

# Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



## Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024, 10am

**Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church!** We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

**PRELUDE:** *O God, My Faithful God*

Max Reger

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*We stand*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*A period of quiet reflection is kept.*

P For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive*



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
2. How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
3. In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:  
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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Tune: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877.

**APOSTOLIC 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.**

**P** Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

*We sit*

### **FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks Be to God!**



**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks Be to God!**

*We stand*

**LENTEN VERSE**

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, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

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**HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-22**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them,

“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ! (*spoken boldly*)**

*We sit*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**SERMON:**

**PASTOR RON PHILABAUM**

*We stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *O Praise the Gracious Power!* ELW #651

**NICENE CREED**

P With the whole church, let us confess our 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 man. 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 FAITHFUL**

After each portion of the prayers:

**P** Hear us, O God,      **C** **your mercy is great.**

**SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*We sit*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Strong, Peaceful One of Galilee*

*Strong, peaceful One of Galilee, robed with your strength we want to be –  
not to revenge; to heal and pray, to turn the cheek, and tribute pay.  
Robed with your strength we want to be, strong, peaceful One of Galilee.*

*Strong, righteous One of Galilee, dressed with your peace we long to be –  
In temple court, your cleansing rod; on greed and lies, the will of God.  
Dressed with your peace we long to be, strong, righteous One of Galilee.*

*Strong, suffering One of Galilee, clad in your grace we hope to be –  
Love at the well, share Martha's loss, forgive the nails, take up our cross.  
Clad in your grace we hope to be, strong, suffering One of Galilee.*

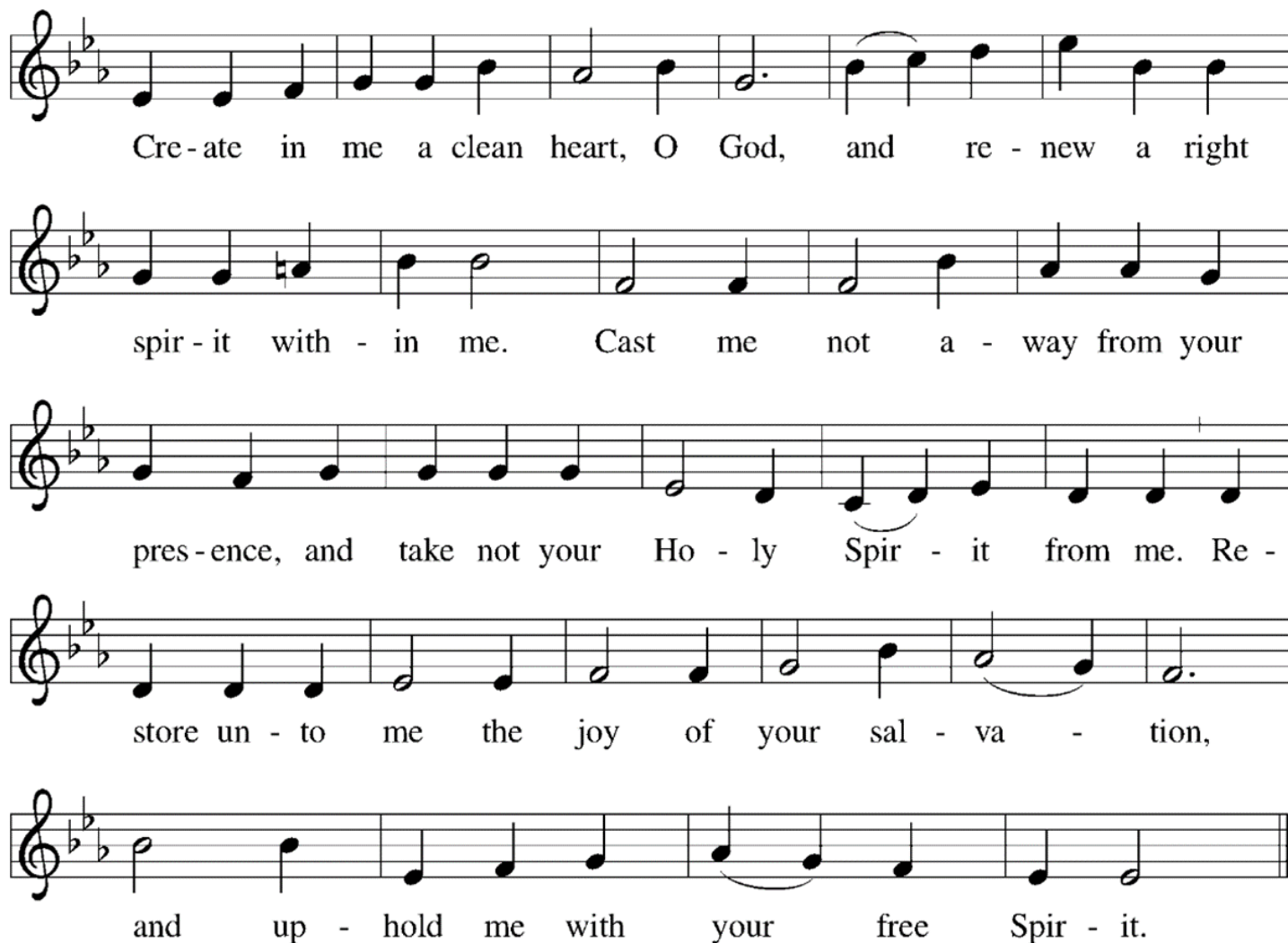
*God's blessed Son of Galilee, love's triumph we at last will see –  
To crumble ev'ry bound'ry wall, build highways to the hearts of all.  
Love's triumph we at last will see, God's blessed Son of Galilee.*

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*We stand*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

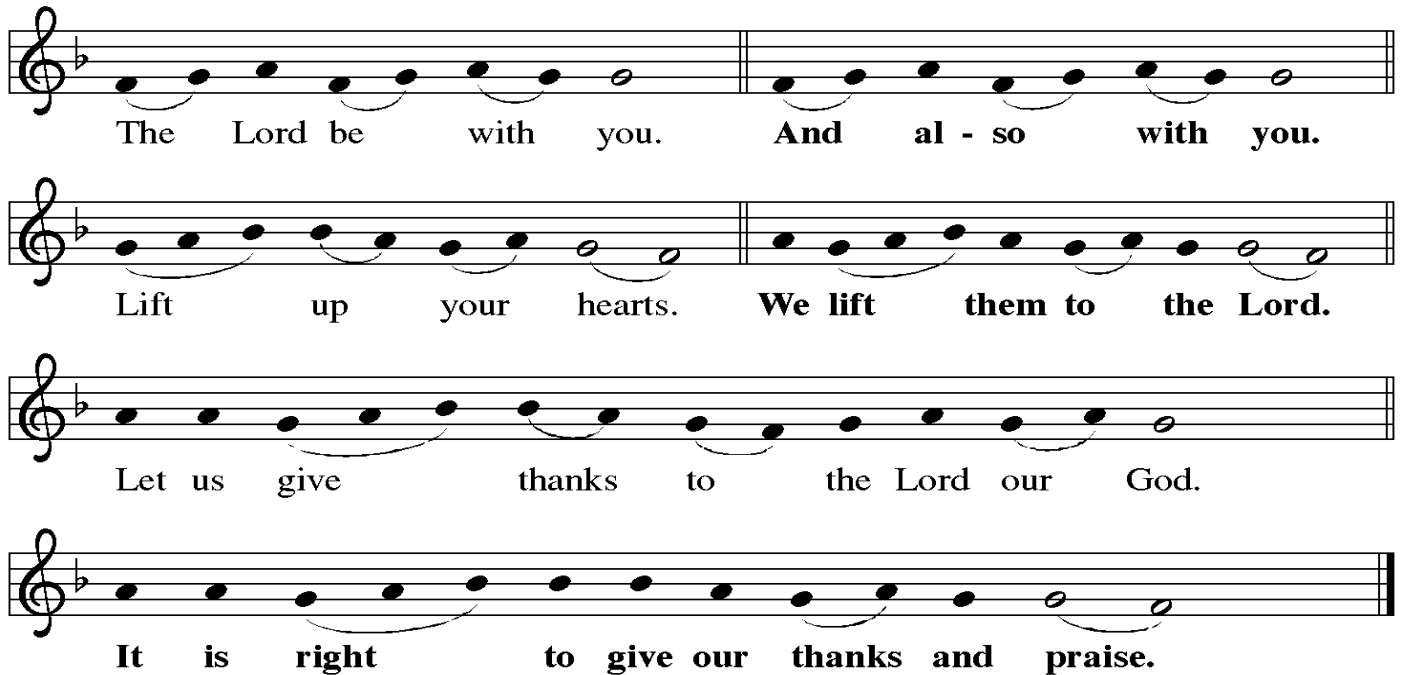
**P** Let us pray:

**C** **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### HOLY COMMUNION



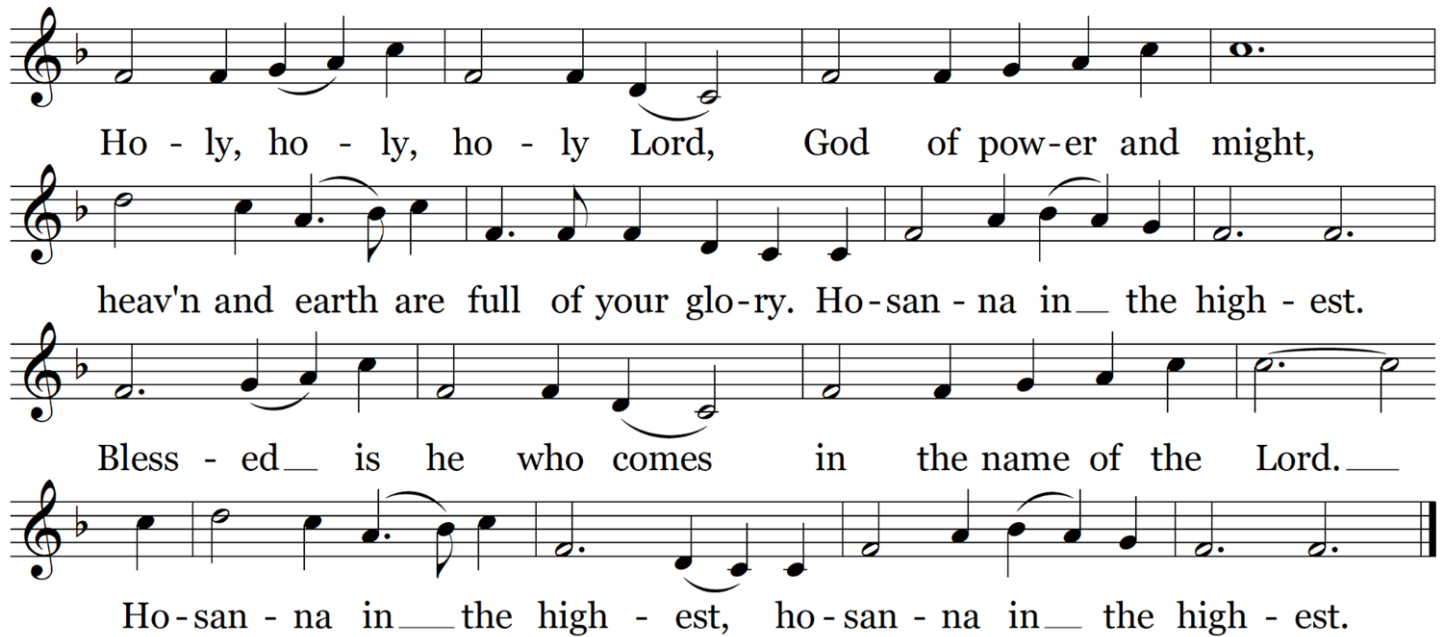
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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.

Text: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord," English Language Liturgical Consultation, *Praying Together* © 1988.  
Tune: LAND OF REST, North American traditional.

- P Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.
- 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.



**I am the bread of life**

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 Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

*We sit*

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!



**COMMUNION MUSIC:** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*  
Johannes Bugenhagen, Wittenberg, 1528

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,  
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -  
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!  
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,  
grant us thy peace! A - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown  
Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

Agnus  
Dei

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** *O God, My Faithful God*

ELW #806

*We stand*

**BLESSING**

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father  
✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* ELW #597

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Share your bread.

C **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE:** *These Are the Ten Holy Commandments*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck



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*To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall*

**WORSHIP:** *Joyfully proclaim the Word of God*  
**LEARN:** *Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God*  
**WITNESS:** *Boldly share the Word of God*  
**SERVE:** *Humbly and enthusiastically respond to the Word of God*  
**SUPPORT:** *Gladly give our time, talent and treasures motivated by the Word of God*

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