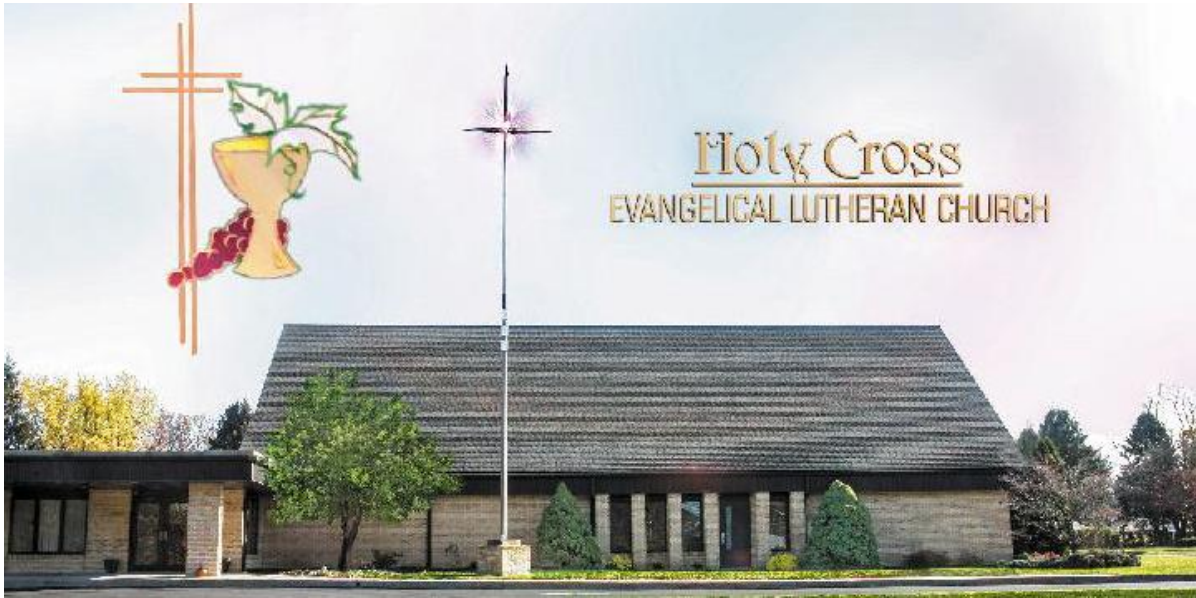


Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION MARCH 3, 2024 THIRD 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

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, He is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

1. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; What have I to ask be-side?
 2. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; Cheers each wind-ing path I tread,
 3. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; Oh, the full-ness of His love!

Can I doubt His ten-der mer-cy, Who through life has been my guide?
 Gives me grace for ev-'ry tri-al, Feeds me with the liv-ing bread;
 Per-fect rest to me is prom-ised In my Fa-ther's house a-bove:

Heav'n-ly peace, di-vin-est com-fort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!
 Though my wea-ry steps may fal-ter, And my soul a-thirst may be,
 When my spir-it, clothed im-mor-tal. Wings its flight to realms of day,

For I know what-e'er be-fall me, Je-sus do-eth all things well;
 Gush-ing from the Rock be-fore me, Lo! a spring of joy I see;
 This my song through end-less a-ges: Je-sus led me all the way;

For I know what-e'er be-fall me, Je-sus do-eth all things well.
 Gush-ing from the Rock be-fore me, Lo! a spring of joy I see.
 This my song through end-less a-ges: Je-sus led me all the way.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

(Please rise.)

GATHERING HYMN “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

(Maj # 420 - favorite - Text: Fanny J Crosby; Tune: Robert Lowry)

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)*

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

A For the
C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - being of the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

L: Let us pray together: **C: Holy God, through Your Son You have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in Your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 19 *(congregation: indented)*

The heavens declare the glory of God;

the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech;

night after night they display knowledge.

There is no speech or language

where their voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out into all the earth,

their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens He has pitched a tent for the sun,

which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion,

like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;

nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

**The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.**

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

**The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

**The ordinances of the LORD are sure
and altogether righteous.**

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

**they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the comb.**

By them is Your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors?

Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep Your servant also from willful sins;

may they not rule over me.

Then will I be blameless,

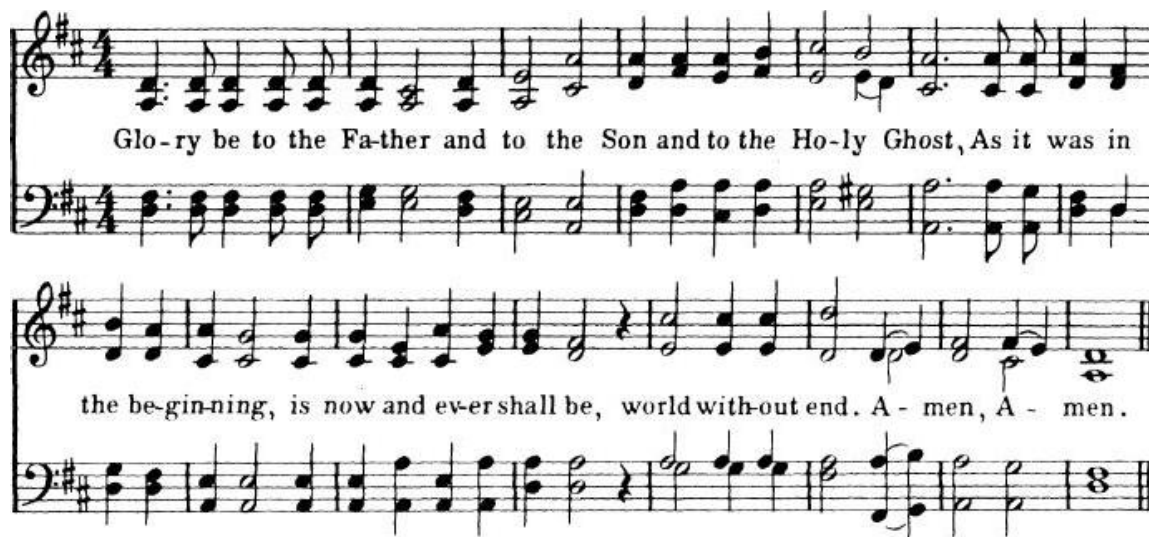
innocent of great transgression.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be pleasing in Your sight,

O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

GLORIA PATRI *(Music: Henry W. Greatorex)*



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, As it was in
the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

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)

(Please sit.)

FIRST READINGExodus 20:1-17.....Pg. 118

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

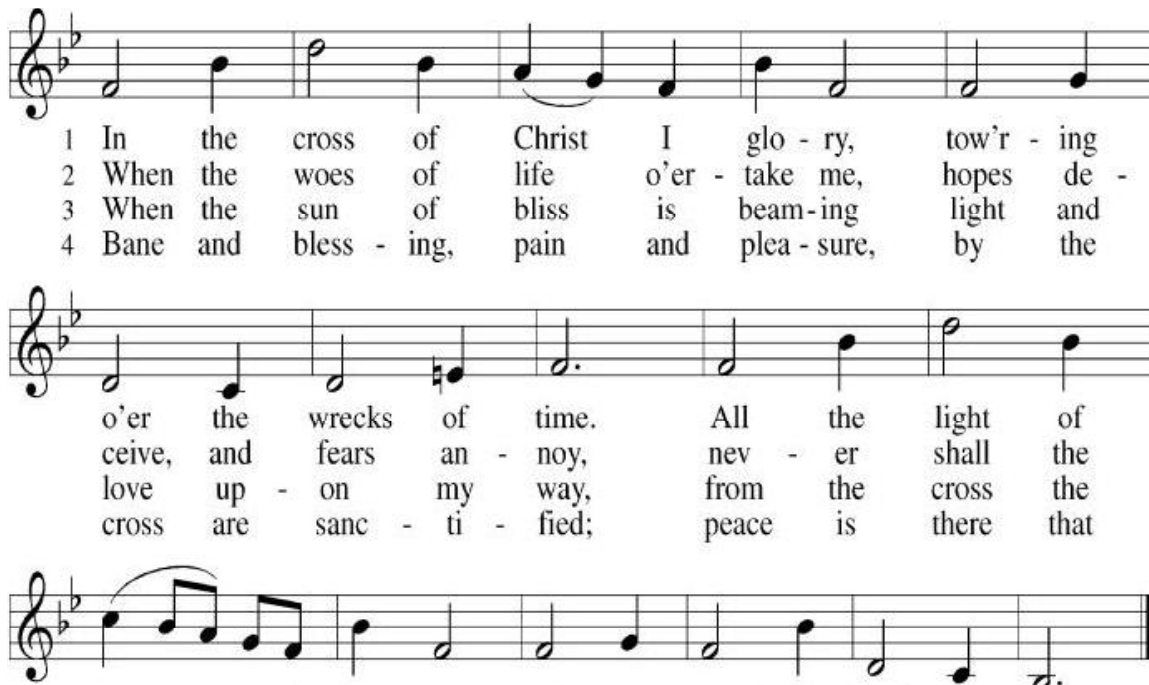
SECOND READING ...1 Corinthians 1:18-25.....Pg. 1772

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” verses 1-2 (Maj # 229 - favorite)



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELJohn 2:13-25.....Pg. 1648

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verses 3-4*

(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 1”

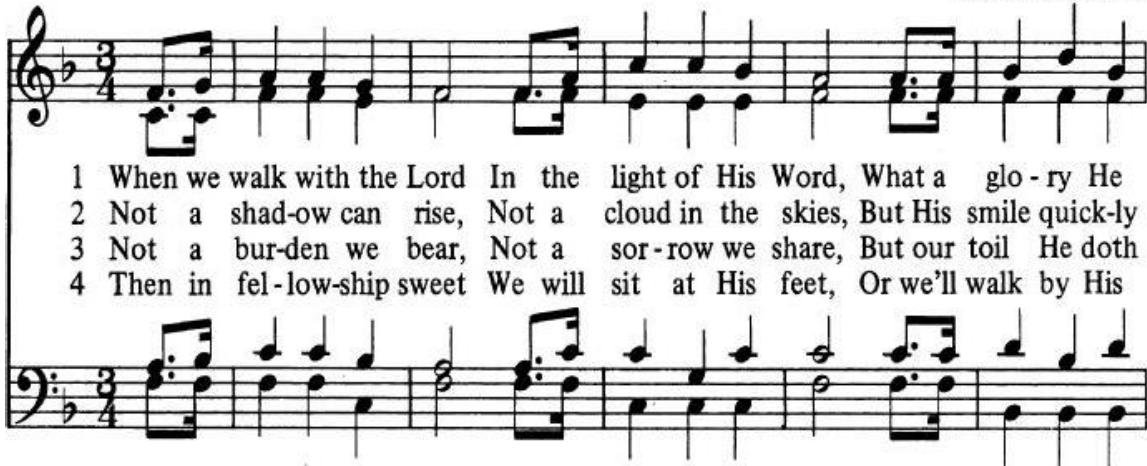
WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

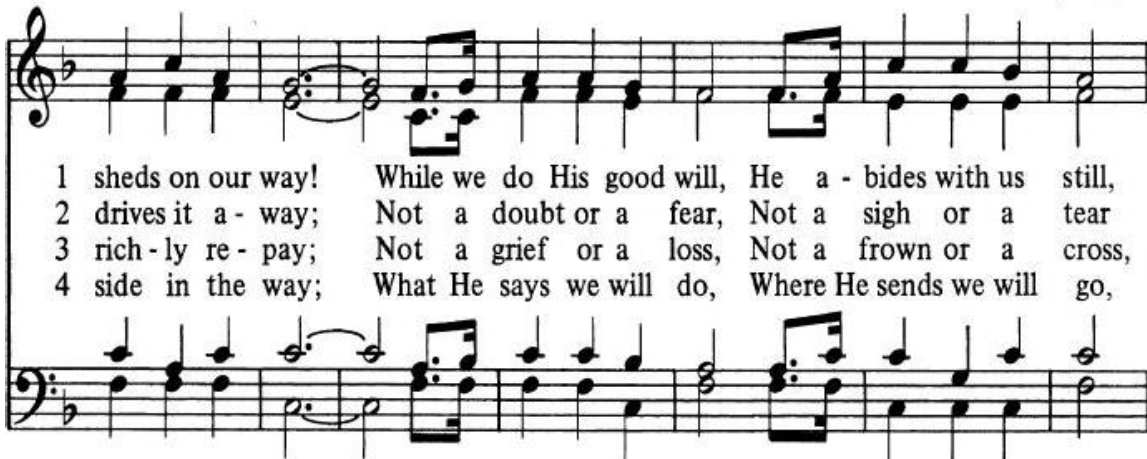
(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“Trust and Obey” (Maj # 586 - favorite)



1 When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word, What a glo - ry He
 2 Not a shad-ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick-ly
 3 Not a bur-den we bear, Not a sor-row we share, But our toil He doth
 4 Then in fel-low-ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His



1 sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He a - bides with us still,
 2 drives it a - way; Not a doubt or a fear, Not a sigh or a tear
 3 rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief or a loss, Not a frown or a cross,
 4 side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go,



1 And with all who will trust and o - bey.
 2 Can re - main when we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's
 3 But is blest if we trust and o - bey.
 4 Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.



no oth - er way To be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

SMALL CATECHISM READING

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

P: What is The First Commandment

C: "You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:6)

P: What does this mean?

C: We must fear, love, and trust God more than anything else.

P: What is The Second Commandment

C: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God."

(Exodus 20:7)

P: What does this mean?

C: We must fear and love God, so that we will not use His name to curse, swear, cast a spell, lie or deceive, but will use it to call upon Him, pray to Him, praise Him and thank Him in all times of trouble.

P: What is The Third Commandment

C: "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

(Exodus 20:8)

P: What does this mean?

C: We must fear and love God, so that we will not look down on preaching or God's Word, but consider it holy, listen to it willingly, and learn it.

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: *(WOV p 36)*



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)*

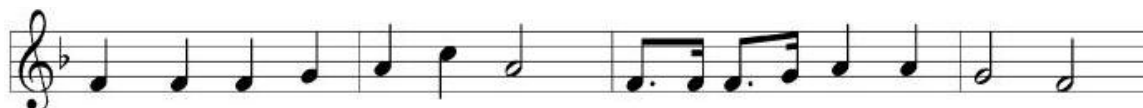
The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;'. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. Below it, the lyrics are: 'have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.' The music concludes with a double bar line and a final chord.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

1. "Nothing But the Blood" (Maj # 249 - favorite - Robert Lowry)



1 What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 2 For my par-don this I see: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 3 Noth-ing can for sin a - tone: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 4 This is all my hope and peace: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.



What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 For my cleans-ing this my plea: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 Naught of good that I have done: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 This is all my righ-teous-ness: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Refrain



Oh, pre-cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;



no oth - er fount I know: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

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.)*

"Salvation Belongs to Our God" (WOV p47)



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

(10:45 - Communion visitors come forward.)

SENDING OF COMMUNION (10:45)

L: Let us pray together: **C: Eternal God, Whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord: Bless those who go forth to share Your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. In Your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of Your Son, that we may all feast upon Your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our 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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (Maj # 551 - favorite)

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

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

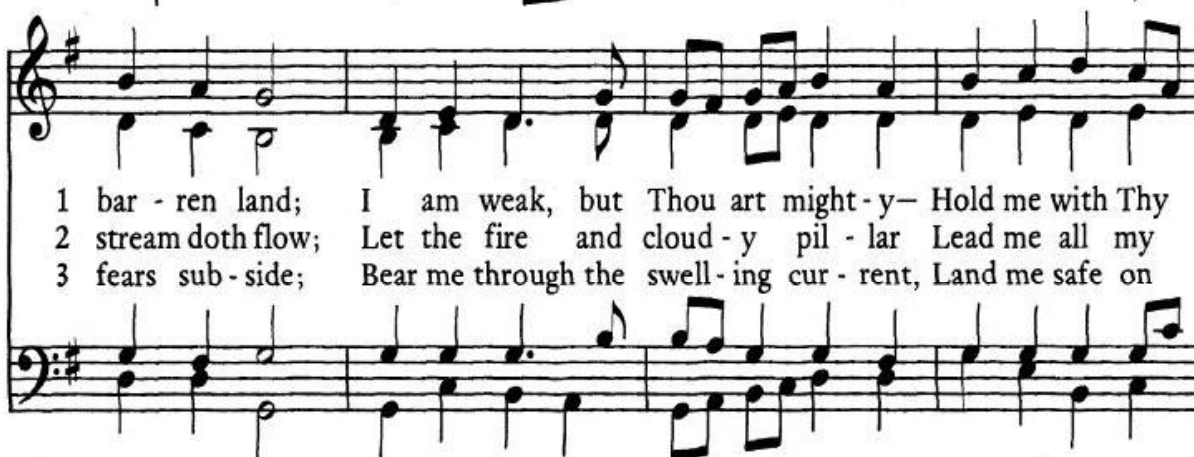
Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

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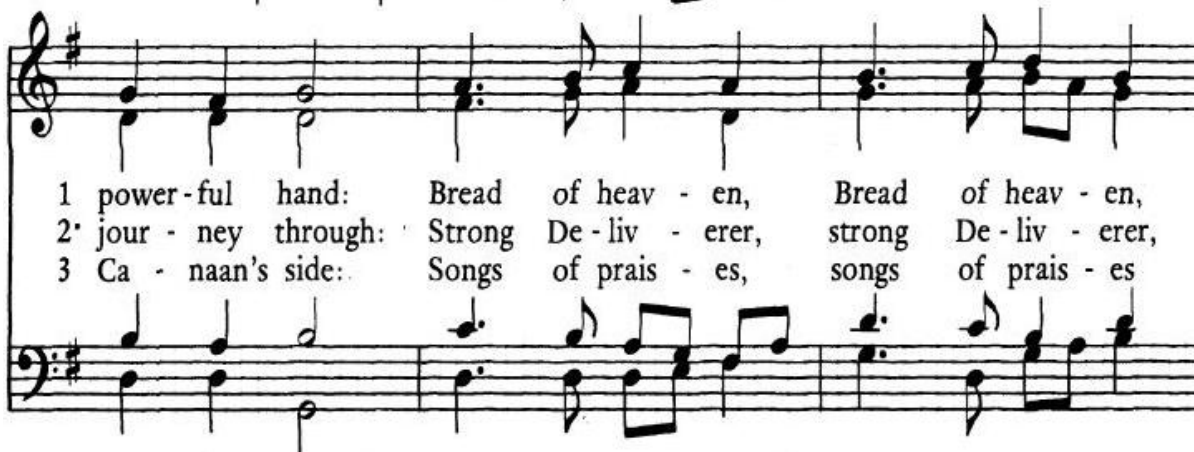
*Holy Cross
to the glory of God*



1 Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
3 When I reach the riv - er Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



1 bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y— Hold me with Thy
2 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me all my
3 fears sub - side; Bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent, Land me safe on



1 power - ful hand: Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
2 jour - ney through: Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,
3 Ca - naan's side: Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



1 Feed me 'til I want no more, Feed me 'til I want no more.
2 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
3 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee. A - men.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Adam Barlow / 10:45-Irene Graham

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Bella Zyskowski

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

LECTOR: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler / 10:45-Marianne Sands

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

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

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

COMMUNION VISITORS: Sharon Branigan, Pastor David

ALTAR GUILD: Alyce Stein, Patty Stein

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker

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Lisa Wechsler, *Treasurer* † Glade Schroeter, *Webmaster*

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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