



## House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 25, 2024

### Second Sunday in Lent, Year B

(The “+” insignia indicates where the congregation should stand)

**Prelude**    *I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health*

William Byrd

### Welcome and Gathering

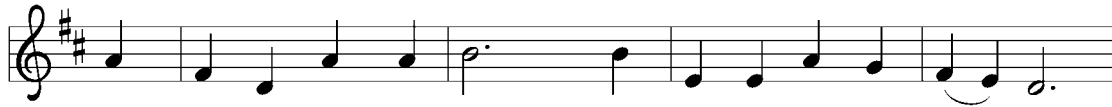
**Announcements**

**Ring of the Bell** (*please remain seated*)

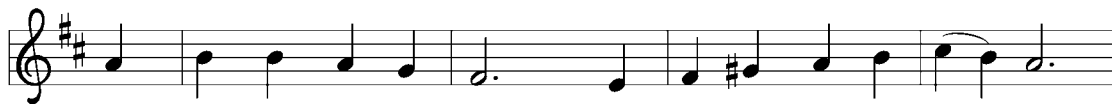


**+Gathering Hymn: *ELW 806 O God, My Faithful God***

**O God, My Faithful God**



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

**+Greeting**

L: 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.**

### **+Call to Worship**

L: Lent is not a time for being miserable, but for taking stock and resetting our aims for following Christ.

**C: Loving God, in you we trust, let us never fool ourselves.**

L: Lent is an opportunity for healthy repentance-  
repentance for our indifference in face of the permeating evil of the world,  
repentance for personal sins which we have glossed over as “mere foibles.”

**C: According to your loving kindness, remember me, God of goodness and saving grace.**

L: Lent is a time for joy; the exhilaration that comes-  
from defying temptations,  
from turning our face to the light that shines on the narrow path of Christ Jesus,  
from walking into adverse winds and enjoying small victories day by day.

**C: Shape us to know your ways, O God, teach us your way,  
for you are the God of salvation.**

### **+Call to Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

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

L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage 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 neighbor 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.**

L: Hear the good news:

God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we were dead in sin, and makes us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit and in the love of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## +Prayer of the Day

L: God our Protector,

**C: We step out in confidence to go where you lead, but along the way we trip and stumble. We let the fear of our surroundings and the unknown shift our focus. Thank you for reaching out and setting us back on the path and guiding us in the way you invite us to go. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.**

*You may be seated*

## Word

### **First Reading: Isaiah 41:8-10**

But you, Israel, my servant,  
    Jacob, whom I have chosen,  
    the offspring of Abraham, my friend;  
<sup>9</sup> you whom I took from the ends of the earth  
    and called from its farthest corners,  
saying to you, “You are my servant;  
    I have chosen you and not cast you off”;  
<sup>10</sup> do not fear, for I am with you;  
    do not be afraid, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you; I will help you;  
    I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

### **Psalm 22:23-31**

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
    All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
    stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
<sup>24</sup> **For he did not despise or abhor  
    the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me  
    but heard when I cried to him.**  
<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
    my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
<sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
    those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
    May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.

<sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup> To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

<sup>30</sup> **Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord**

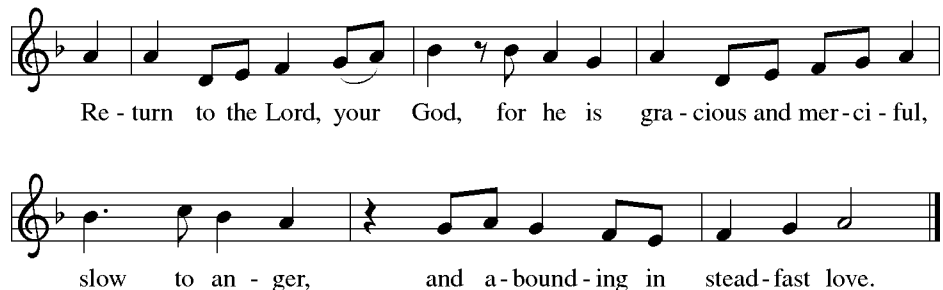
<sup>31</sup> and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:8-11**

We do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia, for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. <sup>9</sup> Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. <sup>10</sup> He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, <sup>11</sup> as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many may give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

L: Word of God, Word of Life: **C: Thanks be to God!**

**+Gospel Acclamation:**



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.

**+Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

L: The Gospel according to Matthew , the fourteenth chapter .

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

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

L: The Good News of God. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

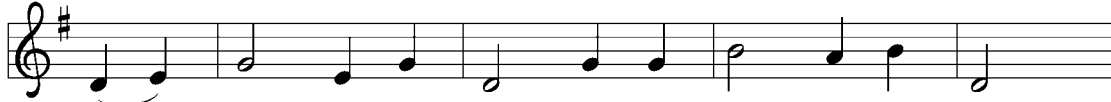
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**Sermon: Rescue Me From Danger**



**Hymn: ELW 796 *How Firm a Foundation***

**How Firm a Foundation**



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

**+Apostle's Creed**

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

**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. Amen.**

*You may be seated*

**Prayers of Intercession: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (all sing before and after the prayers)**

**O Lord, Hear My Prayer**  
*The Lord Is My Song*

The musical score is presented in two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*" The second system includes the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me. *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*"

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.  
Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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## All Sing: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

**Peace:** L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*You are invited to share the peace with those around you as you feel comfortable.*

## **Meal**

**Offering** *The Call*

**Hop Brass**

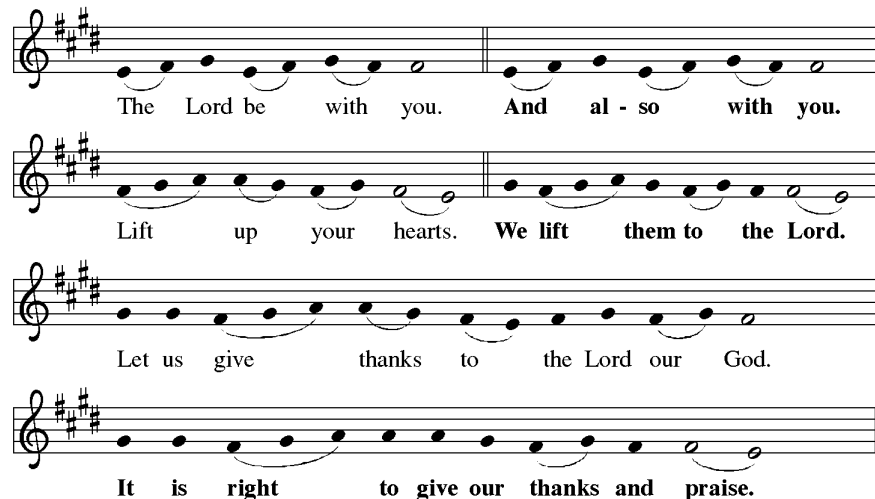
Ralph Vaughn Williams

## **Offering Prayer**

L: Lord God, on our own, what we have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to us and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. In Jesus' name, we pray,

**C: Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **Preface**

L: 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...we **stand** to praise your name and join their unending hymn... *(please stand)*

## +Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

## +Words of Institution

## +Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in Heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

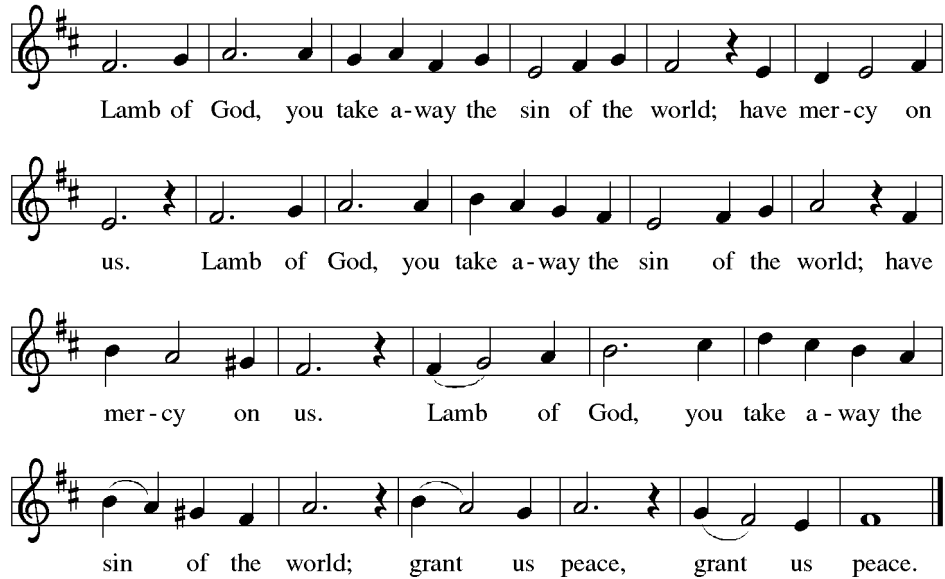
**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## +Invitation to Communion

**L: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!**

*(You may be seated)*

## Communion



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, grant us peace.

**Music during Distribution** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Jon Kietzer

### +Prayer after Communion

L: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one to meet the needs of a hungry world; in the name of Jesus, **C: Amen.**

## Sending

### +Blessing

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

**C: Amen.**

Hymn: *ELW 813 Faith of Our Fathers*

Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is  
3 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -  
4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,  
press - ion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,  
fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross



when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,  
mak - ing love known and free - dom real. Faith of our moth - ers,  
the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright. Faith for to - day, O  
un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.  
ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.  
liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.  
liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, st. 1, alt.; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2–4  
Music: St. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain  
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**+Ringing of the Bell**

**+Dismissal**

L: Go in peace, seeking Christ in one another,

**C: We will, by the grace of God.**

**Postlude** *Peace I Leave with You*

Mendelssohn/Kietzer

**Worship Participants**

**Presider/Preacher:** Pastor Sarah Bunge  
**Musicians:** Roselyn Hanson Weber, Director of Liturgical Worship  
**Organist** Jon Kietzer  
**Special Music:** HOP Brass  
**Lector/Intercessor:** Karen Amezcua  
**Communion Servers:** Pastor Sarah, Charlie Robbins, Chuck and Betty Hughes  
**Ushers:** Cathy and Roger Shromoff, Larry Markes  
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