



House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year B

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

Prelude: *O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß*

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Gathering

Announcements

Ringing of the Bell (*please remain seated*)

+Gathering Hymn: *ELW 322*

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “I am this dark world’s light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast.”
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live.”
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav - ling days are done.

+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 the 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. 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 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.

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: Holy God,

C: you lead us in a holy curiosity about the world and our neighbor. You guide us to continually learn about how and why things are as they are. Welcome our wondering souls and lead us to share our knowledge with love and compassion, in the holy name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

You may be seated

Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 119:9-16

⁹ How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰ **With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.**

¹¹ I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

¹² **Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.**

¹³ With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

¹⁴ **I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.**

¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

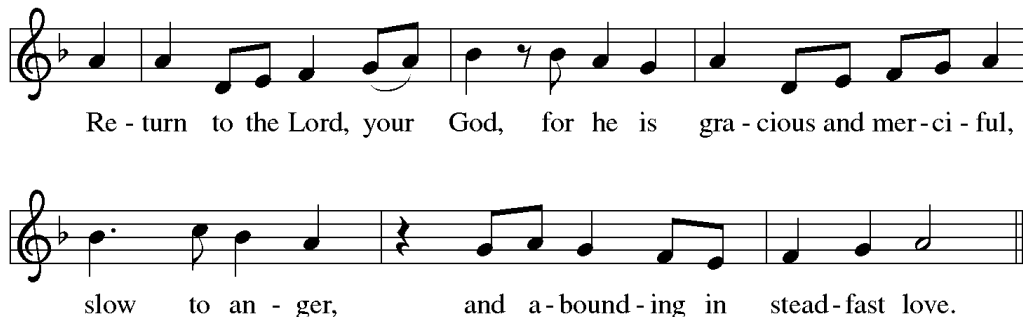
¹⁶ **I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 4:6-11

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. ⁷ Have nothing to do with profane and foolish tales. Train yourself in godliness, ⁸ for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. ⁹ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. ¹⁰ For to this end we toil and suffer reproach because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. ¹¹ Command and teach these things.

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 18:15-22

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

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

You may be seated

Sermon: Teach Me

Hymn: *ELW 596*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



- 1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness;
- 2 Whendark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un - chang - ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer - it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
when all sup - ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

+Apostle's Creed

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

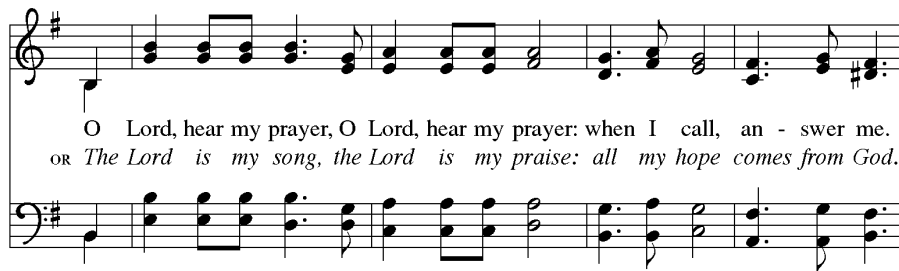
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of 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.**

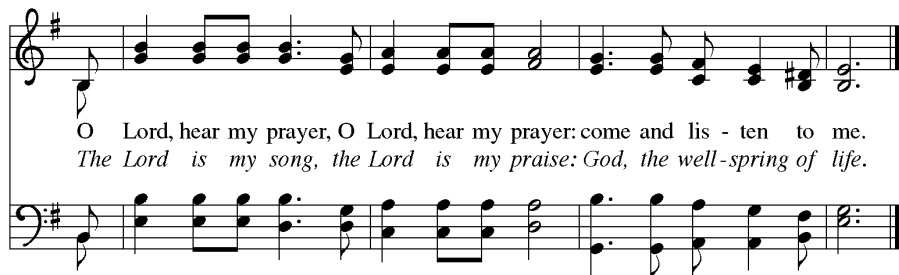
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Prayers of Intercession: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (all sing before and after the prayers)

Spoken Response: L: Hear us O God, C: your mercy is great



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.*



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.

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:

Guide My Feet

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Avis Graves

Combined HOP and Woodlake Adult Choir

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.**

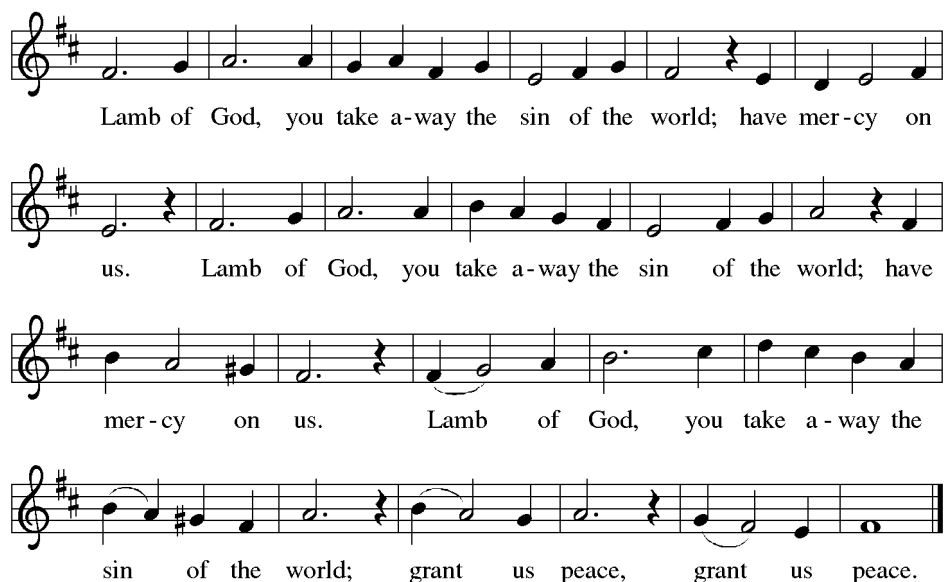
**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

+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:

A New Heart

Melissa Dunphy

HOP and Woodlake Combined Choirs

+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.**

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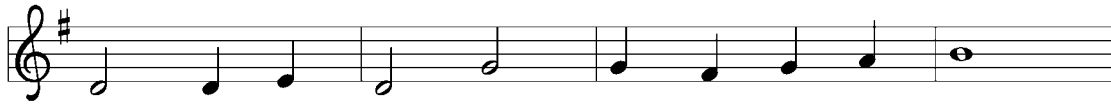
+Blessing

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

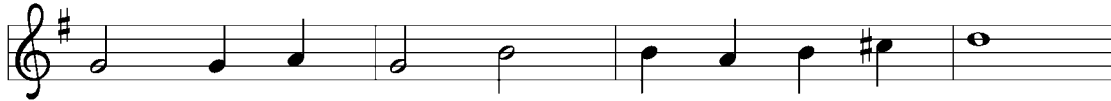
C: Amen.

Hymn: *ELW 534*

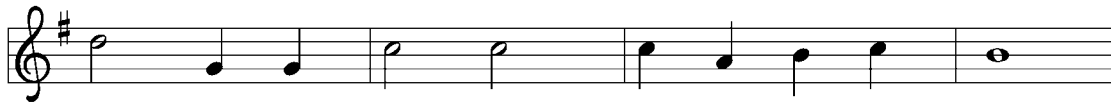
Savior, Again to Your Dear Name



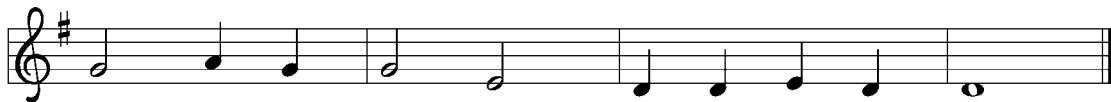
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;



once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
that in this house have called up - on your name.
your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.
Music: ELLERS, Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901

+Ringing of the Bell

+Dismissal

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

C: We will, by the grace of God.

Postlude: *Christus, der uns selig macht*

J.S. Bach

Worship Participants

Presider/Preacher:	Pastor Eric Luedtke
Musicians:	Roselyn Hanson Weber, Director of Liturgical Worship
Organist	Tim Buendorf
Special Music:	House of Prayer & Woodlake Combined Choir
Lector/Intercessor:	Cindy Jacobs
Communion Servers:	Pastor Eric, Cindy Jacobs, Chuck and Betty Hughes
Ushers:	Verne Nordholm, Charlie Robbins, Steve Sather
AV Engineer:	Ethan Alberg

Musical Note: March 21 marks the 339th anniversary of the birth of renowned Lutheran composer J.S. Bach



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