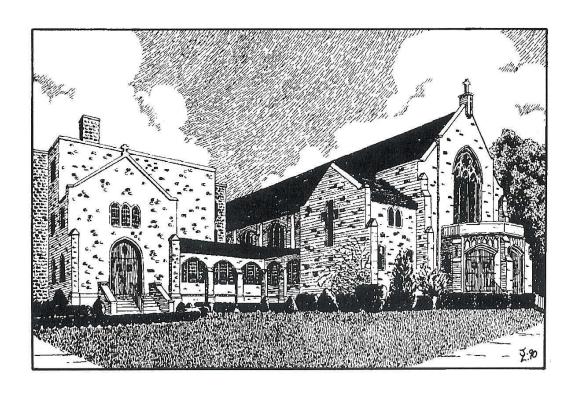
Guest and Large Print Bulletin



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity
Greenville, Pennsylvania

The Third Sunday in Lent March 15, 2020 Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. However, if parents desire, a nursery room for infants and preschool children is available. The nursery room is located on this floor near the back parking lot door into Brath Hall. The worship service can be heard there. At the time of distribution of Holy Communion, please bring your child to receive the blessing of the Church as you commune. For assistance with care of your young child in the nursery, or for help of any kind, please ask an usher. For children who are present in worship, there are coloring and activity pages with crayons available in the narthex. They are located by the coat rack on the bottom shelf of the pamphlet rack. Please return the unused pages, clipboard, and crayons after the service.

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

Procedure for Communing: At the time of the offering, the pastor will wash her hands with soap and water immediately before presiding at the table. Approach the altar rail through the door to the front left, take a small disposable glass from the tray and move to the furthest place open, kneeling if you are able, or standing. Receive the host in your open palm and receive the wine poured into the small glass, saying "Amen" after receiving each. If you are unable to consume either the bread or wine, be assured that Christ is fully present for us in either element; reverence the body or blood of Christ by saying "Amen" when the host or the cup is presented. Leave by the right, throwing your empty glass in the trashcan provided, and return to your pew. Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Liturgy of Holy Communion, Setting Five

The Liturgy is on pages 156-164 of the red <u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u>. Hymns are in the second half of the book (ELW). The assembly's responses are in **bold type**.

(Please remember to turn off your cell phone. Thank you. We prepare in prayer and holy silence.)

Significance of the Day: In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Gathering

Prelude Chorale Prelude on Vater unser im Himmelreich (Dupre)

Greeting and Announcements

(The assembly stands as the ministers enter.)

Confession

(All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins.)

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Returning to the covenant God made with us in Holy Baptism, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(The assembly kneels, as able, or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.)

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and things left undone.
Uphold us by your Spirit,
that we may live and
serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

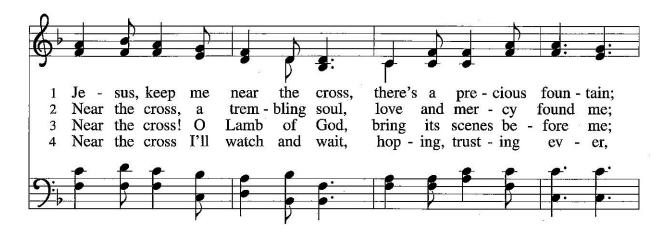
Almighty God looks upon us with mercy and by water and the word joins us to the saving death of Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit God raises us with Christ to new life. May God grant us true repentance, time for amendment of life, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, and at the last, bring us to the fullness of life in Christ. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(The assembly stands.)

The Gathering Song

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross



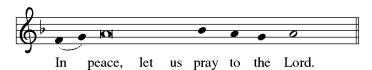


Apostolic Greeting

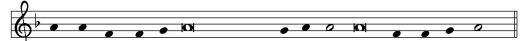
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

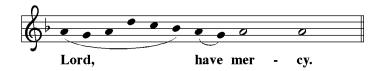
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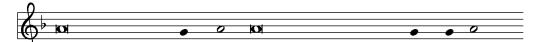






For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.





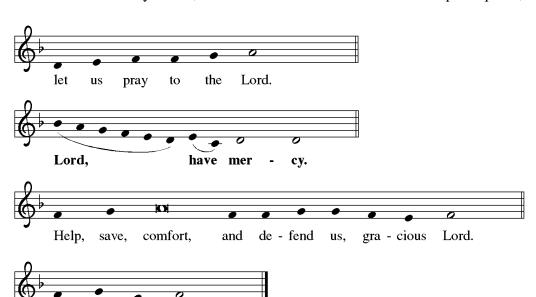
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

men.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(The assembly sits.)

Word

First Reading Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus 17:1-7:

1 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do

you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95

(The Psalm will be sung responsively by whole verse.)

1 Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

- 2 Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
- 3 For you, LORD, | are a great God, and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
- 4 In your hand are the caverns | of the earth; the heights of the hills are | also yours.
- 5 The sea is yours, | for you made it, and your hands have molded | the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship | and bow down,

let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

7 For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!

8 "Harden | not your hearts,

as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.

9 There your ancestors | tested me,

they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

10 Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,

'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my
ways.'

11 Indeed I swore | in my anger,

'They shall never come | to my rest.'''

Second Reading Romans 5:1-11

A reading from Romans:

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. 9 Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. 11 But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

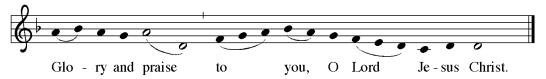
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(The assembly stands.)

Gospel Acclamation

(Choir sings verse; Assembly repeats acclamation.)



Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me this living water that I may never thirst again.

The Holy Gospel

John 4:5-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where

people must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." 26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" 28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" 30 They left the city and were on their way to him.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33 So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly sits.)

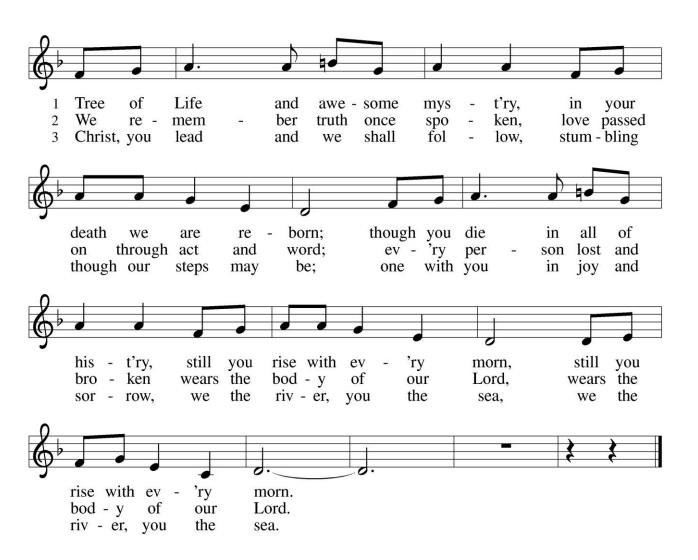
The Sermon Pastor Brenda Martin

(As the organ sounds the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.)

Hymn of the Day

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

(stanzas 1, 2, 3, and Lent 3



Lent 3 Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul; springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(The assembly kneels, as able, or sits for prayer.)

Prayers of Intercession

A: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need, "Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great."

(Brief silence)

- A: God of living water, send your church beyond boundaries to proclaim your grace. May its witness be a source of refreshment for thirsty souls.

 Strengthen our voices, that all people can know and believe that Jesus is truly the savior of the world. We pray for out bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, deacons and other leaders; our musicians, whose voice of prayer is music. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: God of living water, protect from pollution or misuse all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams, including Pymatuning. Bless the work of those who dig wells and those who advocate for access to clean water, that all people and animals have enough to drink. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: God of living water, open the hearts of leaders and authorities, that they hear the cries of the suffering and act with compassion toward them. Bring peace to disputed lands and bring reconciliation to people divided by race, culture, or nationality. We pray for our leaders, including our president and governor. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: God of living water, mend the hearts of those who grieve broken relationships, whether by conflict, abuse, divorce, or death. Draw near to all who are ill. Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering. Walk with all of your people through the global pandemic of the coronavirus keep us safe; help us to adjust to the realities of change in our homes, schools, workplaces and churches; guard the most vulnerable and keep them from harm; and lift our fears and anxiety. Hear us, O God. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

- A: God of living water, renew us in the promises of baptism. Join us together in worship, fellowship, and sharing your good news. Embolden us to serve others and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: God of living water, we thank you for those who endured suffering and who now boast in the glory of God, especially Janet and Michael. Pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts and give us peace as we live in the hope of our salvation. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: Are there others for whom we should pray?
- P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

Peace

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

(The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying, "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

(The assembly sits.)

Meal

Offering

Music during the Offering (Anthem)

Wondrous Love

(Poole)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on and
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on.

(The assembly stands.)

Offering Verse



Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

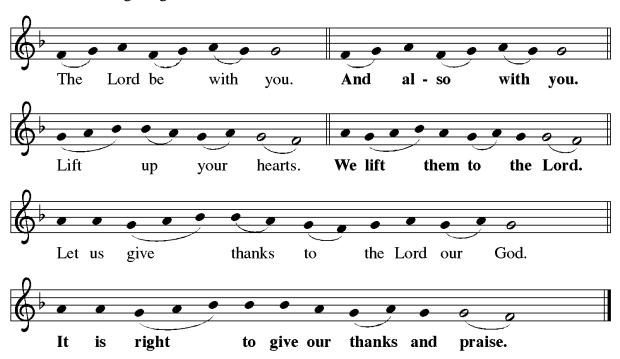
or

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 Lord.

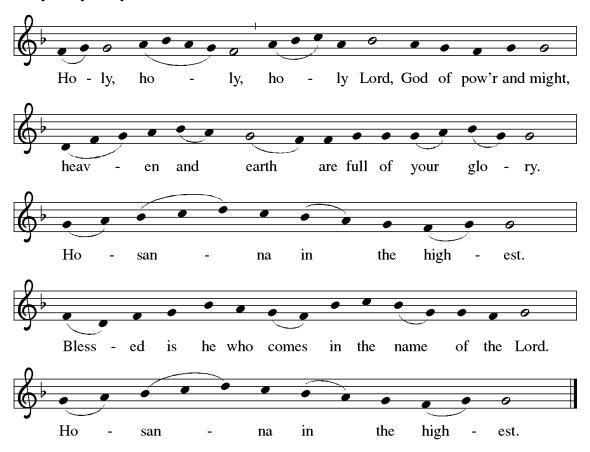
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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



Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

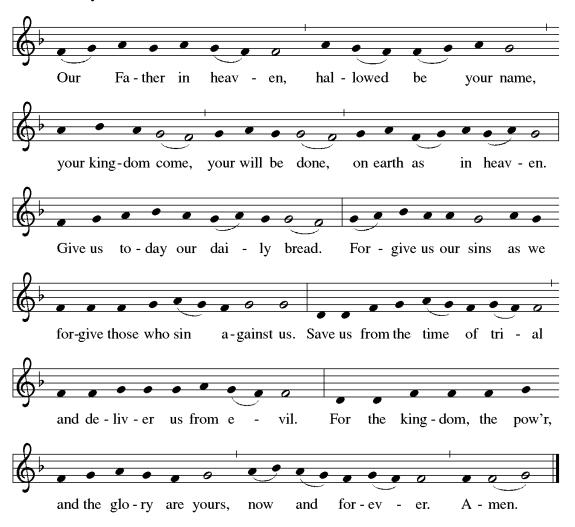


Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer



Breaking of Bread

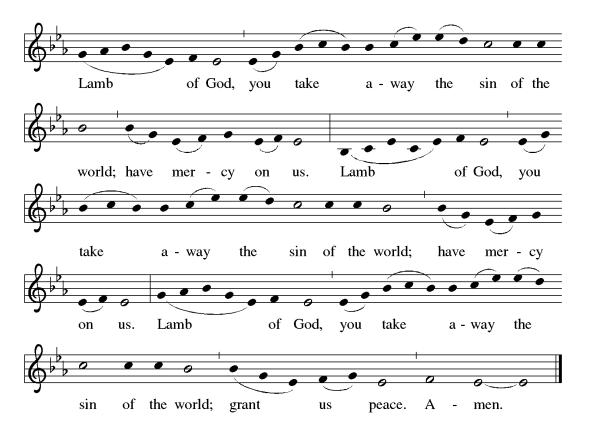
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

(The assembly sits.)

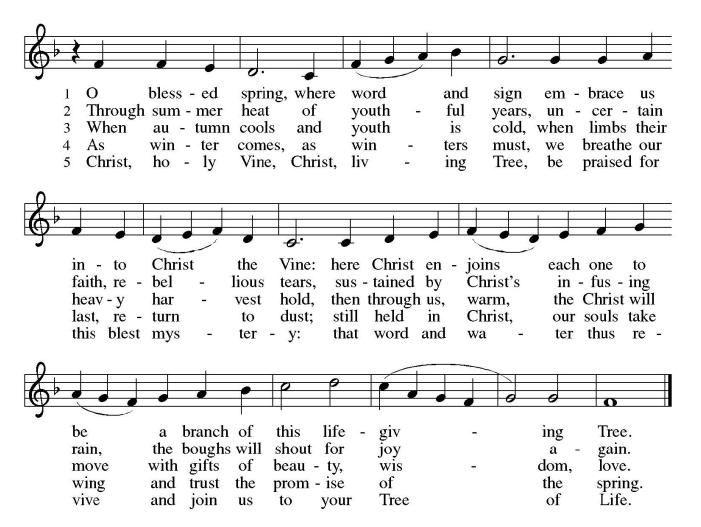
Lamb of God



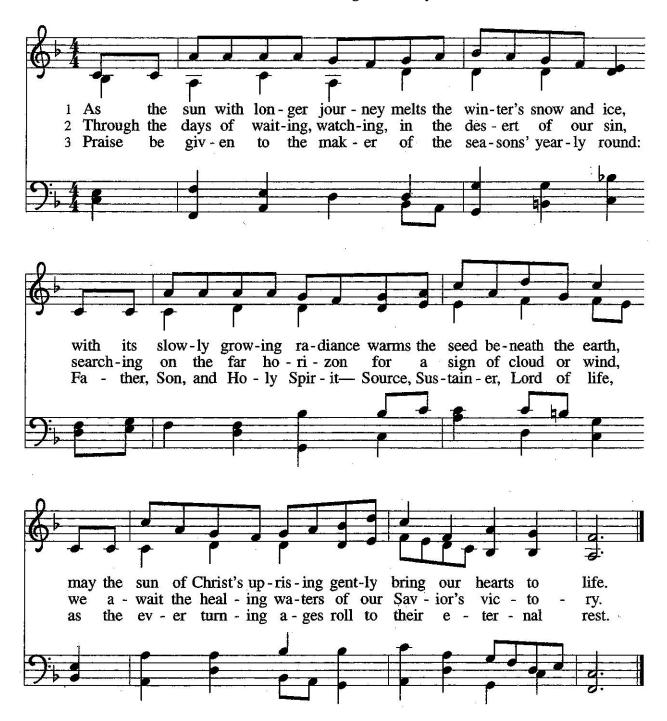
The Communion of the Faithful

Hymns during the distribution

O Blessed Spring



As the Sun with Longer Journey



Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

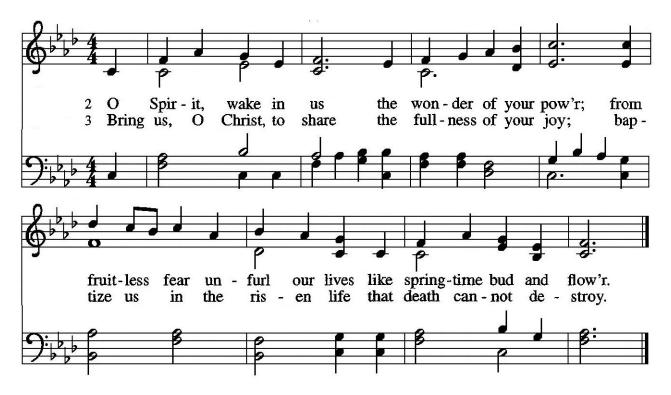


Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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

Amen.

or

Let us pray.

God of our pilgrimage, in this meal you nourish us with the gifts of faith and hope. Sustain us on our journey that, refreshed by your grace, we may reach the promised land, the Easter feast of victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

or

Let us pray.

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 seld-indulgence, and above all find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(The assembly kneels, as able, or sits for prayer and reflection until after the Dismissal.)

Sending

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** (*Sung*)

Dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Hymn Variation on Berglund (Cherwien)

Serving Today

| Presiding Minister | Pastor Brenda Martin |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Organist | Maidene Hackett |
| Liturgical Deacon | Chuck Lanning |
| Communion Assistant | Kris Abraham |
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| Lector | Olivia Martin-Call |
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| Usher | Judy Leary |

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Today's Hymnody

| 335 | Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross | NEAR THE CROSS |
|-----|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 334 | Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery | THOMAS |
| 447 | O Blessed Spring | BERGLUND |
| 329 | As the Sun with Longer Journey | NAGEL |
| 623 | Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me | TOPLADY |

Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Dr. Robert Harris, retired, Mercyhurst University
The Rev. Brian Riddle, Thiel College Campus Pastor
The Rev. Martin Roth, retired pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College