

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



*The Raising of Lazarus, John Reilly, 1962*

**MARCH 26, 2023**

***Peace Lutheran Church***



***West Seattle, Washington***

***Welcome to Peace – your presence here enriches our community.***

*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.*

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*A pastoral sabbatical for Pastor Erik Kindem begins tomorrow with his personal retreat at the Trappist Abbey in Carlton, Oregon. He will then spend Holy Week with the Benedictine Community in Mt. Angel, Oregon. Meanwhile, the rest of the Kindem family will remain engaged in the life of Peace until the week following Easter, when they will reunite with him.*

*Pastor Paul Winterstein, our preacher today, will serve as Sabbatical Pastor while Pastor Kindem is away. Pastor Chelsea Globe will serve as Preacher and Presider for Palm Sunday and Easter.*

# + GATHERING +

P – *Presider*    A – *Assisting Minister*    C – *Congregation*    L – *Lector*  
ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

ELW #452



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

## 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.

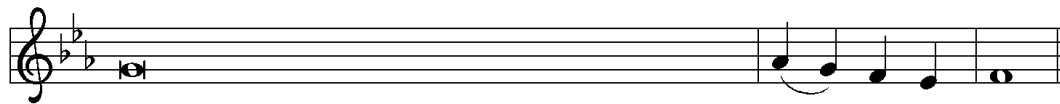
**KYRIE** *The Cantor leads the Kyrie and the congregation responds with "Lord, have mercy."*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



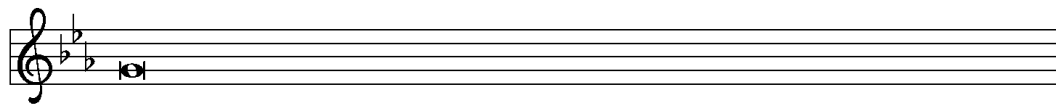
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



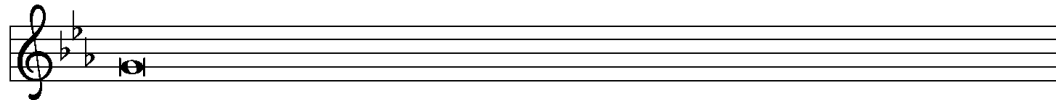
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and Altender God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## + WORD +

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

David Wold

*Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."*

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY 130

Marty Haugen

*The congregation joins the choir on each refrain.*

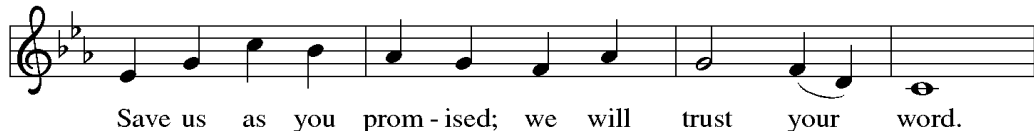
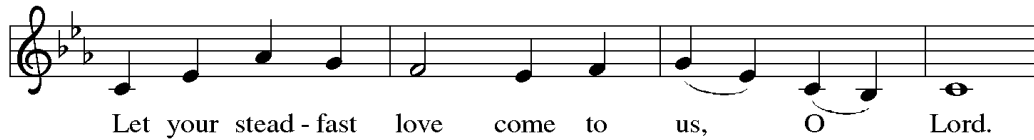
Refrain



With the Lord there is mer-cy, and full-ness of re - demp-tion.

1. From out of the depths, I cry unto you, Lord, hear my voice, come hear my prayer; O let your ear be open to my pleading. (**Refrain**)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, then who could stand within your sight? But in you is found forgiveness for our failings. (**Refrain**)
3. Just as those who wait for the morning light, even more I long for the Lord, my God, whose word to me shall ever be my comfort. (**Refrain**)

**LENTEN ACCLAMATION** *Please rise in body or spirit to receive the gospel.*



**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: John 11:1-45**

*Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies.*

*Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

<sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"

<sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

<sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Arr. John Carter

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Melanie Coulson

**SERMON**

Pastor Paul Winterstein

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*There in God's Garden*

ELW #342

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,  
 this my resurrection;  
 into your hands, Lord,  
 I commit my spirit.  
 This have I searched for;  
 now I can possess it.  
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion  
 offers in mercy  
 healing, strength, and pardon.  
 Peoples and nations,  
 take it, take it freely!"  
 Amen! My Master!

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heidi Eilers

A Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world,  
 and all creation.

*Petitions are offered, ending with the response:*

A Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer**

*When all petitions have been offered:*

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to  
 renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## + MEAL +

### THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING

*Your financial gifts today support the ongoing ministry of our congregation, cooperative ventures of ELCA congregations throughout Western Washington, and Evangelical Lutheran ministries around the world. We invite you to give generously! You can place your gift in the offering plate, mail in a check, or connect to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#) via this QR CODE. Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!*



1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like  
 2 What good and bless - ing you be - stow are  
 3 Oh, make our bar - ren trees to grow, our

emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and  
 free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the  
 hands to blos - som, and let our lives bring

give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.  
 weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.  
 forth such fruit that heals our neigh - bor's grief and pain.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray. God of good gifts,  
**C** receive these gifts and all our offerings, as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

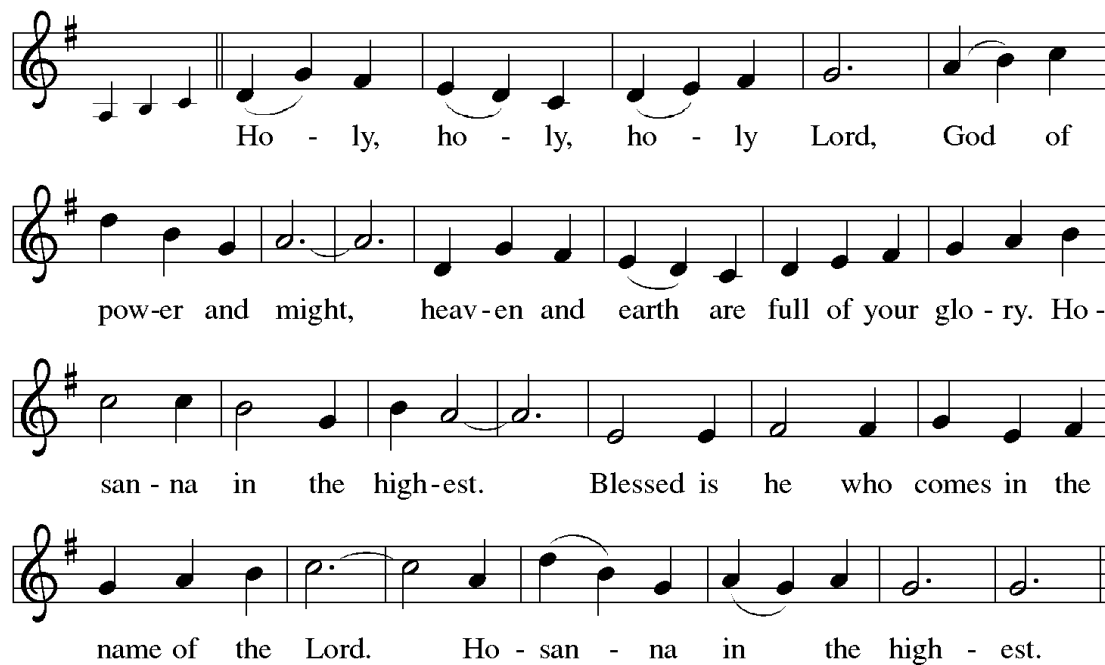
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (*ecumenical*)

**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

**P** Come receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

**C** Thanks be to God.

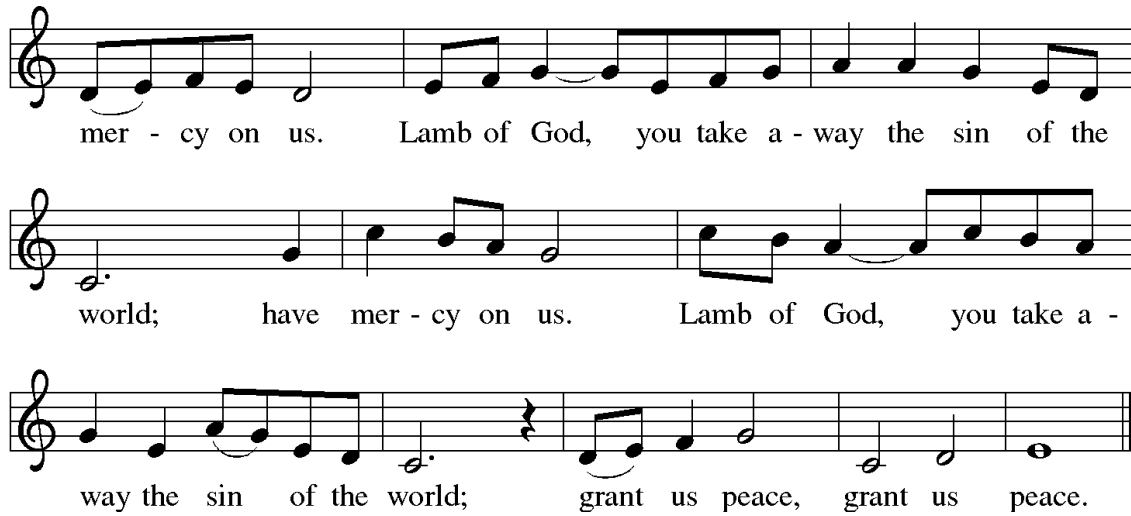
## DISTRIBUTION

*Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal. During Lent we commune at the rail, either kneeling or standing. Gluten free bread is available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the ceramic cups. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor. Any who prefer a blessing may cross their hands over their chest as they come forward.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

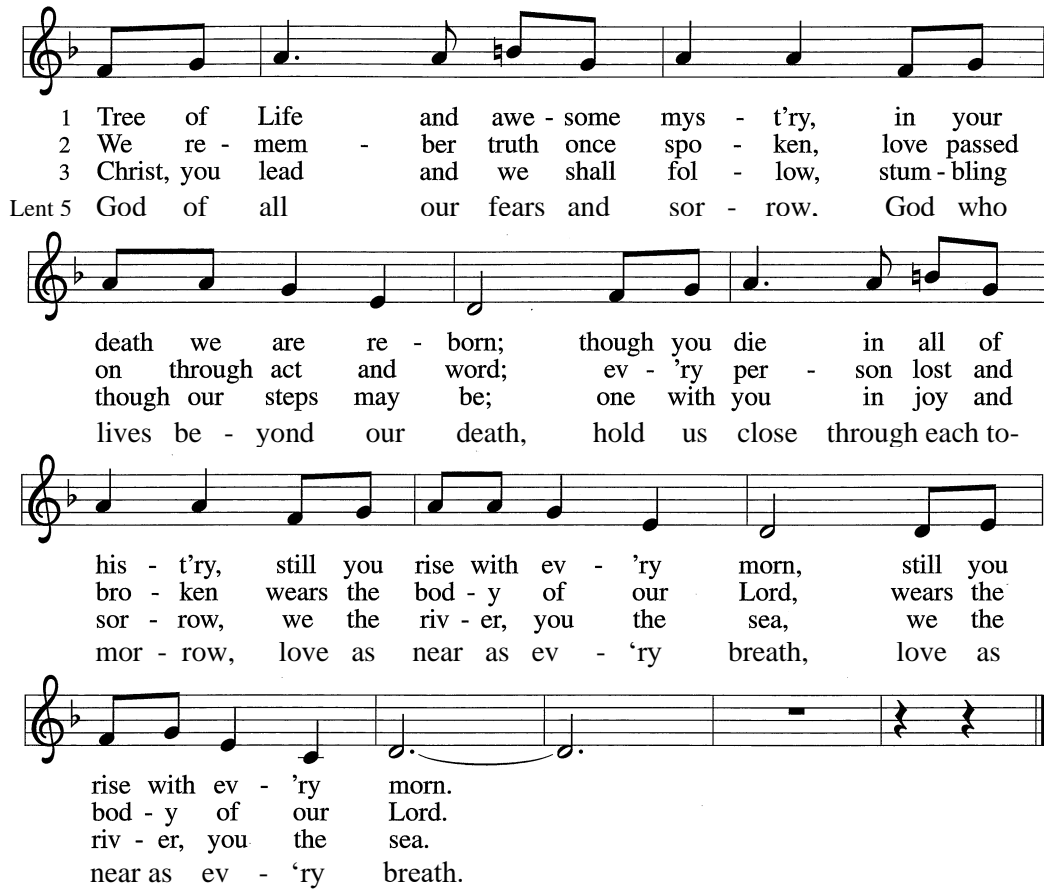


mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* verses 1-3, Lent 5

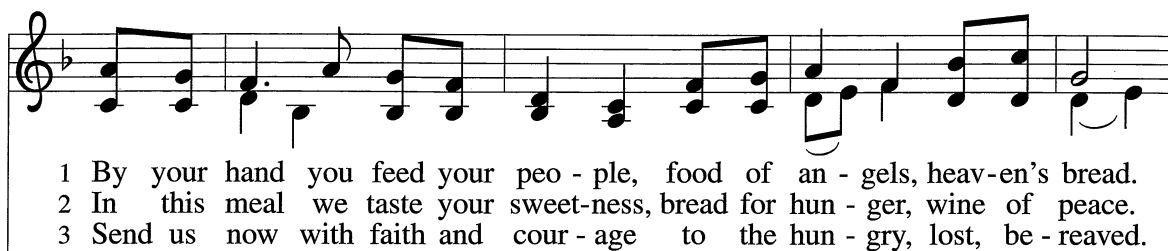
**ELW #334**



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling  
 Lent 5 God of all our fears and sor - row. God who  
 death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and  
 lives be - yond our death, hold us close through each to -  
 his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the  
 mor - row, love as near as ev - 'ry breath, love as  
 rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
 bod - y of our Lord.  
 riv - er, you the sea.  
 near as ev - 'ry breath.

*By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

**ELW #469**



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

*Refrain*

Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,  
 giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

- A Let us pray. Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.
- C **Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**TRANSFER OF PASTORAL ROLE**

*Pastor Erik relinquishes his stole, a symbol of his pastoral office, for the duration of the sabbatical. It is placed on the altar.*

**BLESSING & GODSPEED**

*The assembly is seated while Pastor Erik and family, Pastor Paul, Pastor Chelsea, and Heidi Eilers gather around the Baptismal font.*

- P1 Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God for Pastor Erik and ask for God's blessings as we send him for Sabbatical rest. We ask God to bless this intentional time of growth for him, his family, and for our congregation, and we ask that God to bring them back to our community refreshed with God's Spirit and nourished for the work ahead.

**READINGS**

- P2 A reading from Exodus: *Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.*
- A And again from Exodus: *I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.*
- P1 A reading from the Gospel according to Luke: *Now, more than ever, the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But he would withdraw to out-of-the-way places and pray.*

## BLESSING LITANY

A We wish Godspeed to Pastor Erik as he begins this time of sabbatical.

**C As you journey, may God dwell with you while we are away from one another.**

PE God's blessing be on you while I am gone from you.

**C May God fill you with the Holy Spirit as you rest, study, and visit new surroundings.**

PE I thank God for the ministry we share and the gift of this time away.

**C We pray that you experience the gift of spiritual growth in your journey and that you return renewed and energized for ministry.**

PE I pray that you, too, might be renewed and energized to serve in God's name.

**C We send you with our blessing.**

PE God's peace be with you as I leave to walk in different places.

A Let us pray: Spirit of God, bless Pastor Erik during his sabbatical. Renew him for ministry through this time set aside for reflection and study, the refreshment of a break from daily tasks and routine, and the excitement of new learning and direction. Grace him with your presence and keep him steadfast in the faith while we are away from one another.

**C Amen.**

## FAMILY BLESSING

P2 Of course, this is not just a sabbatical for Pastor Erik, but for the whole family as they travel, rest, and enjoy new experiences together. Let us pray for Erik, Chris, Kai and Naomi:

God of love, whose will it is that humans live in community, bless the Kindem family during this Sabbatical time. Fill their home with joy, laughter, and prayer, so that this might be a time of renewal for each of them individually and together as a family; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*All are invited to stand and move towards the font to lay hands on the Kindem family or raise a hand in blessing from where you are..*

P1 Eternal God, you fill us with every good thing and your steadfast love endures forever. We thank you for Pastor Erik, his family, and for our life together at Peace. As they depart for Sabbatical, send them forth with your blessing, fill them with your Spirit, and bring them again into our presence with renewed life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

P2 May God the Creator, God the Redeemer, and God the Sustainer, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## CHORAL BLESSING

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

John Rutter

## VENTURE PRAYER

**P** Let us join together in the venture prayer.

**C** **O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

Bret Hesla

*Give Us Bread for the Journey Verse 1, CHOIR, Verses 2-5, Congregation*



(1) Give us bread for the jour-ny give us bread. Give us bread for the jour-ney give us  
(2) Guide our way as we tra-vel. Guide our way. Guide our way as we tra-vel. Guide our  
(3) Make us one with each oth-er. Make us one. Make us one with each oth-er Make us  
(4) Lead us home to the gar-den. Lead us home. Lead us home to the gar-den. Lead us  
(5) Bring us joy on the jour-ney bring us joy. Bring us joy on the jour-ney bring us



bread. When our legs are get-ting hea-vy and we're hang-ing down our heads, give us  
way. With so ma-ny roads be-fore us, where to go is hard to say. Guide our  
one. All the walls we've built a-round us, may we learn to tear them down. Make us  
home. Where we'll live with all cre-a-tion, find our place and ne-ver roam. Lead us  
joy. Bouy-our spi-rits with your pre-sence keep our hearts a-live with grace, bring us



bread for the jour-ney. Give us bread.  
way as we tra-vel. Guide our way.  
one with each oth-er. Make us one.  
home to the gar-den. Lead us home.  
joy on the jour-ney, bring us joy.

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Christ goes with you.


**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall for an extended coffee hour and farewell to the Kindems.*



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Minister of Music	Jon Lackey
Liturgical Assistant	Heidi Eilers
Acolyte	Jonah Shah
Lector	David Wold
Gospel Readers	David Wold, Julie Ward, Scott Sunde, Pastor Erik Kindem
Children's Sermon	Melanie Coulson
Greeters	Kathleen Keyes (host), Jean Sides, Shannon Williams
Ushers	Alan Jarvimaki, Scott Sunde
Altar Care	Chris Kindem
Communion Assistants	Tyler & Elizabeth Menstell Coyle
Coffee Server	Kathleen Keyes
Production Techs	Joey DiJulio, Alex Wren
Counters	Joey DiJulio, Tyler Menstell Coyle
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy

## OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

*Our mission goal for 2023 anticipates receiving offering income of \$25,819 each month.*

### Offering Income received MARCH 2023

03/05/23	\$ 2,431.00
03/12/23	\$ 1,447.00
03/19/23	\$ 1,194.00
electronic	\$ 9,804.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,876.04</b>

*Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the larger community, and internationally through the ELCA*

## THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Before your grass shoots skyward, give some thought to how you cut it. The average gas lawn mower puts 90 pounds of carbon dioxide—and 50 pounds of other pollutants—into the air every year! Proper maintenance can reduce emissions. Buying new equipment? Look for quieter and less polluting new technologies such as electric and battery-powered machines. If your yard is small, why not switch to a reel mower? For more EPA tips, visit [What You Can Do to Reduce Pollution from Vehicles and Engines](#).

**Pray for Creation:** We pray for the breath of new life and renewal for Pastor Erik, Chris, Kai, and Naomi.

## FAREWELL FOR KINDEMS 3/26

Today is Pastor Erik's last day before he leaves on Sabbatical. The rest of the Kindem family will be here through Easter Sunday. After service today, there will be an extended coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall to wish them Godspeed on their journey. Since they will be going to Germany for part of their trip, there will be a German theme. All are welcome.

## PASSION SUNDAY FAMILY FESTIVAL APRIL 2

We will walk through the last days of Jesus with stations set up to explore the meaning behind the key events. Stations will be set up for you to explore between 9:15 and 10:15am. You'll start with the triumph of Palm Sunday, sit quietly in the garden, and finally contemplate the meaning of the cross all preparing you up for the joyous celebration of Easter.

## PALM/PASSION SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK

**Sunday, April 2,** Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday. Each year we remember the events of our Lord's suffering and death, which is the means of our rescue from all that is broken in our world. We'll meet on the westside patio for the Liturgy of the Palms, and then process to the sanctuary for the remainder of the service. Rhythm instruments will be available for young people to add their own beat to the drum of the procession. Following the children's message, we'll shift to the Liturgy of the Passion as we hear the Passion Story according to Matthew.

**Plan now to join us for the Three Days - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil – one service!**

**Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm,** we observe Jesus serving his disciples in foot-washing, which points to the giving of his life on the cross. Foot-washing stations and a prayer garden with activities for children will be followed by the celebration of the Eucharist. Worship continues with the stripping of the altar, which prepares us for the next portion of the service on Good Friday.

**Good Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm,** we focus on the cross with the reading of the Passion story from John, from which we learn that the cross was the hour of Jesus' glory. The Bidding Prayer then collects the needs of all the people and circumstances for which Christ died. In the lighting of candles during the Prayer around the Cross, we offer our individual petitions to One who is Light in the darkness of our world.

**Easter Vigil, April 8, 7:00 pm,** is the final part of this service. We remind ourselves of the great acts of God's rescue throughout history, leading to Jesus' victory over death. We light a new fire on the patio, we remember our baptism which connects us with the death and resurrection of Christ, and we celebrate the Eucharist.

## WEDNESDAY LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>,** will be our last Wednesday Evening Soup Supper @ 6pm, followed by Evening Prayer from 7:00–7:30pm. Please join us!

## PRAYER LIST

**Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers:** **Sick/Recovering:** Kathy Anderson; Arlene; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Mark Engelman; Sean Fenton; Deena Fuller; Jack Garrison; Caity Gerhardt; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Jaylin H.; Donna Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Heather Jennings; Tony Jilek; Victoria Johnson; Ken Keyes; Mike Larson; Noreen Lee; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; RaeAnn Marrelli; Maya Marshall; Evelyn Martinez; Jack McBride; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Ken McPherson;

Jenn Mersing; Steve Metzler; Jim Meyer; Katrina Moore; Bill Morrell; Larry Nelson; Nora; Marianne Paulos; Paul Paulos; Michelle Pierce; Elaine Ross; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Kadi Sue Sprengle; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Conrad Tollefson; Wade & Karin VanSant; Wendell & Wilson; Judy Wiggins; Inge Williams; Patti Wunder; Inta Zagars.

**Homebound:** Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

**We express our Christian sympathy** to Carrol Anderson and the Williams family on the death of her friend, Mary Lou Williams on 3/16/23.

**PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST** We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

## RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

*Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.*



*As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.*

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