# **Full Service Bulletin**

## HOLY COMMUNION MARCH 17, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

### PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: Merciful God, we come to Your table trusting not in our own righteousness, but in Your abundant mercy. Grant us so to eat and drink the body and blood of Your dear Son, that we may live in Him and He in us, now and forever. Amen.

## **CHILDREN**

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

#### INTRODUCTION

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" is coming: a covenant that will enable all people to know the Lord and follow God's law, which I will put in their minds and write on their hearts." This promise is fulfilled in

Christ, Who draws all people to Himself when He is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and shines God's light and truth into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, Who dwells within us. Christ's Spirit strengthens us in lives of fruitful service to those who hunger and thirst for life.

## **COMMEMORATION**

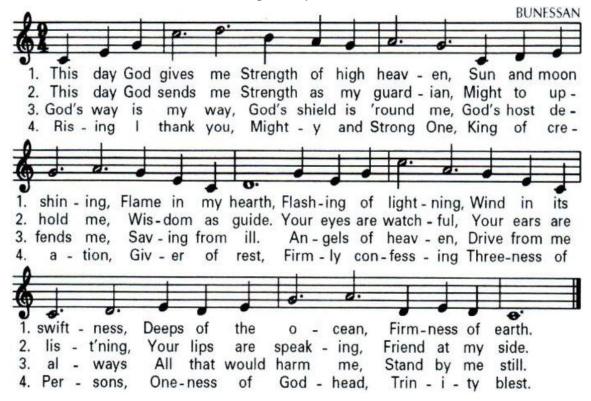
Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland (c. 390–461) At sixteen, Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. He himself ad-



mitted that up to this point he cared little for God. He escaped after six years, returned to his family in southwest Britain, and began to prepare for ordained ministry. He later returned to Ireland, this time to serve as a bishop and missionary. He made his base in the north of Ireland and from there made many missionary journeys with much success.

#### WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN (Please rise.) "This Day God Gives Me" (St. Patrick, adapted by James D Quinn)



## **INVOCATION** ( = All may make the sign of the cross.)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

C: AMEN.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. (Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)
- P: Gracious God, C: We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve You in newness of life. AMEN.
- P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. **C: AMEN.**

## GREETING (Please rise.)

- P: The immeasurable grace of Jesus Christ, the rich mercy of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

## WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

**KYRIE** (WOV p. 12) (Congregation sings **bold**)



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** 

L: Let us pray together: C: 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 love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

## **RESPONSIVE READING....**Psalm 119:9-24

(congregation reads indented)

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By living according to Your word.

I seek You with all my heart;

do not let me stray from Your commands.

I have hidden Your word in my heart

that I might not sin against You.

Praise be to You, O LORD;

teach me Your decrees.

With my lips I recount

all the laws that come from Your mouth.

I rejoice in following Your statutes

as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on Your precepts

and consider Your ways.

I delight in Your decrees;

I will not neglect Your word.

Do good to Your servant, and I will live;

I will obey Your word.

Open my eyes that I may see

wonderful things in Your law.

I am a stranger on earth;

do not hide Your commands from me.

My soul is consumed with longing

for Your laws at all times.

You rebuke the arrogant, who are cursed

and who stray from Your commands.

Remove from me scorn and contempt,

for I keep Your statutes.

Though rulers sit together and slander me,

#### Your servant will meditate on Your decrees.

Your statutes are my delight;

they are my counselors.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

**FIRST READING** ....Jeremiah 31:31-34......Pg. 1227

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please rise.)

I want to see

you,

I want to see you.



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

**GOSPEL** ....John 12:20-36......Pg. 1671

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Young children go to Children's Church)

**SERMON** (Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

"The Role of the Law in the Life of Believers: Part III"

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. (Romans 15:13)

(Please rise.)

## **HYMN OF THE DAY** "Cleanse Me" (Maj # 473 - favorite)



## SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part I. The Ten Commandments:* 

- L: What is The Seventh Commandment?
- C: "You shall not steal." (Exodus 20:15)
- L: What does this mean?
- C: We must fear and love God, so that we will neither take our neighbor's money or property, nor acquire it by fraud or by selling him poorly made products, but will help him improve and protect his property and career.
- L: What is The Eighth Commandment?
- C: "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor." (Exodus 20:16)
- L: What does this mean?
- C: We must fear and love God, so that we will not deceive by lying, betraying, slandering or ruining our neighbor's reputation, but will defend him, say good things about him, and see the best side of everything he does.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Please kneel.)

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

#### **OFFERING**

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

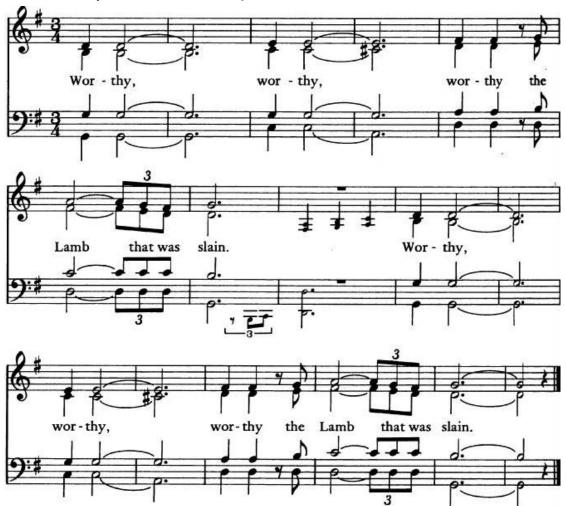
## WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Please rise.)

- 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 our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh You have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of Your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God Whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

"Worthy the Lamb" (Maj #242 - Gloria & William J. Gaither)



## PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 preaching and healing, His dying and rising, and His promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in Your holy and life-giving light. By Your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of Your Son. Through Him all glory and honor is Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever. **AMEN.** 

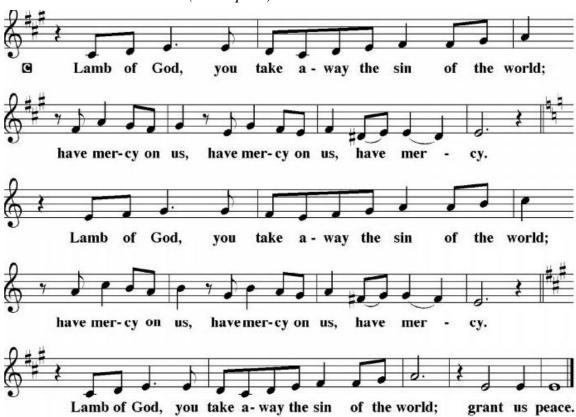
## THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

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. AMEN.

## **COMMUNION** (Please be seated)

P: Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread. All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.

## LAMB OF GOD (WOV p 25)



**COMMUNION HYMN** (sung while others are receiving.)
"What Feast of Love" (ELW # 487)



#### WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

**CANTICLE** (Please rise when all have returned to their seats.)

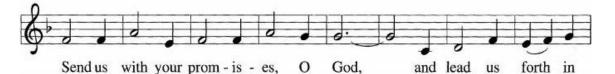
"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" (ELW # 206 - Jeremy Young)

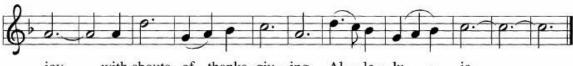


Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.





with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu joy ia.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Please rise.)

L: Let us pray together: C: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

#### **BLESSING**

P: The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of Jesus Christ, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **C: AMEN.** 

## **SENDING HYMN** "Christ, The Life" (ELW # 339)



Text: Ernst C. Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt. Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, Das grosse Cantionale, Darmstadt, 1687

## PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## **POSTLUDE**

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#### SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Sally Stein / 10:45-Irene Graham

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook

LITURGIST: 8:30- / 10:45-Marianne Sands

LECTOR: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Marianne Sands

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Irene Graham

COMMUNION SERVER: 8:30- / 10:45-Marianne Sands

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#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM (Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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