



First Sunday in Lent  
February 22, 2026

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## *Welcome and Notices*

### *Prelude*

### *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

arr. David Christensen

*(Stand)*

### *Confession & Forgiveness*

#### *The Confession*

- P: Brothers and sisters; God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father who does not desire us to come under his judgement, but to turn to him and live.
- P: As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.
- P: Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love – the discipline of Lent – help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in our Lenten discipline.

*(Sit/kneel)*

P: Most holy and merciful Father:

**C:** **We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

P: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**C:** **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**C: accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**C: accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**C: accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

**C: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.**

## *Gathering Hymn*

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

ELW 335 Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: William H. Doane, 1832-1915

- 1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

### *Refrain*

**In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**

- 2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star  
sheds its beams around me. *Refrain***
- 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day  
with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain***
- 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river. *Refrain***

## *Greeting*

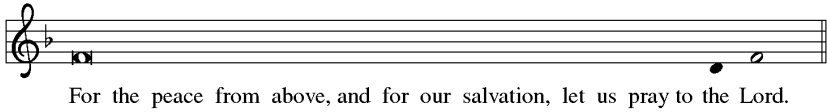
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

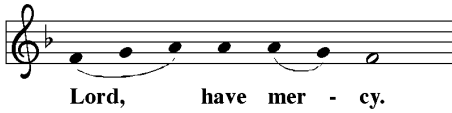
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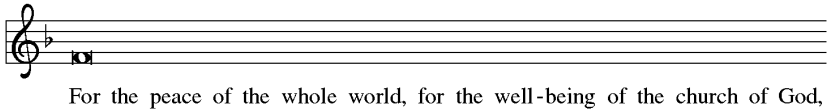
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



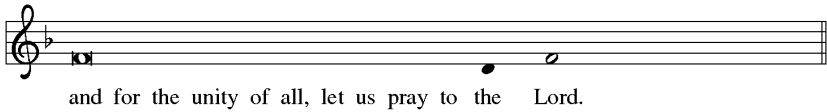
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



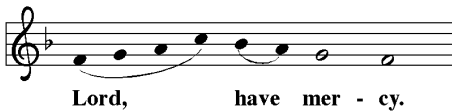
Lord, have mer - cy.



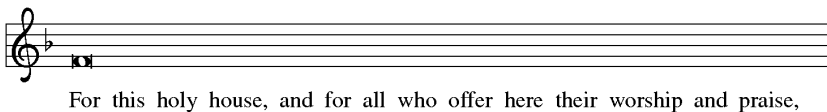
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



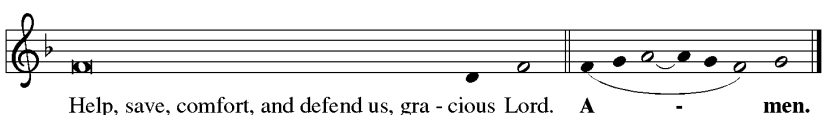
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**C:** Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we

**ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**C:** Amen.

*(Sit)*

**First Reading:**

**Genesis 3:1-21**

R: A reading from Genesis.

**3** 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?’”<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,<sup>3</sup> 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.’”<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die,<sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”<sup>10</sup> He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”<sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.”<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;

upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said,  
“I will make your pangs in childbirth exceedingly great;  
in pain you shall bring forth children,  
yet your desire shall be for your husband,  
and he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup> And to the man he said,  
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
about which I commanded you,  
‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you;  
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

<sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread  
until you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup> The man named his wife Eve because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife and clothed them.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*Psalm*

*Psalm 32:1–7*

*Read Responsively*

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**3** While I kept silent, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up<sup>[a]</sup> as by the heat of  
summer. *Selah***

**5** Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

**6 Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress,<sup>[b]</sup> the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.**

**7** You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
forever. Amen**

## ***Second Reading***

## **Romans 5:12–19**

R: A reading from Romans.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, 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— <sup>13</sup>for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*(Stand)*

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

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

**4** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Sit)*

**Sermon**

*(Stand)*

**Hymn of the Day**

“A Mighty Fortress”

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**1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**

- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

### *Nicene Creed*

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.**

*(Kneel/Sit)*

## **Prayers**

**“Jesus, Remember Me”**

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**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

**A:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*(After each portion of the prayers:)*

**A:** Lord in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer.

*(The prayers conclude:)*

A: Let us pray for our nation,

**C:** Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world, your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nations with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, the Word made flesh and the Light of the world.

**C:** Amen.

*(Stand)*

## ***The Peace***

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

**C:** And also with you.

*All may greet one another with a word of peace: “Peace be with you” ... “God bless you” ... “God loves you”...*

## ***The Gathering of Gifts***

*Any tithes or offerings may be placed into the offering plate by the entrance to the Sanctuary at the beginning or the end of service. For those who are worshipping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.*

*(Stand)*

## ***The Offering Hymn***

**“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923:

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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 to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

### *The Offering Prayer*

P: Let us pray.

P: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

### *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.

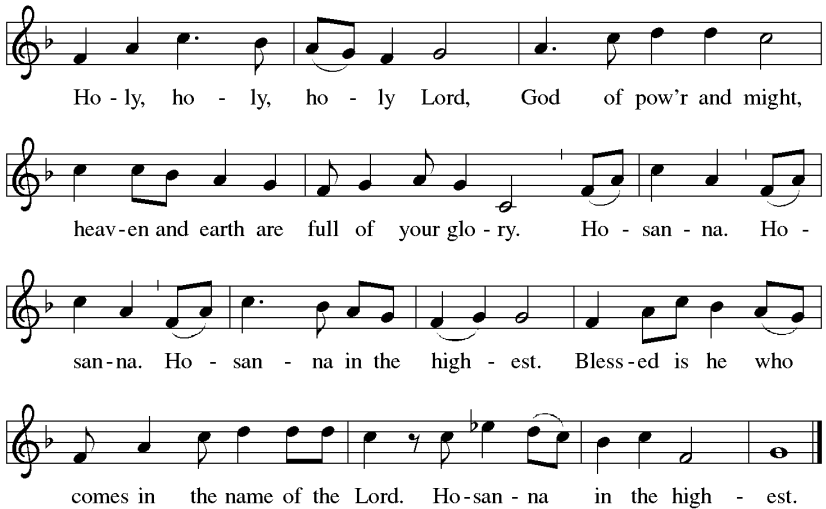
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### *Preface*

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned into wine he revealed your glory. And so, with

all the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

### *The Eucharistic Prayer*

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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. 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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in His death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C:** Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C:** **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours: Holy One of Israel, Word of God Incarnate, Power of the Most High – one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen, amen, amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C:** **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.**

*(Sit)*

### ***Communion Distribution***

*Lutherans believe that in Holy Communion we are offered the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized and Communicant members of all Christian denominations who share this belief with us are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Others, including children, may come forward to receive a blessing.*

## Communion Hymns

## “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.

## Communion Hymn 1 “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

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- 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**
- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**
- 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

- 1 In the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
give me Jesus.**

*Refrain*

**Give me Jesus,  
give me Jesus.  
You may have all the rest,  
give me Jesus.**

- 2 Dark midnight was my cry,  
dark midnight was my cry,  
dark midnight was my cry,  
give me Jesus. *Refrain***

- 3 Just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day,  
give me Jesus. *Refrain***

- 4 Oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
give me Jesus. *Refrain***

- 5 And when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing,  
give me Jesus. *Refrain***

(Stand)

***Post Communion Blessing***

P: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you, keeping you steadfast in your faith for life everlasting.

 **Amen.**

## *Post Communion*

“May the God of All Healing”

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May the God of all heal-ing en - fold us in love,  
fill us with peace, and lead us to whole-ness and strength.

## *Post Communion Prayer*

A: Let us pray.

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## *Benediction*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

## *Closing Hymn*

“I Will Trust in the Lord”

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- 1 I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord till I die.  
I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord till I die.**

- 2 **Sister, will you trust in the Lord,  
sister, will you trust in the Lord,  
sister, will you trust in the Lord till you die?  
Sister, will you trust in the Lord,  
sister, will you trust in the Lord,  
sister, will you trust in the Lord till you die?**
- 3 **Brother, will you trust in the Lord,  
brother, will you trust in the Lord,  
brother, will you trust in the Lord till you die?  
Brother, will you trust in the Lord,  
brother, will you trust in the Lord,  
brother, will you trust in the Lord till you die?**

### *Sending*

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God!

### *Postlude*

### *Elegy*

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (15 August 1875 – 1 September 1912) was a British composer and conductor. He was particularly known for his three cantatas on the epic 1855 poem *The Song of Hiawatha* by American Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Coleridge-Taylor premiered the first section in 1898, when he was 23. Of mixed-race descent, Coleridge-Taylor achieved such success that he was referred to by white musicians in New York City as the "African Mahler" when he had three tours of the United States in the early 1900s. He married an Englishwoman, Jessie Walmisley, and both their children had musical careers. Their son, Hiawatha, adapted his father's music for a variety of performances. Their daughter, Avril Coleridge-Taylor, became a composer and conductor.

See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel\\_Coleridge-Taylor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel_Coleridge-Taylor) for further information.

## **SERVING US IN WORSHIP**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Chris Agne
<b>Assistant</b>	Andy House
<b>Musician</b>	Ben Harris
<b>Reader</b>	Andy House
<b>Greeters</b>	Agnes Jones
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gloria Malachi, Roberta White, Barbara Thom
<b>Ushers</b>	John Corkill, Calvin Lee, Ekanem Ekanem
<b>Counters</b>	Dianne Yohe, Harry Sessums

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### ***Sunday @6***

To the Homebound and Sick, we invite you to participate in Sunday @ 6, a weekly worship call. We have prayer, Scripture, a devotion and music. We invite, welcome and encourage you to join us in Christian fellowship every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The call is toll-free:(267) 807-9601; Enter this code:773-431-475# For further information, call Dolores Prather (301) 459-7163 or Mary Tipton 301-257-7585!

### ***75th Church Anniversary***

*For our 75th church anniversary, we are creating a special montage of photos to share at our celebration.*

*We need your help to fill it with cherished moments from our history! Please send digital copies of your favorite photos to Andy House at [awhouse16@gmail.com](mailto:awhouse16@gmail.com).*

## ***Prayer Requests***

Please contact Pastor Chris for changes.

[pastor@alutheranchurch.com](mailto:pastor@alutheranchurch.com)

*Please put your prayer requests in the Prayer Diary at the rear of the Sanctuary so we can add your need to our prayers.*

### **Healing**

Sharon Agne	Joan Prather
Olivia Powell	Rob Garrett
Dolores Prather	Ernestine Hayes
Helen Riley	Herman McNeil
Calvin Lee	Susie Nilsson
Zachary Plue	Helen Bell
Joyce Bailey	Kent & Walt Nilsson

### **In Remembrance**

Jannie Goldston	Ludie Sims
Jenny DeMaio	Alice Gaither
Tami Smith Randolph	Alice McNeil

### **Homebound**

John DellaGatta	Lois Flemming
Olivia Powell	Arthur & Mildred Smith
Helen Riley	

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week**

Ekanem Ekanem, Jr., Naomi Mathis

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Information & Notices

February 22, 2026

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## Services

## Please Note

### Divine Worship

Sunday at 9:00 am

**Holy Communion** is celebrated  
in most services.

### Holy Baptism

Arrangements for Baptism can  
be made through the Church  
Office.

### Weddings

Weddings for active Ascension  
members are arranged through  
the Church Office.

**Adult Bible Study:** Bible study  
meets on Sundays after worship, at  
10:30 am.

### Staff:

Rev. Chris Agne.....Pastor  
Gwen Neal.....Office Mgr.  
Ben Harris.....Parish Musician

Office open Mon-Fri., 8-4:30  
Closed Holidays

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# This Week at Ascension

## Sunday, February 22

Lent 1

9:00 am	Worship
10:30 am	<b>Voters' Meeting</b>   Choir Rehearsal
12:00 pm	Lamb of God Worship Service
6:00 pm	Sunday @ 6

## Wednesday, February 25

12:00 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Service
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## Sunday, March 1

Lent 2

9:00 am	Worship
10:30 am	Bible Study
12:00 pm	Lamb of God Worship Service
6:00 pm	Sunday @ 6

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## Coming Events

Saturday, March 6	LWML Spring Rally
Sunday, March 22	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service/Luncheon

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## Serving Us in Worship, Sunday March 1

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Chris Agne
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<b>Musician</b>	Ben Harris
<b>Reader</b>	Mike & Kathy Walker
<b>Greeters</b>	Vivian Licorish
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ernestine Bivins, Vivian Licorish, Dianne McGill
<b>Ushers</b>	Vivian Licorish, Morris Hymes, Jr.