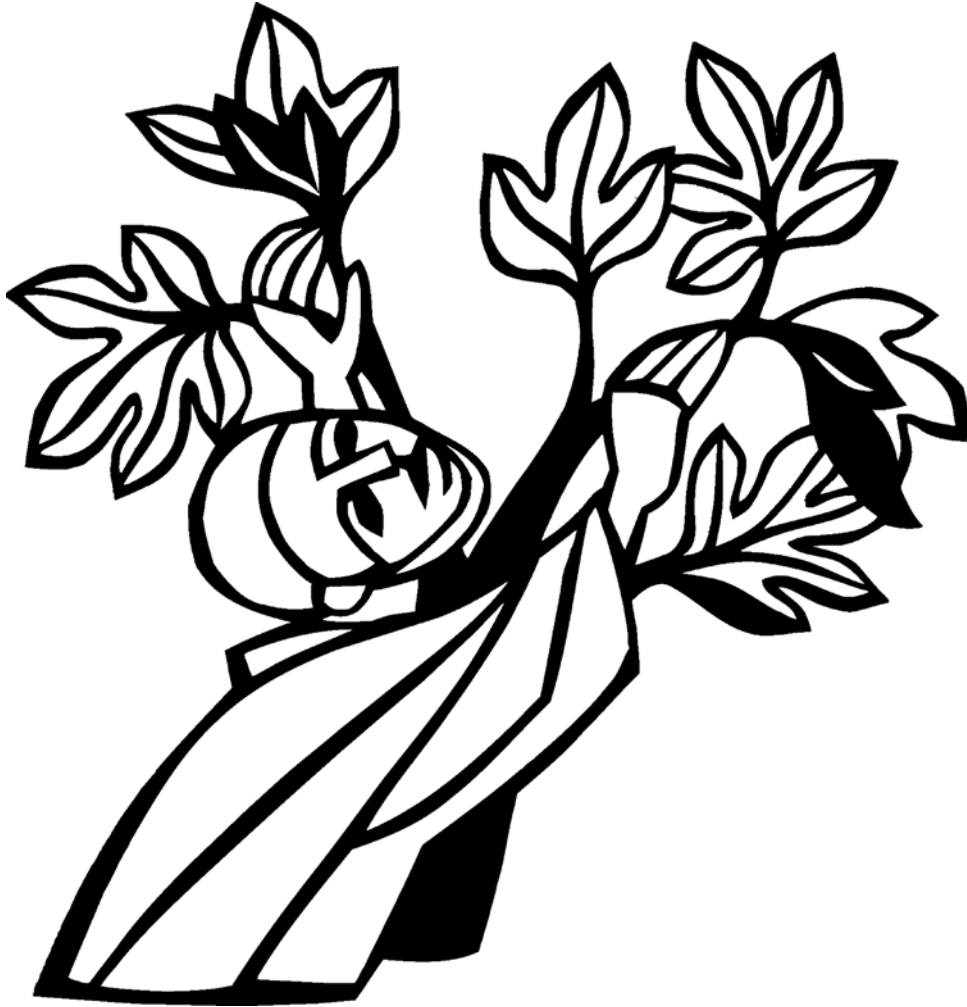


ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 23, 2025**



**3900 Freemansburg Ave., Easton PA 18045
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The Third Sunday in Lent
9:30am Holy Communion Service

The Zoom link can now be found at the end of the bulletin.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding: Pastor Thomas Neel
Organist: Mark Jonkman
Worship Assistant: James Ritchie
Lector: Stefanie Stoudt
Ushers: Debbie Ealer and James Ritchie
Church Time Nursery: Kathy Brandt and Tracy Payonk

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

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. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A brief silence.

P Gracious God, have mercy on us.

C **We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

Refrain

Assisting minister

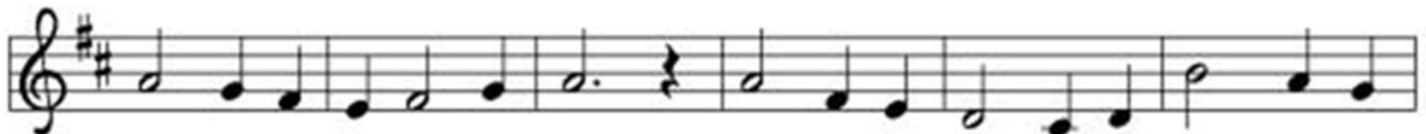


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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.

PSALM 63



¹ O God, you are my God; eager-ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴ **So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name. R**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶ **when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷ For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸ **My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. R**

SECOND READING

L A reading from 1 Corinthians Chapter 10

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

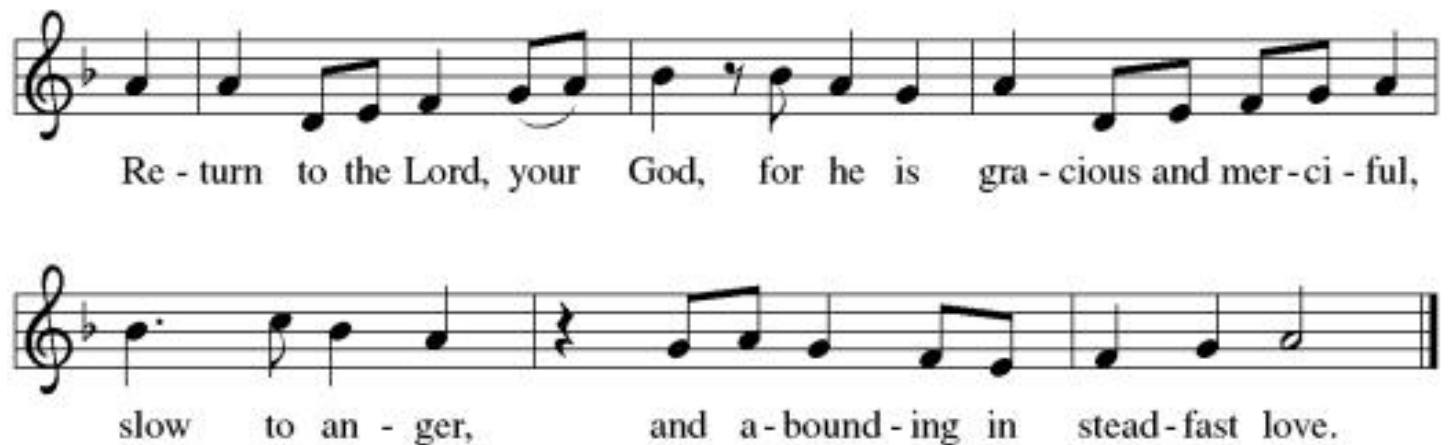
⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN SENTENCE



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.

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

P ¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

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.

FREE PRAYERS

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ANTHEM

What Have We to Offer

Chancel Choir

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING SONG



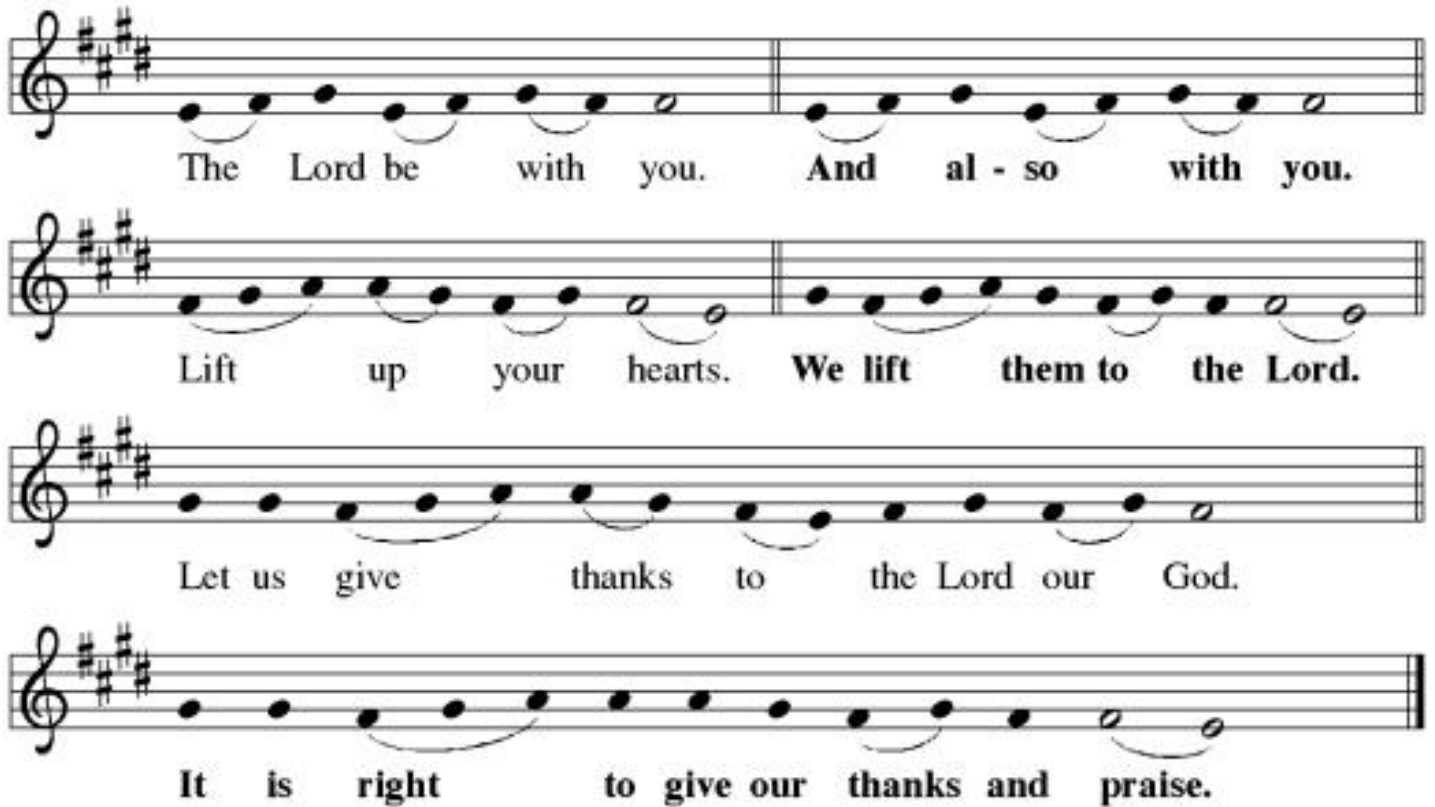
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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



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.

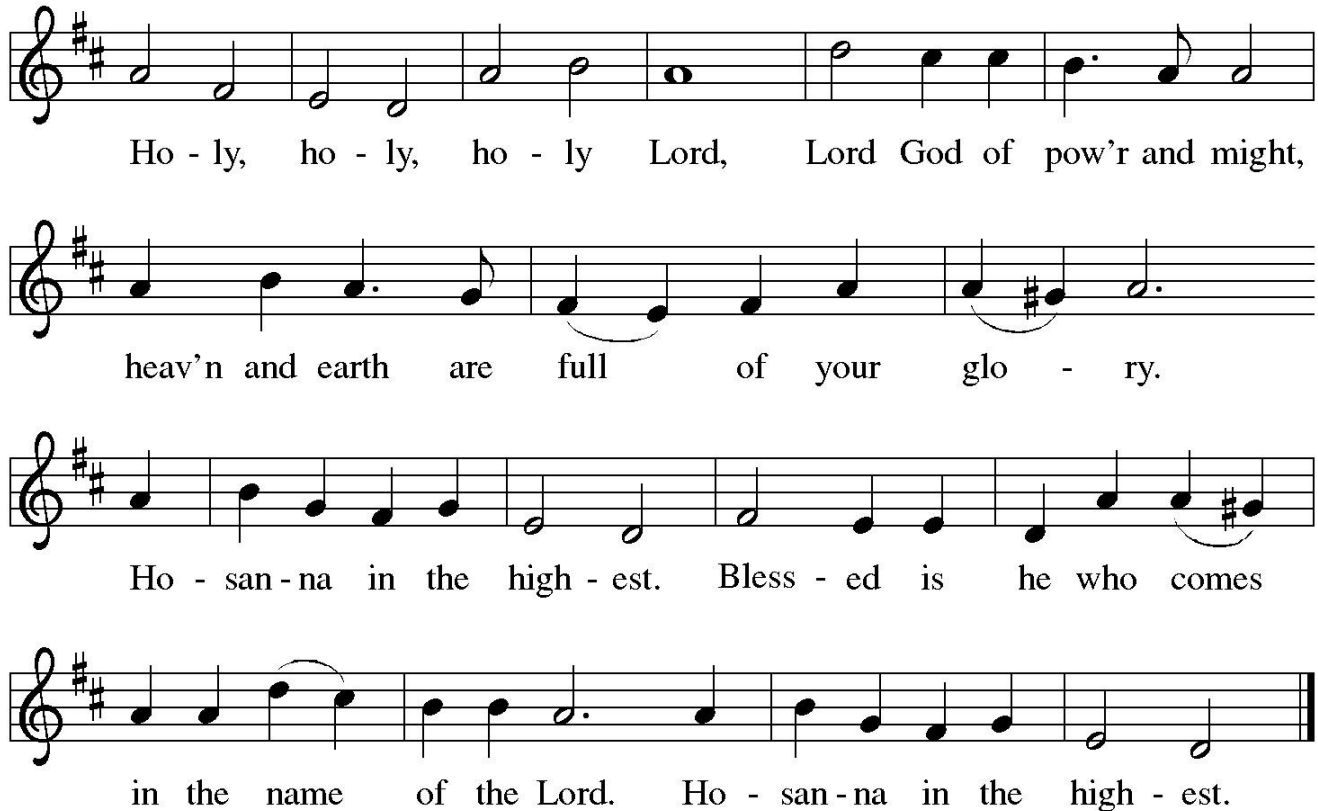
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

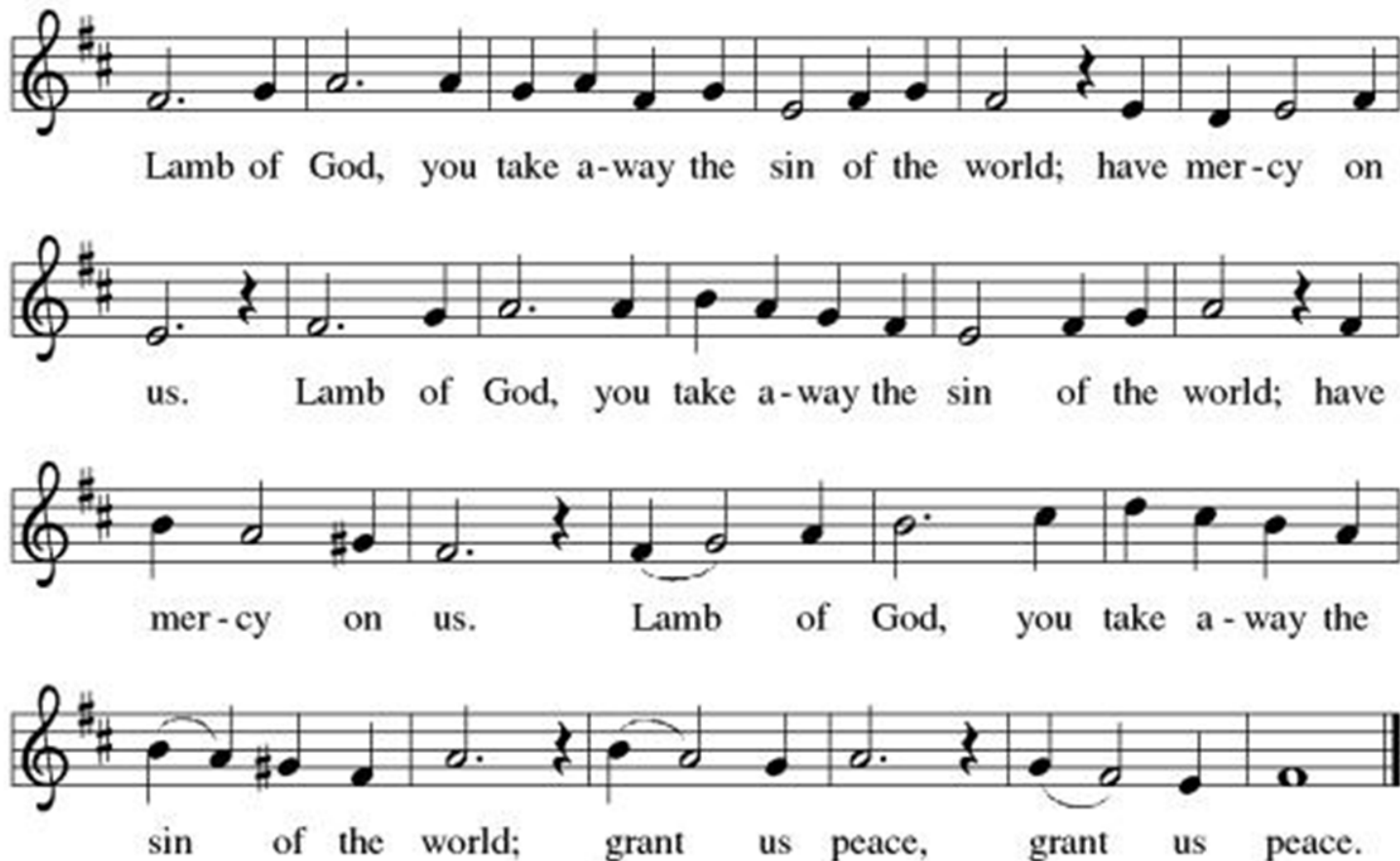
C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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, grant us peace.

Hymns during distribution:

You Eat the Bread of Teaching

Hymnal #518

Thine the Amen

Hymnal #826

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Hymnal #674

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, wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

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 The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Bind Us Together

(inside back cover)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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| Monday, March 24 | 7:00pm Nursery School Committee
7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group |
| Tuesday, March 25 | 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts |
| Wednesday, March 26 | 6:00pm Soup Supper @ Arndt's Lutheran Church
7:00pm Lenten Service at Arndt's Lutheran Church |
| Thursday, March 27 | 6:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday, March 28 | 7:30pm Crossroads AA |
| Sunday, March 30 | 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service
*This service is live broadcast and recorded. |

MONTH OF MARCH

Altar Guild: Debbie Ealer

Offering Counters: Shirley Kerbaugh and Kathy Brandt

Bind us together

Refrain

Musical notation for the first system of the refrain. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: "Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, Gm⁷, Am⁷, and Dm⁷.

Musical notation for the second system of the refrain. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: "cords that can - not be bro - ken." The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Gm⁷, C⁷, B^b/C, C⁷, F, and Gm⁷/C.

Musical notation for the third system of the refrain. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: "Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord,". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, Gm⁷, Am⁷, and Dm⁷.

Musical notation for the fourth system of the refrain. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: "bind us to - geth - er in love." The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Gm⁷, C⁷, F, B^b/F, and F.

F Gm⁷ Am⁷ Gm⁷

1 There is on - ly one God.
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God.

F Gm⁷ C⁷ F Bb/F

There is on - ly one King.
You are the prom - ise di - vine.

F Gm⁷ Am⁷ Gm⁷

There is on - ly one Bod - y;
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .

F Gm⁷ C⁷ F Bb/C *Refrain*

that is why we can sing:
you are the glo - rious new wine.

Celebrating Birthdays This Week: Kyle Callantine, Betty Detweiler, Diane Dutko, Nancy Konn, Shawn Oraschin, and June Robinson,

***Immediate Prayers:** Ashley and Olaf Kjellberg, Carl Elser, Evelyne Tosini, Gary Trigiani, Gerry Heebner, Guy Ehler, Jean Pleiss, Kamilah, Mary DiEmedio, Mike U, Penny, Niklas Enblom, Robert Griffiths, Rose Marie Kjellberg, Shirley, and Sylvia Gallop. **as of March 18th*

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

Long Term Prayers: Barbara Lindner, Carol Ehler, Charlie, Crystal DiLonardo, David Jackson, David Laustsen, Debbie and Michael DiLonardo, Doug VonNessen, Elaine Bobeck, Ethel Shive, Frances Rankin, Ingvar Kjellberg, Jennifer, Jessica Arnoldi, John Clay, Karyn Israel, Keith, Laura Lee Laustsen, Lori Gilbert, Maj-Britt Enblom, Melissa Steckel, Nancy, Pam Garity, Paul, Paul Laustsen, Rodney Burda, and Wes Webber.

Service Members: MSgt Courtney Baskwell, Lt. Matthew Baskwell, Airman Levi Birchfield, Staff Sgt. Kyle Callantine, PV Anthony Duginski, Captain Vince Franchino, Lt. Elizabeth Gordon, Major Derek Hartman, Major Kristina Himmelreich, Ensign Jan-Oskar Kjellberg, Lt. Col. (Retired) Sten Kjellberg, Sgt. Rhiannon Perry, Corporal Mark Pollard, and Seaman Recruit Joseph Suhr.

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