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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

1st Sunday in Lent

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 ✉ 9:30 AM

**PREACHING TODAY:
THE REV. KATY MORAN**



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**WELCOME TO ALL
who join us today for worship!**

Most everything you need is printed in this bulletin. Hymns are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal.

- **Rest room facilities** are located in the hallway south of the Atrium.
- **Large print bulletins and hearing enhancement devices** are available. Please ask an Usher for assistance.
- **Everyone's encouraged** to record your name on the attendance sheets found in the attendance folders at the end of each pew. Any special requests (prayers, visits, inclusion in mailings, etc.) may be written on these sheets.
- **We will be passing offering plates during the service.** Wooden offering boxes for are also available at the rear of the Sanctuary.
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*** The congregation please stand as you are able.**

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Behold the Lamb of God - Hal H. Hopson
Parish Choir Joanne Vasey, piano

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.
C **Amen.**

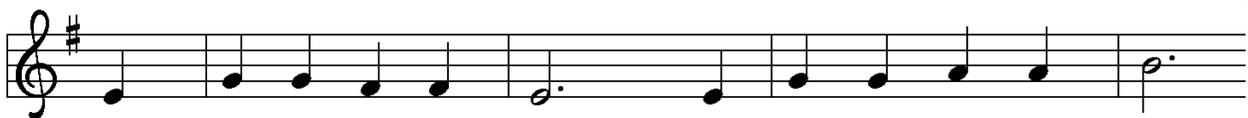
* **GATHERING HYMN** *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days - ELW # 319*

* **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.**

* **KYRIE**

ELW p. 203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Holy One, it is easy to see the mustard plant and forget to marvel at the seed. It is easy to taste good wine and not appreciate it. It is easy to miss the holy that is in our midst. By your word today, surprise us. Speak to us. Move through us. Draw us closer to your good news 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.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L The Word of the Lord.

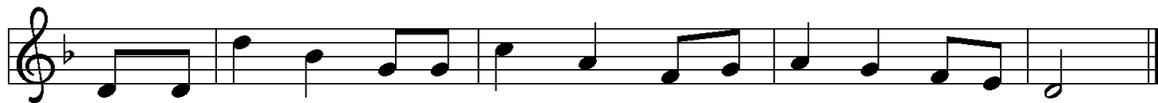
C **Thanks be to God.**

* LENTEN ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 205



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

*** THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-32**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter:
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

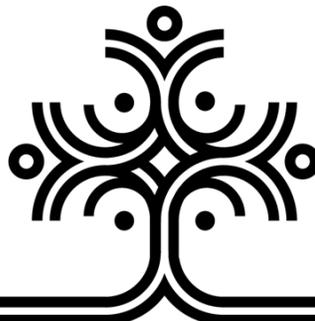
P The Gospel of our Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Charlene Rineer

SERMON

The Rev. Katy Moran



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HYMN OF THE DAY

In A Neat and Tidy Garden

In a neat and ti - dy gar - den grows a se - cret ti - ny seed
Green and ten - der leaves I har - vest from the mus - tard grow - ing wild
O - ther gar - den - ers may strug - gle and pre - tend they have con - trol

[4]
There a - mong the plan - ted bar - ley will e - merge a shock - ing weed
To en - rich and spice my dish - es that were un - til now too mild
O - ver land that God cre - a - ted but I'll tell you what I know:

[8]
Grow - ing quick - ly through the so - il to break forth in va - cant spot
Un - ex - pec - ted and sur - pris - ing, un - con - trolled by hu - man hand
I am not the Mas - ter Gar - dener, just a stew - ard of this place

[12]
What a joy when I dis - cov - er God has plan - ted in my plot!
See the reign of God is grow - ing, ta - king root through - out the land!
God has seed - ed ev - ery a - cre with sur - pris - ing, wi - ld grace!

[16]
What a joy when I dis - cov - er God has plan - ted in my plot!
See the reign of God is grow - ing, ta - king root through - out the land!
God has seed - ed ev - ery a - cre with sur - pris - ing, wi - ld grace!

*** THE NICENE CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

C 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.**

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

A brief silence.

P God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated especially those we name aloud or in our hearts (*brief pause*). Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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

C **Amen**

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

The Kingdom of God & The Tiny Seed
Text: Gracia Grindal, Catherine Mathia, Audrey Sillick
Music: Austin Lovelace & Arabic Folk Song
Joanne Vasey, organ

You are invited to place your offering in one of the plates as they are passed or to make use of our online offering plate through Vanco by scanning the QR code to the right. You may also place your offering in the wooden offering located in the back of the sanctuary.



* **DOXOLOGY** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - ELW # 803 Stanza 4*

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to the good news of his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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:

* SANCTUS

ELW p. 207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

P But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the table where we who are broken are made whole. So, come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

P On the night in which he was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus gave thanks, took a piece of bread and broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying,
"This is my body. It is broken for you.
Do this to remember me."

P Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and said,
"This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because
of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me."

P So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and wine, the produce of the earth and fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole. We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. Let that same Spirit rest on us, call us from the folly of this world, until in wisdom, we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

P All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ. By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

C **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

ELW p. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Lenten Meditation - Jay Althouse
Parish Choir Joanne Vasey, piano

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord Jesus, Think on Me - ELW # 599

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

God of salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to you good news for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*** BENEDICTION**

P Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

*** SENDING HYMN**

Chief of Sinners, Though I Be - ELW # 609

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** POSTLUDE**

Heinlein - Paul Heinlein
(Forty Days and Forty Nights)
Joanne Vasey, organ

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February 22–29, 2026

Sunday, February 22 1 Lent Pastor Katy preaching	9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Sunday School
Monday, February 23	11:00am Staff Meeting- Parlor 6:00pm –9:00pm Trout Unlimited - LCH 7:00pm –8:00pm Al-Anon-YR
Tuesday, February 24	9:15am Assemble March newsletter - Parlor 6:30pm Council meeting - LCH 6:30pm Lenten Study - UIC
Wednesday, February 25	9:00am Holy Sew 'N' Sews-LCH 12:00pm Soup & Scripture - Presbyterian Church Lwbg. 6:00pm Lenten Dinner/Holden Prayer Service
Thursday, February 26	9:15am Counters 9:30am Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206 11:00am Lent Reflections Brunch @ Silvermoon 6:00pm Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206
Friday, February 27	
Saturday, February 28	
Sunday, March 1 2 Lent Pastor Katy preaching WC Joe Keller	9:30am Holy Communion 11:00am Annual Meeting - Nave 4:30pm –6:30pm Faith Lab - CELC 6:30pm –8:00pm UYG Road Trip Bible Study @ CELC

ATTENDANCE: Feb. 15, 2026: 9:30am: 74

EXPENDITURES & CONTRIBUTIONS ANALYSIS

	<u>Month of Jan. 2026</u>		<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions Made	\$ 37,546	\$	37,546
Actual Expenses	34,819		<u>34,819</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ 2,727	\$	2,727
Actual Expenses	\$ 34,819	\$	34,819
Budgeted Expenses	30,886		<u>30,886</u>
Expenses Over (Under) Budget	\$ 3,933	\$	<u>3,933</u>