

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent
9:30am Holy Communion Worship Service



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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Pastor Thomas Neel

Organist: Mark Jonkman

Audio-Video Production: Warren Rute

Usher: Debbie Ealer

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C Amen.

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✚ Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Oh, Love, How Deep

Hymnal #322 (Stanzas 1-4)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

L A reading from Genesis, Chapter 9.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

L A reading from First Peter, Chapter 3.

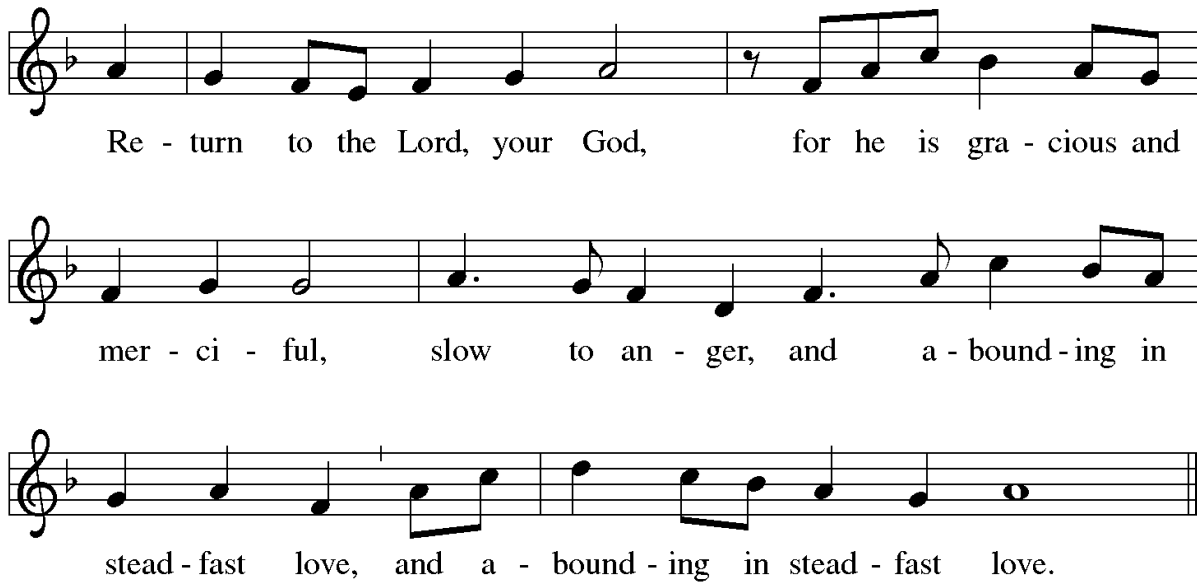
¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL 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.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

P ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Hymnal #325

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the

living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need. *A brief silence.*

A God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling especially (_____, *and*) those we now name silently in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith especially (_____, *and*) those we now name silently in our hearts. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for United Fellowship Lutheran Church of Easton and the Rev. Jamie Edelman. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Peaceful God, we plead for an end to the violence in the Ukraine and Israel. Comfort those who have lost or are separated from their loved ones due to these senseless conflicts. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Mighty God, protect and bless all civil servants, local government officials, and members of the armed services who work for our safety and security, especially MSgt Courtney, Lt. Matthew, Airman Levi, Airman Kyle, SFC. Todd, PV Anthony, Captain Vince, Lt. Elizabeth, Captain Derek, Major Kristina, CPO Dennis, Corporal Mark, and Seaman Recruit Joseph. Help us to be thoughtful citizens and good neighbors in our community. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ANTHEM *What We Have to Offer* Chancel Choir

OFFERING SONG *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. 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.**

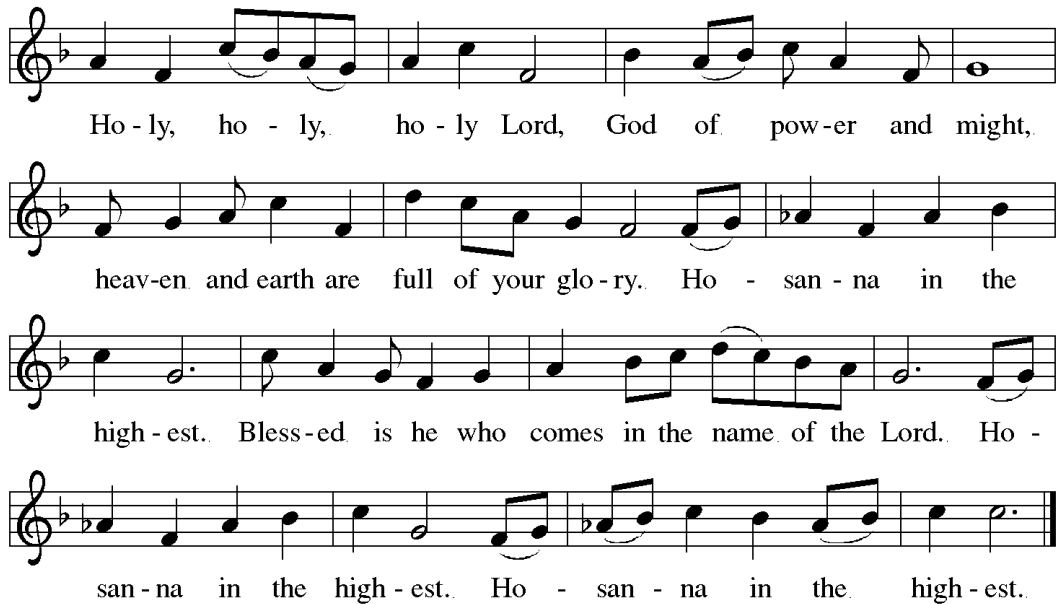
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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. 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:

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. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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.

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.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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**

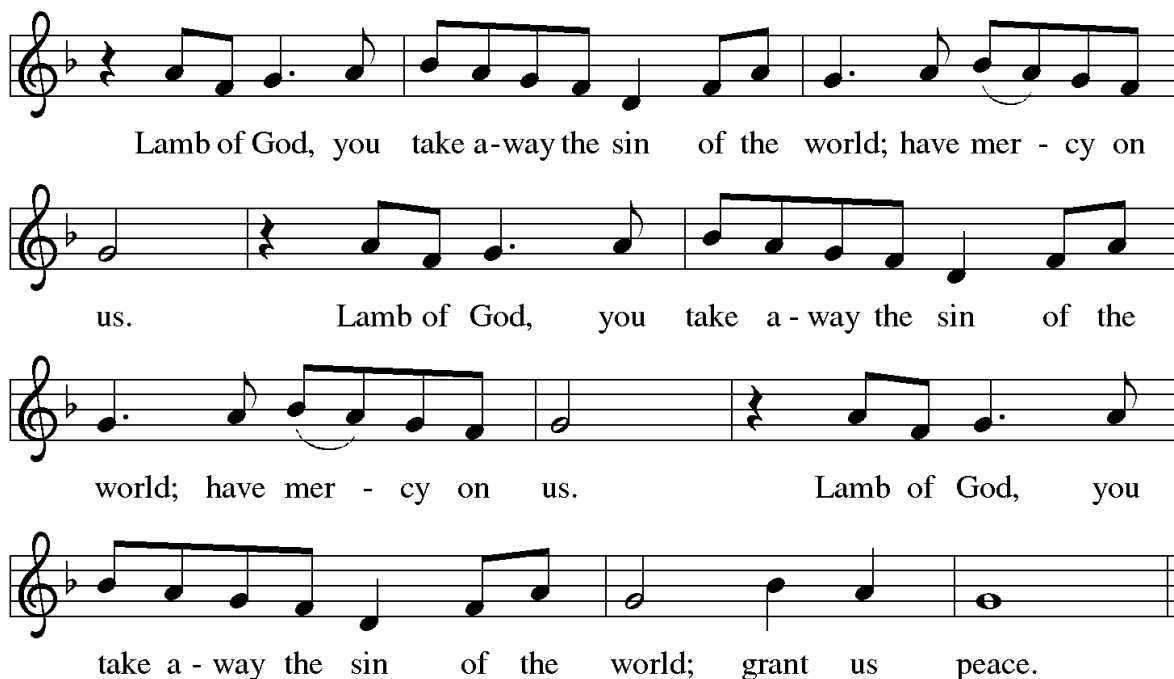
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Please be seated.

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.

Hymns during distribution:

I received the Living God	Hymnal #477
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	Hymnal #490
O Bread of Life From Heaven	Hymnal #480

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps this day or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available for those who want them. Please stand as you are able.

When all have received Communion:

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. 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.

BLESSING

P Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* Hymnal #324

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God.

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ELW 322, **Oh, Love, How Deep** - In the Public Domain Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, alt. Music: English ballad, 15th cent. Tune Name: Deo gracias, Agincourt Hymn.

ELW 325, **I Want Jesus to Walk with Me** - In the Public Domain Text: African American spiritual. Music: African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version Tune: Sojourner

ELW 324, **In the Cross of Christ I Glory** - In the Public Domain Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872. Music: Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867 Tune Name: Rathbun.

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Communion Hymns:

ELW 477, **I Received the Living God** - One License #87225 "Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-710141. All rights reserved."

ELW 490, **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence** - In the Public Domain Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt. Music: French folk tune, 17th cent Tune: Picardy.

ELW 480, **O Bread of Life From Heaven** - Public Domain Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2 Music: Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750 Tune: O Welt, ich muss dich lassen (isometric).

BIRTHDAYS...Chase Azzalina, Shelby Barilone, Jacob Emery, Joshua Emery, Timothy Fretz, Noah Merida, Tracy Payonk, Aidan Perry, Sue Pettit, Brad Schaeffer, Peter Tichy, and Blair Welsh.

Immediate Prayers*: Margaret Bennett, Tricia Cappello, Marilyn Cappello, Carol Ehler, Rolf Enblom, Maj-Britt Enblom, Carl Fisher, Pam Garity, Debbie Henry, Jim, Joseph, Lorenzo, C. David Massey, Matt, Mona, Irene Neel, Ron Parks, Rachel, Kamryn Setzer, Diane Shaw, Andi Steckel, and Bob Sutton.

*As of February 9, 2024

Homebound/Nursing Home: Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carl Fisher, Theresa Lawhead, Shirley Messenlehner, Irene Neel, Ruth Snyder and Doris Wanamaker.

Long Term Prayers: Jessica Arnoldi, Audrey Bertsch, Elaine Bobeck, Elizabeth Campbell, Ella Campbell-Becker, John Clay, Lisa Detweiler, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Lori Gilbert, David Jackson, Laura Lee Laustsen, David Laustsen, Paul Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Doris Neumeyer, Ethel Shive, Jim Slater, Melissa Steckel, John Velekei, Doug VonNessen, and Kevin Yeatts.

Service Members: MSgt Courtney Baskwell, Lt. Matthew Baskwell, Airman Levi Birchfield, Sr. Airman Kyle Callantine, PV Anthony Duginski, Captain Vince Franchino, Lt. Elizabeth Gordon, Captain Derek Hartman, Major Kristina Himmelreich, Sgt. Rhiannon Perry, CPO Dennis Shive, Corporal Mark Pollard, and Seaman Recruit Joseph Suhr.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, February 18	First Sunday of Lent 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service No Confirmation Class
Monday, February 19	Presidents' Day Nursery School Closed 7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group
Tuesday, February 20	7:00pm Easton Musical Arts
Wednesday, February 21	10:00am St. Andrew's Comforters – Social Room 7:00pm Lenten Worship Services at St. Paul's III
Thursday, February 22	7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 23	7:30pm Crossroads AA
Sunday, February 25	Second Sunday of Lent 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service 6:30pm Confirmation Class at United Fellowship

*This service is live broadcast and recorded.