



I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

*Psalm 121:1-2*

# Second Sunday in Lent

## **Christ the King Lutheran Church**

Great Falls, Virginia

March 1, 2026

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*Our vision is to be a vibrant community of Jesus' disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring God's grace into our world.*

ELW refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red hymnal in the pew. W&P refers to Worship & Praise. ACS refers to All Creation Sings.

A: indicates Assisting Minister; L: indicates Leader; P: indicates Presiding Minister;  
**C: indicates Congregation.**

At places where the ✝ appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

**Should you need to use an enlarged order of service, complete with Bible readings and hymns, you will find several in black binders just outside the sanctuary.**

### A few notes about worship:

- **We are glad to have children in worship.** We also know that children sometimes need to move and express themselves in ways that the service (and the pews) don't accommodate. There is a family break room/nursery available with toys, a rocking chair, changing table, and other items. It is staffed during Sunday School and the worship service, but you are free to use it as needed.  
To find the family break room, turn left in the foyer and go past the doors leading to the parking lot. It's the first door on the left down the hall.
- The worship service is streamed live on Facebook. The camera angles are set so that worshipers' faces are never seen on camera (the camera may occasionally pick up the back of the heads of those sitting in the front rows); only those leading worship from the chancel, lectern, piano, and organ are ever shown fully or face-on.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **Supper & Holden Evening Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, March 4**

Our second Wednesday Lent Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer will be on Wednesday, March 4, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Our Lent soup suppers are offered from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Gysan Fellowship Hall.

**Please sign up [here](#) to bring something for the dinners or to help with setup or cleanup.**

At 7:00 p.m. we will move into the sanctuary for Holden Evening Prayer and Holy Communion. Holden Evening Prayer is a beautiful worship service that blends the traditional with more contemporary musical elements. It includes the reading of Scripture and prayers, and it is the musical setting that sets it apart from what we might hear on a Sunday morning.

Please join us for this time of fellowship, music, and prayers.

## **Donations for Embry Rucker Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, March 6**

Christ the King will be providing breakfast at the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston on Friday, March 6 for 100-130 people. We are asking the congregation to provide food items. **Please click [here](#) for the signup genius to make your contribution.**

The food items can be dropped off at the Embry Rucker Shelter (11975 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston) by 7:00 a.m. on Friday, March 6 or at Dolly Whelan's home (911 McMillen Ct., Great Falls) no later than Thursday, March 5.

Questions? Please call Suzanne Gaibler (703-851-5600) or Dolly Whelan (703-346-3593).

## **Christ the King Seeking Bookkeeper \_\_\_\_\_**

Christ the King is looking for a part time bookkeeper. Prior experience with church accounting a plus. **Please contact Bill Carbaugh at 240-372-0078 or [wcarbaugh@guardianrealty.com](mailto:wcarbaugh@guardianrealty.com) if you are interested or know someone who might be interested, or would like a copy of the job description.**

## WELCOME!



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### MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to know more about Christ the King or are interested in living out your discipleship as a member of this community, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068.

If you would like to be on our email list to receive our weekly newsletter, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068 or visit our website: [gflutheran.org](http://gflutheran.org).

### CALENDAR



## CtK Red Cross Blood Drive \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday, March 12, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

Our next blood drive will be on Thursday, March 12, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Gysan Fellowship Hall.

Please click [here](#) to sign up for a donation timeslot on the Red Cross website. Donors will receive a \$15 gift card as well as a free A1C test! We need 30 donors to be able to host the blood drive. We will need help setting up at noon and cleaning up at 6:00 p.m. We will also need some home baked goodies, please. If you have any questions, please call Melody Starya Mobley at (571) 276-7356.

## Vacation Bible School at CtK \_\_\_\_\_

**July 27-31, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Christ the King is excited to partner with Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (Burke) to offer VBS at CtK the week of July 27-31, 12:00-3:00 p.m. each day. Each day the kids will rotate through stations such as games, art, science, snack, life-size board games, and Bible adventures. We will begin and end the day with a large group program that includes VBS songs, skits, and lots of laughs. Kids will travel in groups of similar age kids. Registration is now live! To register, fill out the Google form [here](#). Questions? Please contact Antonia Siebert at [the.sieberts@verizon.net](mailto:the.sieberts@verizon.net)

## Prayers for the Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

**David Whelan** asks for prayers for his sister Virginia Peters who is battling a recurring cancer.

For healing: **Peggy Borden; Lynda & Roger Hammel; Pat & Carol Murphy; Karen Magley; Vivienne Wardian**

## Winter/Spring Lay Helper Sign Up Genius \_\_\_\_\_

Please click [here](#) to sign up to help with our Sunday services!

This Morning's Lay Helpers	
8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Asst Minister – Open	Asst Minister – Open
Lector – Open	Lector – Open
Greeter/Ushers – Open	Greeter/Ushers – Open
Cantor – Open	Cantor – Open
Set Up Cart – Open	Clean Up Cart - Open

## AT CTK THIS WEEK March 1 – March 8

### Sunday, March 1

8:30 a.m.—In-person Worship  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.—Adult Forum, In-person & [Zoom](#)  
11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship  
*(streaming available on Facebook Live)*  
11:00 a.m.—Baptism of Sila Spadafora  
7:00 p.m.—AA

### Tuesday, March 3

7:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast, la Madeleine  
10:45 a.m.—KKP Chapel  
2:00 p.m.—Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, March 4

9:30 a.m.—Journey Women's Bible Study  
10:45 a.m.—KKP Chapel  
6:00 p.m.—Soup Supper  
7:00 p.m.—Lenten Worship – Holden Evening Prayer  
7:45 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 5

7:00 p.m.—AA

### Friday, March 6

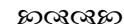
7:00 a.m.—Embry Rucker Breakfast

### Saturday, March 7

7:00 p.m.—AA

### Sunday, March 8

8:30 a.m.—In-person Worship  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.—Adult Forum, In-person & [Zoom](#)  
11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship  
*(streaming available on Facebook Live)*  
7:00 p.m.—AA



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## Reflections on Stewardship

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Jesus came to earth to help in God's "rescue mission." In other words, Jesus came to help work out God's dream for creation. A faithful steward looks for ways through which s/he can also assist in helping to bring God's dream closer to reality. How are you doing?

### GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Most merciful God,

**C:** **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.**

*During Lent, we withhold the absolution until Maundy Thursday.*

*The service continues on the following page.*

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GATHERING HYMN: ELW 660 Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your

life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4a

R: A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 121

*said responsively*

*The Reader (R) says the regular text; the Congregation (C) says the **bold text**.*

R: <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C: **<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

R: <sup>3</sup>The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

C: **<sup>4</sup>Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

R: <sup>5</sup>the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

C: **<sup>6</sup>the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

R: <sup>7</sup>The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

C: **<sup>8</sup>The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

R: A reading from Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Return to the Lord

*ELW page 142*

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.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And

just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,  
<sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Sandy Kessinger

*Silence for meditation may follow the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 781 Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Sila Kes Spadafora*

*Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary.*

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors for Sila Kes present the candidate.*

[*Roberto and Kara*]: We present Sila Kes Spadafora for baptism.

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

[*Amanda and Stefano*]: We do.

P: As you bring your daughter to receive 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.

Do you promise to help Sila Kes grow in the Christian faith and life?

[*Amanda and Stefano*]: We do.

P: Roberto and Kara, do you promise to nurture Sila Kes 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?

[*Roberto and Kara*]: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Sila Kes and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

*The congregation stands and joins in the Profession of Faith.*

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and 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 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.**

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: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.  
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.  
Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.  
At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.  
Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## BAPTISM

P: Sila Kes, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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.

Sustain Sila Kes 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.**

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

C: **Amen.**

## WELCOME

*A lighted candle is given to a sponsor of Sila Kes as a representative of the congregation says:*

A: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

*The pastor and the baptismal group face the assembly.*

A: Let us welcome the newly baptized, Sila Kes.

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.**

*Please sit or kneel as you are comfortable for our time of prayer.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth and be with all who work towards the good of all that you have created. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless our guests and those who join through the waters of baptism. Be with Sila and accompany her in her journey of faith. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Open our hearts and minds as we seek your guidance while in our call process. Unite us in purpose. Help us to remain faithful to our mission as we discern your will. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. We give you thanks for all those who have gone before us in faith, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**C: Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying Peace be with you as you shake hands or embrace. Please be seated following the sharing of the peace.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## MEAL

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OFFERING AND REGATHERING SONG: ELW 692 We Are an Offering

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, 7/8 time signatures, eighth and sixteenth notes, rests, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes).

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.**

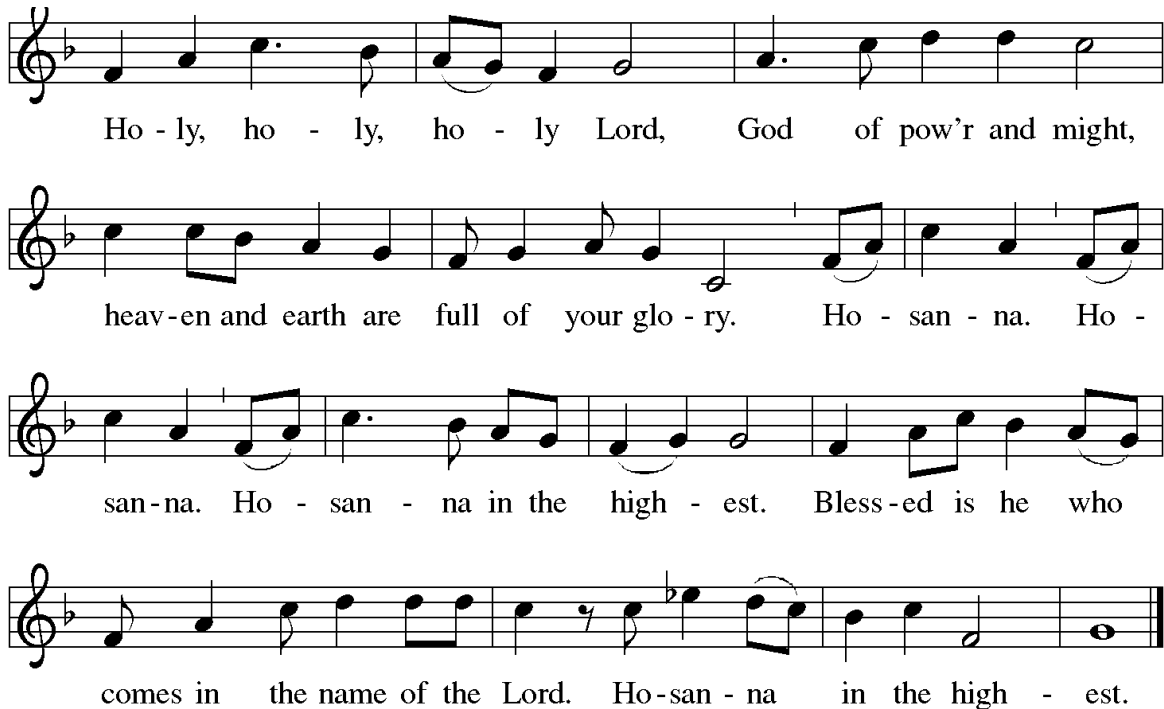
## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table, for all is now ready.

Lamb of God

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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.

## DISTRIBUTION WITH MUSICAL OFFERING

*Instructions for communion distribution will be given at this time.*

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Those who have not received instruction or who wish not to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 186 Create in Me a Clean Heart



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.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

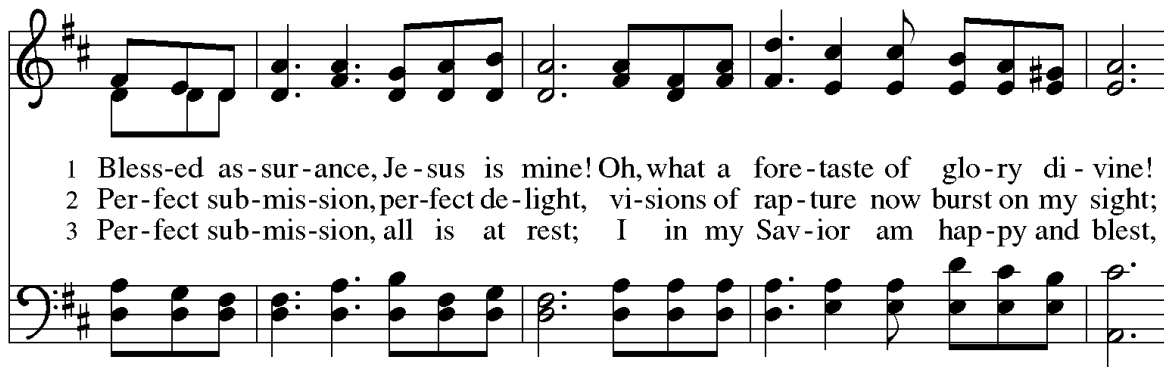
## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

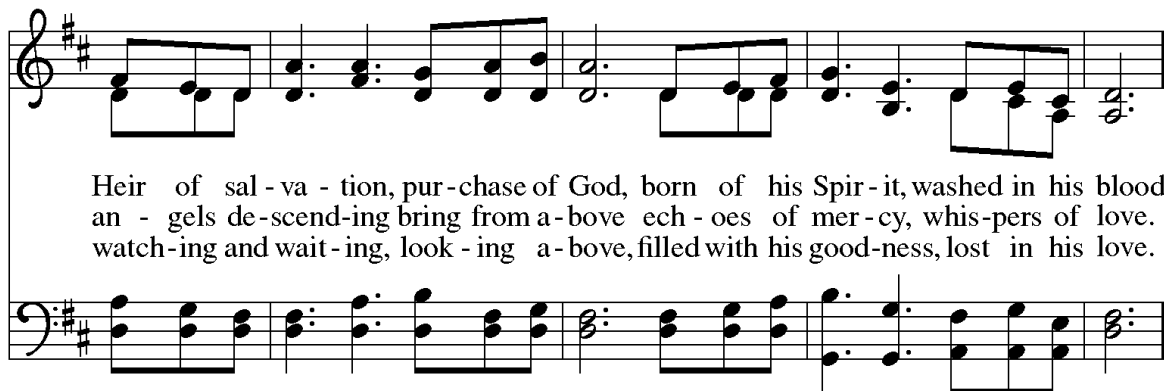
C: **Amen.**

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SENDING HYMN: ELW 638 Blessed Assurance

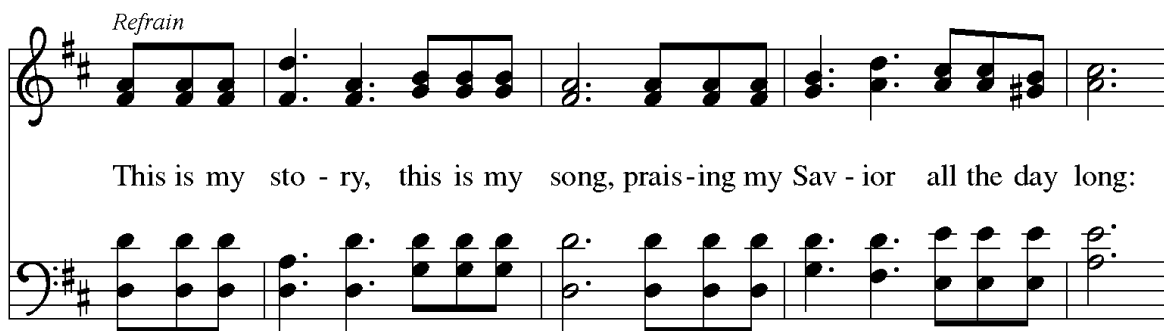


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE