver were given to this person to betray Jesus.
- 3. The feet of Jesus were anointed by this person.
- 5. This person was freed at the Passover feast instead of Jesus.
- By the time the rooster crowed 3 times, this person denied knowing Jesus.
- 12. This person helped Jesus carry his cross.
- 14. This person was the high priest who organized the plot to kill Jesus.
- While Jesus prayed in the Gorden, these people slept instead of keeping watch.
- 16. Jesus raised this person from the dead in Bethany.
- This person helped take Jesus from the cross and prepare him for burial.

Down

- 1. This prefect of Judea washed his hands of Jesus' conviction.
- 4. These people whipped Jesus and divided his clothes.
- 6. Jesus had his final meal with these people.
- 7. This person used his tomb to place Jesus in.
- 8. This person wiped the face of Jesus while he carried his cross.
- Jesus was taken down from the cross and placed in the arms of this person.
- 11. This tetranch hoped to see a miracle of Jesus, but ended up mocking
- 12. Jesus visited the house of this person, where dinner was hosted.
- 13. This person was the first to find the empty tomb.

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Matthew Addy B.J. Boone, Jody Glance, Terri Roberts, Andrew Wooten, Dennis Rybicki, Charleigh Davis Elizabeth Klapman, Paige Jeffcoat, Charlotte Gable, Lauren Jureka, Christina Bradshaw Kelly Carrion, J.C. Day, Julie Smith.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Sylvia Nelson, Nancy Stone-Collum, John Conrad, Kenny Skenes Carolyn Dufries, Lauren Addy, Linda Price, Kim Pittman, Lynda Mason, Bruce Merchant

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Betty Wise, Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Sandra Baker, Drewby McQuillen, Mary Davis Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Dennis Rybicki Jr. Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Herman Bouknight, Jane Sexton Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Zachery Gayden, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

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