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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

2nd Sunday in Lent

MARCH 1, 2026 ✉ 9:30 AM

**PREACHING TODAY:
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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.
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- **Extra offering envelopes** can be found in the back of the attendance folder.
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*** The congregation please stand as you are able.**

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MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Deus Tuorum Militum (O Love, How Deep)
Grenoble Church Melody; Peter Pindar Stearns

What Wondrous Love Is This
American Folk Melody; Arr. Jack C. Goode & John Arn
Joanne Vasey, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Offertorium - Gordon Young
Joanne Vasey, organ

*** 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**

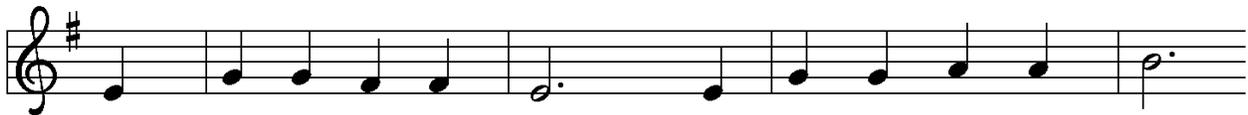
Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross - ELW # 335

*** 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**

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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.**

God of good news, speak louder than the news updates. Speak louder than our mental distractions. Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear. God, speak loudly to us today, because we long to hear your good news once more 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 12:1-4a

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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.”

^{4a} So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** LENTEN ACCLAMATION**

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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 25:35-40**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter:

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

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

The Rev. Katy Moran

* HYMN OF THE DAY

I Come With My Devotion

I come with my de - vo - tion to love and serve my God
I hear my Sa - vior's call - ing to serve the lost and least
God made us in God's im - age each per - son whom we meet

[4]

Whose lov - ing cos - mos formed me be - fore I e - ver sought
The hun - gry and im - pris - oned, the bro - ken ones like me
Ex - tra - va - gant - ly lov - ing all of hu - man - i - ty

[8]

The glo - ry of the hea - vens or praise on earth be - low So
For in each act of kind - ness it's Christ for whom we care All
So I'll re - turn the love which has formed me from the start

13

ev - ery gift I have now I lay be - fore the throne
wor - thy of our love since it's God's face we bear
Lov - ing my cre - a - tor, my - self, and ev - ery heart

*** 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 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 protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P 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 Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. 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 we name aloud or in our hearts (*brief pause*). Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. 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

Whatsoever You Do
Willard F. Jabusch; Keyboard acc. by Owen Alstott
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 boxes 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.**

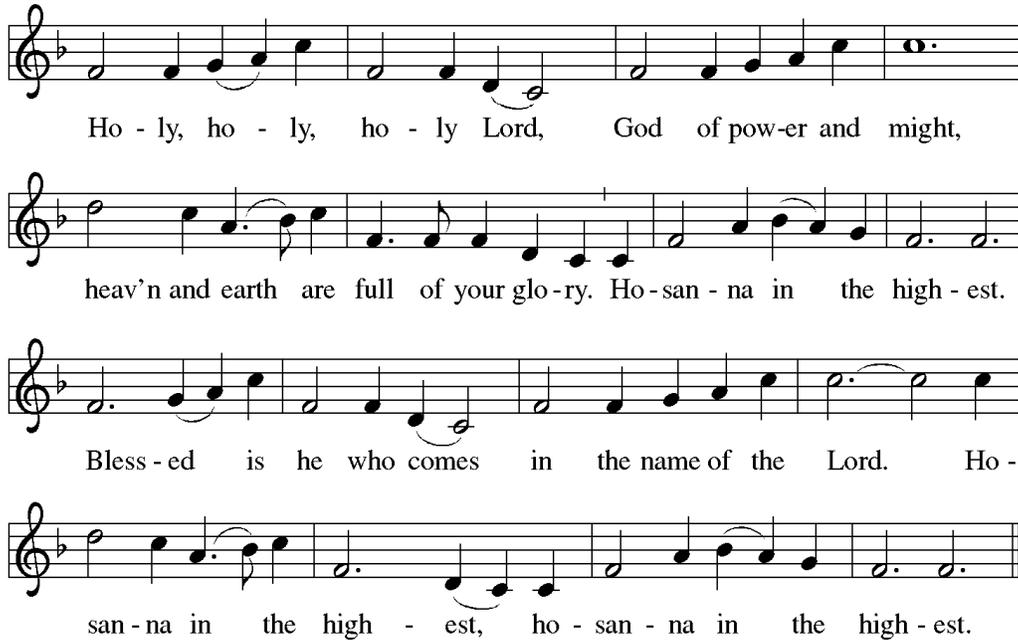
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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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 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.

P 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.

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.**



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 MEDITATION

God So Loved the World

Sir John Stainer; Arr. Stephen J. Baranoski

Joanne Vasey, organ

COMMUNION HYMN

Come to the Table - ELW # 481 (Sing twice)

*** 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**

We Give Thee But Thine Own - ELW # 686

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** POSTLUDE**

Postlude in E Minor - Edward Broughton
Joanne Vasey, organ

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The **WHITE CARNATION** on the Altar today is placed there in loving memory of our dear friend and member, **Joe Keller**, in remembrance of the one year anniversary of his passing on **March 5, 2025**.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER will take place on Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm. Chad Hershberger will serve as cantor and speaker. **THANKS** to Joseph Martin who served as cantor and speaker this past Wednesday evening.

Our last **LENTEN DINNER** on March 25th will be a **Pot Luck dinner** with Congregation Life providing the meat. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert or covered dish to share.

March 1–8, 2026

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
Monday, March 2	6:00pm –9:00pm Trout Unlimited - LCH 7:00pm –8:00pm AI-Anon-YR
Tuesday, March 3	2:00pm –4:00pm Transitions - LCH 6:30pm Lenten Study - UIC
Wednesday, March 4	9:00am Holy Sew 'N' Sews-LCH 12:00pm Soup & Scripture - Presbyterian Church Lwbg. 6:00pm Lenten Dinner/Holden Prayer Service 6:00pm Spiritual Growth
Thursday, March 5	9:30am Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206 11:00am Lent Reflections Brunch @ Silvermoon 6:00pm Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206 6:00pm Men's Bible Study - Parlor 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee
Friday, March 6	12:00pm –3:00pm Transitions - LCH
Saturday, March 7	
Sunday, March 8 3 Lent Pastor Katy preaching Daylight Savings ends	8:30am Congregational Life Meeting 9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Sunday School 1:00pm –4:00pm SVSWG - LCH/Room 202 2:00pm –4:00pm Youth Talent Show @ MLC

ATTENDANCE: Feb. 22, 2026: 9:30am: 68