

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Holy God,

C we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✝ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN *LBW 400* *"God, Whose Almighty Word"*

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM OF MIA MARGARET VONDERHEIDE

PRESENTATION

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: I present Mia Margaret Vonderheide to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P As you support your child in receiving the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy

scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P Do you promise to help *Mia* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

P Do you promise to nurture *Mia* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support *Mia* and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (CREED)

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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 into hell, 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

P *Mia*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

WELCOME

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P Sustain *Mia* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P *Mia*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Sponsors: Amen

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

❖ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."
⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to

Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint

him; for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

(Refrain: You anoint my head with oil.)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C ²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

C ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *(Refrain)*

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (*Refrain*)**

(Refrain: You anoint my head with oil.)

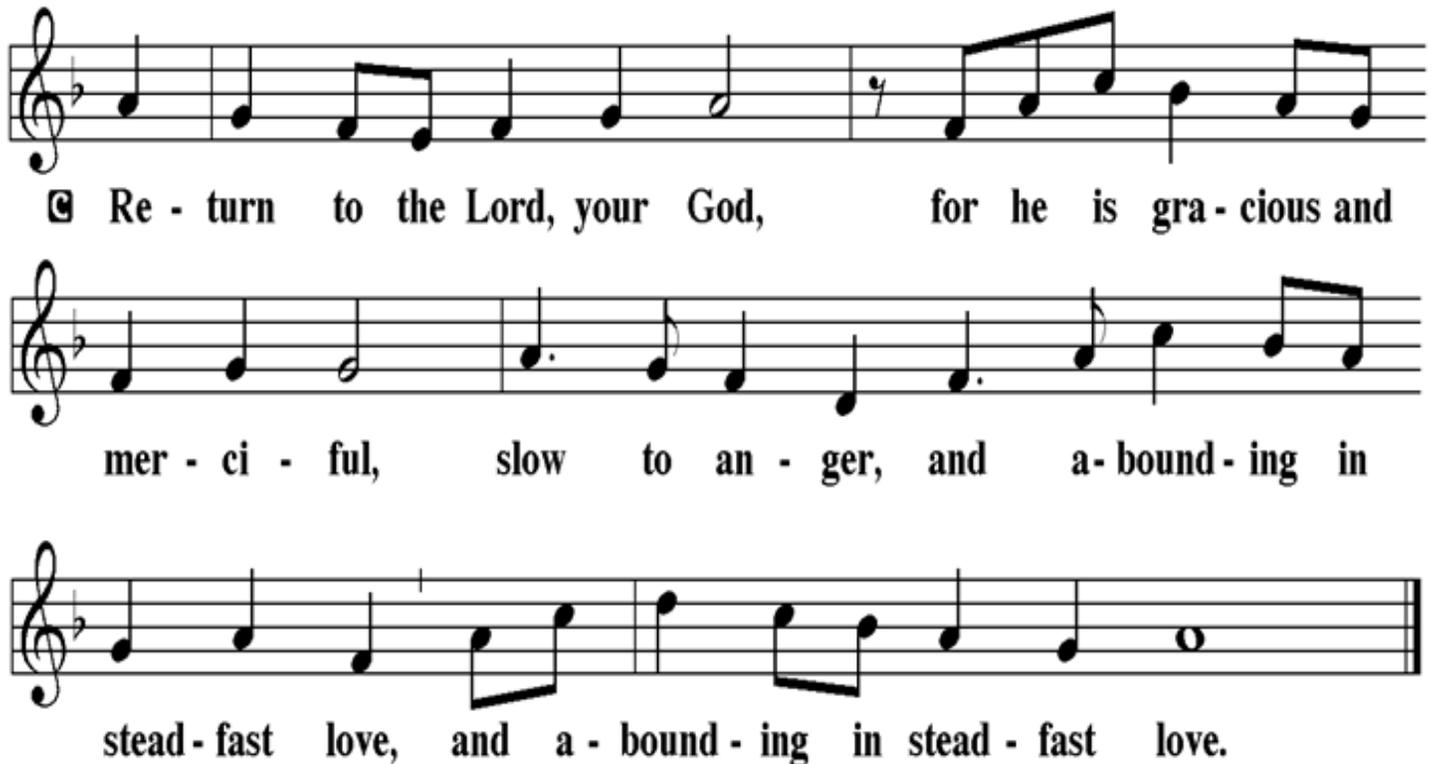
SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The word of the Lord.

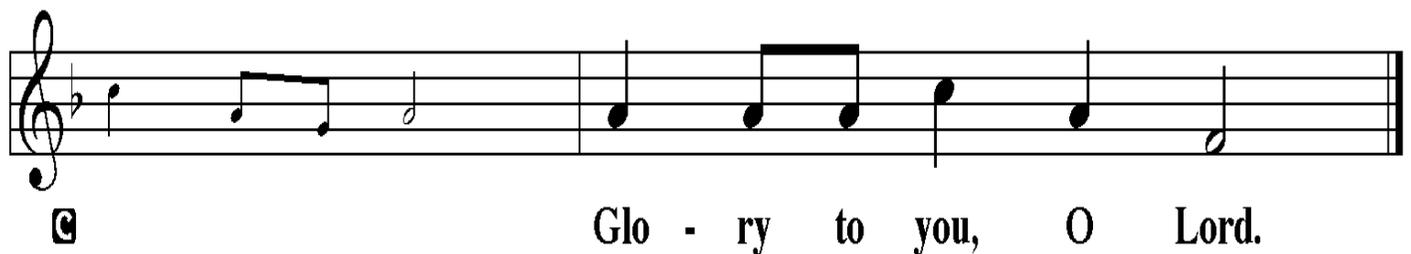
C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(2 measures)*



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.

GOSPEL: Gospel: John 9:1-17



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.
²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”
⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man,

Creating God, by your word you have made all things,
and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to
perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation,
from the grandest mountain range to the smallest
springtime bud. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers.
Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials.
Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove
barriers that impede the well-being of all. Merciful
God,

C receive our prayer.

Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and
restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep;
tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve.
*(We pray especially for Greg Begle, Keith Freyberger,
Dennis Hautsch, Eugene Keller, Stacey Himsel-Matelic,
Dennis Neukam, Sue Neukam, Kayden Parker, Steve
Rothgerber, Annette Schepers, Joe Schelton, Calvin
Seitz, Jr., Gerald Vonderheide and all those we name
before you either silently or aloud.)* Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. (*We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel, Joshua Hoffman, Nathan Humbert and Cooper Uebelhor*). Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

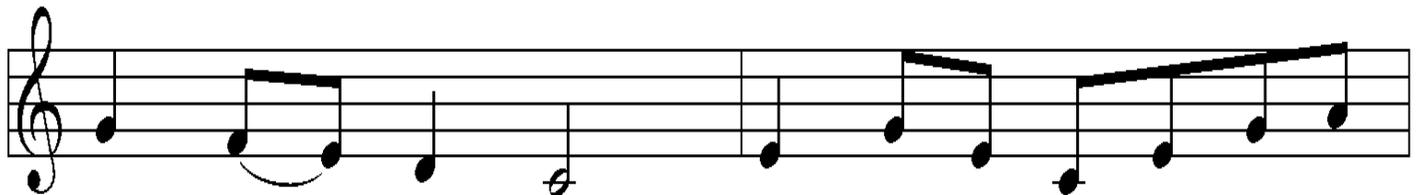
OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” Chancel Choir*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



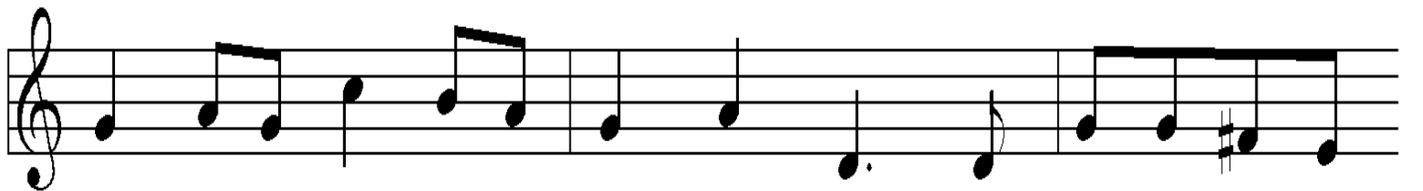
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



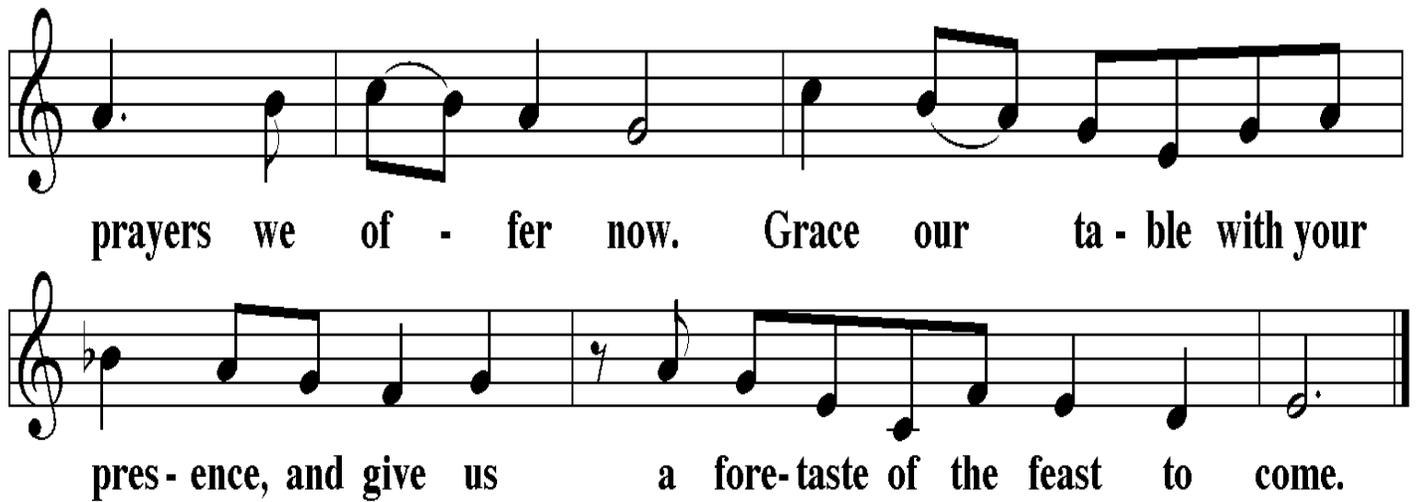
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the nearby tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

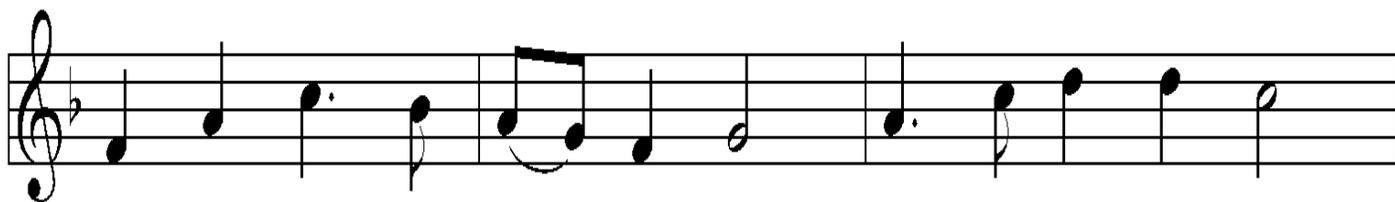
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS



C 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

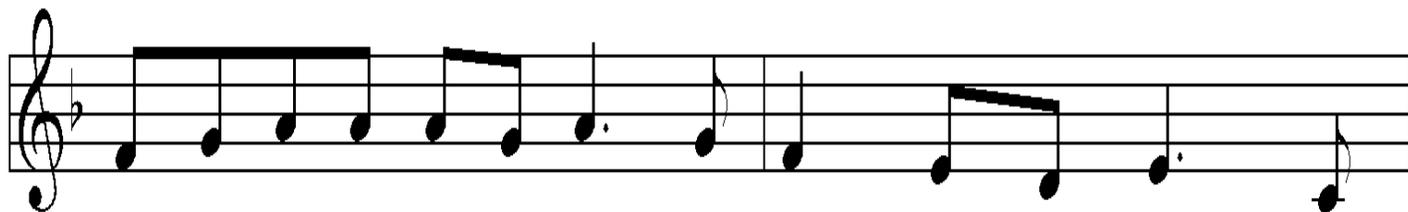
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

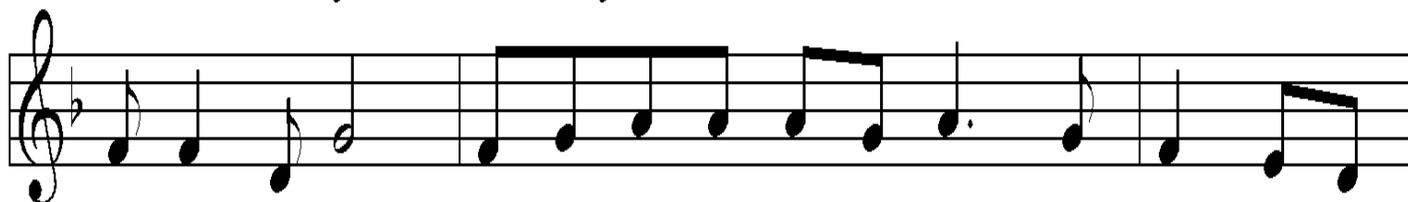
The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

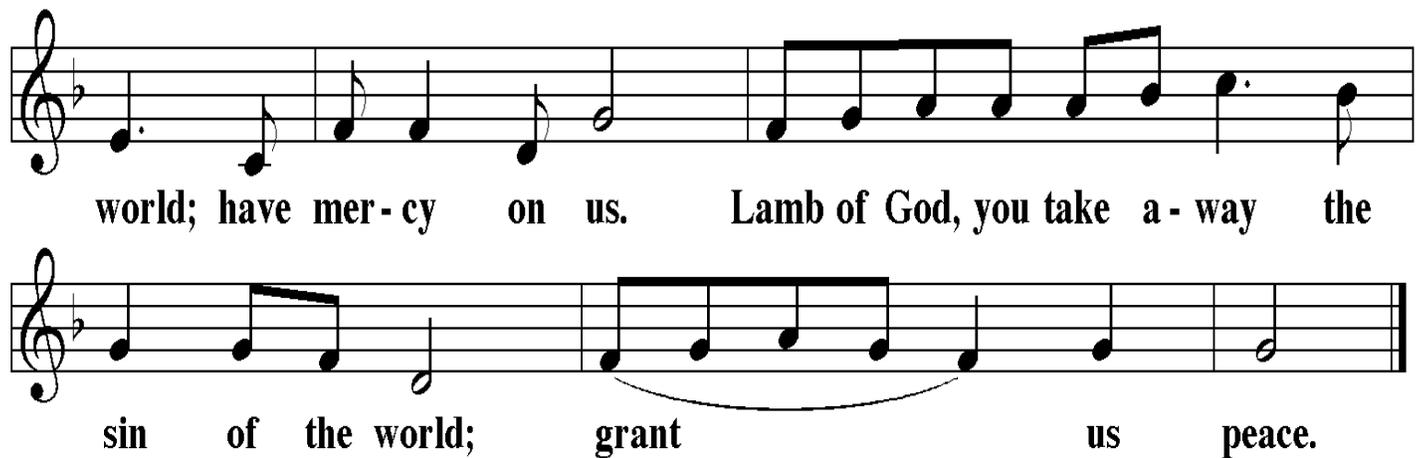
LAMB OF GOD



C 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- LBW 448 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*
LBW 492 "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"
LBW 488 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(vs. 1 only)*



1 O Lord, now let your ser-vant de-part in heav'n-ly peace,
 2 Then grant that I may fol-low your gleam, O glo-rious light,



for I have seen the glo-ry of your re-deem-ing grace:
 till earth-ly shad-ows scat-ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the Gen - tiles un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen

BLESSING

God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *WOV 776* *“Be Thou My Vision”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

***Mission Statement: Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.***

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: David, Kamille & Bowie Helming
Comm. Asst: Deidra Church
Video: Jeff Luker
Organist: Barbara Dell
Lay Reader: Jeff Schmitt
Audio: Doug Wiseman
Acolytes: Lilly Lottes & Gabe Neukam
Altar Guild: Linda & Christine Popp

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 116 SS: 12

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Mar. 19th - Mar. 26th, 2023

Sun. Mar. 19 th	7:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Mia Vonderheide Baptism)</i> <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>
	10:00 AM	Blood Pressure Checks
Wed. Mar. 22 nd	5:30 PM	Lenten Meal by Council
	6:00 PM	Handbells
	6:30 PM	Lenten Service
Thurs. Mar. 23 rd	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun. Mar. 26 th	-----	SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	8:15 AM	First Communion Instruction
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we rejoice in the baptism of Mia Margaret Vonderheide. Mia is the daughter of Jarod and Sara Vonderheide and little sister to William. She was born on July 26, 2022 in Memphis, TN. Mia is the granddaughter of Don & Arlene Vonderheide and Tony & Charla Cooper.

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Deadline for scholarship applications is today, March 26th. Any high school senior who is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church may apply for the \$500 Scholarship which is sponsored by Glenn & Marie Neukam. Applications are available on the welcome center desk and should be turned into the church office.

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Confirmands

Pastor Tim will meet with the 8th grade confirmation kids following the Palm Sunday Service, April 2nd, to go over Confirmation on Sunday, April 16th.

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St. Patrick's Parade - St. Paul's will be participating in the Ireland St. Patrick's Parade on Sunday, March 19th. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center with additional details. If you have any questions, see Rhonda Nigg.

Christian Education

Pastor will hold First Communion instruction on Sunday, March 26th and April 2nd at 8:15 AM with First Communion taking place on Maundy Thursday, April 6th, at the 6:30 PM service. Additionally, 1st grade devotionals and 4th grade bibles will be distributed on May 14th during the Sunday morning worship service. A letter regarding these events will be sent to the parents of the children involved.

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LENT
40 Days of Preparation

Ash Wednesday Service
February 22nd at 6:30 PM (Lenten Meal at 5:30 PM)

Mid-week Evening Services
March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
Lenten Meals at 5:30 PM
Service at 6:30 PM

All are Welcome!

February 22nd – Women of the ELCA
Chicken noodle soup, chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs and dessert.

March 1st – LYO
Spaghetti & Fettucine Alfredo, garlic bread, salad and deserts

March 8th – Worship & Music
Chili, cornbread, PB&J's, veggie tray and dessert

March 15th – Evangelism
Pulled pork, hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, chips and dessert.

March 22nd – Council
Hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, beans and dessert.

March 29th – Christian Ed.
Taco bar and dessert.



WEDNESDAY

Night

LENTEN MEALS

will start at 5:30 PM

EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sponsored by the Haysville Ruritans
at
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
April 8th @ 12:00 PM
*(for kids 12 and under)***

**Everyone
Welcome!
Join Us!**



A SEASON OF HOPE

LENT

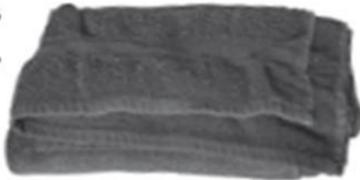
Help spread God's love this Lent by donating items for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. The kits will reach some of the poorest parts of the world. Collection will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd through March 29th. There will be a container placed in the welcome center.

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

WEEK 1
Bars of Soap
(2-3 bars,
4 to 5 oz.,
any brand,
in original wrapping)



WEEK 2
Bath Towels
(light-weight,
maximum
52" x 27",
dark color
recommended)



WEEK 3
Toothbrushes
(adult size,
in original
packaging)



WEEK 4
Combs



WEEK 5
Nail Clippers
(metal, attached
file optional)



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

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The Evangelism Committee will be setting up a photo station for Easter once again this year! A committee member will be available to take your family's photo starting at 8:15 am and again following service on Easter morning. Please bring your own phone or camera, and the committee will take care of the rest.

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APRIL WELCA MEETING

We are excited to have Brenda Wilmes join us at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 4th, for a presentation on Total Wellness Energy in our fellowship hall. We invite ALL to join us! Brenda is a trained Eden Energy Medicine practitioner who is passionate about bringing people back to balance and vitality. Energy medicine can be helpful for Stress, Pain, Anxiety, Discomfort, Illness or Dis-Ease, and Imbalances. Hope to see you there!

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In Service to Our Country

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