

Easton Cluster Mid-Week Lenten Services

Wednesdays in Lent 2025
Service of Word and Prayer
7:00 p.m.



Service of Word and Prayer

(With One Voice)

Prelude

Announcements

Greeting

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

C And also with you.

P The word is near you,

C on your lips and in your heart.

P If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

P Faith comes from what is heard,

C and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Scripture Song



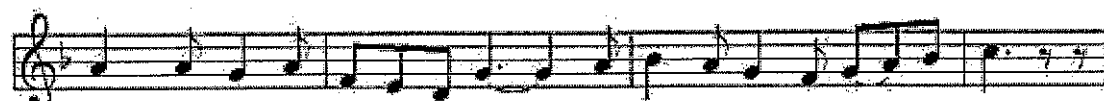
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☪ Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;



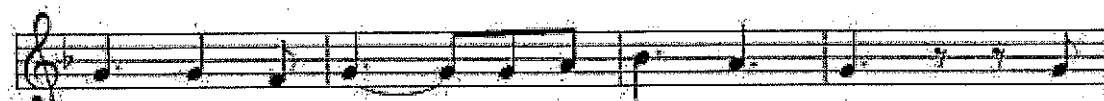
just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions,



Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?



☪ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



☪ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One All



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Prayer of the Day

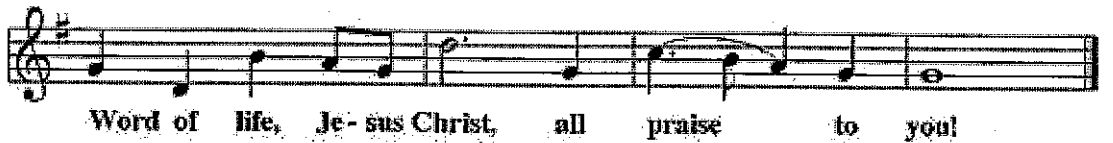
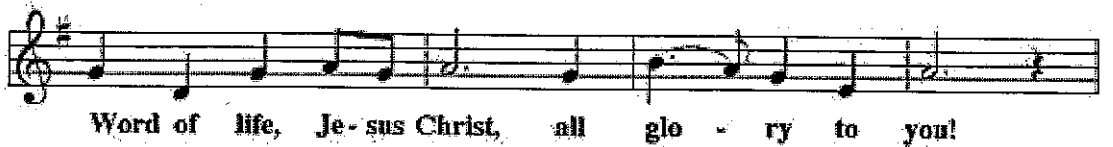
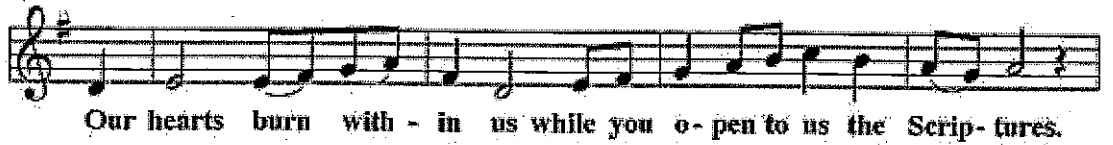
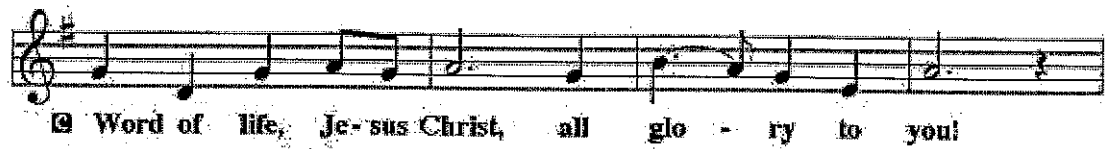
P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to _____.

March 12th: Matthew 26:14-16

March 19th: Matthew 26:38-39

March 26th: Matthew 27:27-31

April 2nd: John 19:28-30

April 9th: John 19:19-22

Meditation “*Things of God*”

March 12th *Coin*

March 19th *Cup*

March 26th *Thorn*

April 2nd *Sponge*

April 9th *Sign*

Hymn *ELW* #803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Response to the Word

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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.

**P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
C pray in the Holy Spirit.**

**P Keep yourselves in the love of God;
C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
C everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection.

P Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C **Amen**

PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us share some sign of peace with one another from our pews.

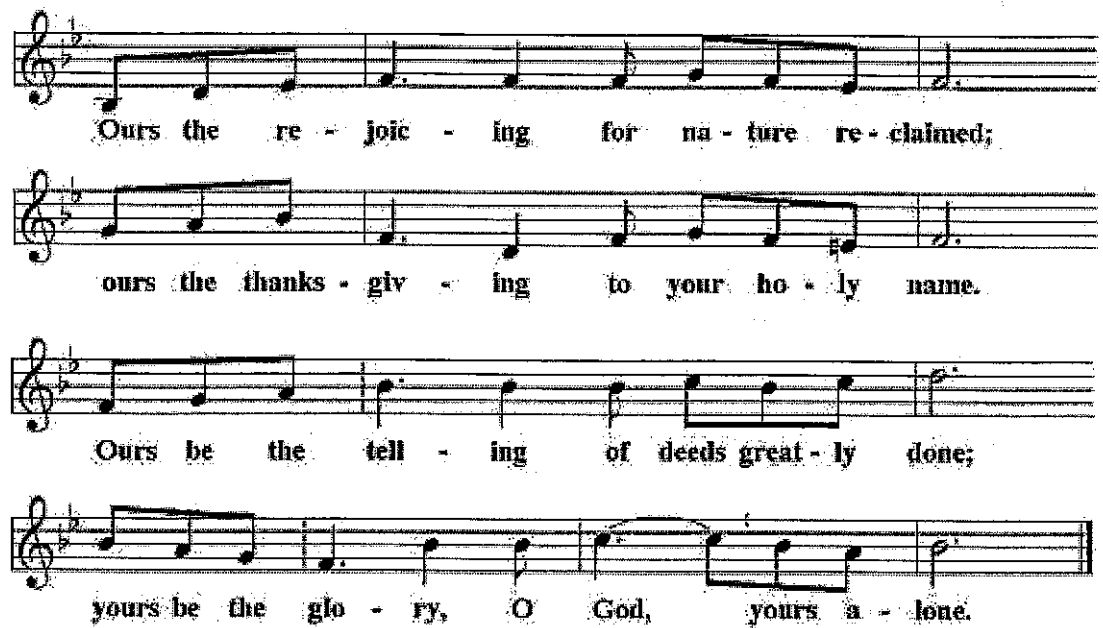
Offering

Let us bring our hearts and minds together as we consider the ministries to which our congregations and the whole church are called, and offer our gifts to the Lord as we depart this evening.

All offering goes to support the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Offertory





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The Prayers

P Let us pray together. Gracious God,
C in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Prayers continue

P Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer
for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

AM Gracious God, speak your word anew among
your church. Strengthen it to withstand the
temptation to turn inward in fear or
complacency. Embolden church institutions to
turn from self-preservation toward the self-
giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,
C **receive our prayer.**

AM Mothering God, speak the word of life into
wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant
wisdom to your people, that we may quell the
urge to strip lands of their resources and
instead preserve first fruits for future
generations. God, in your mercy,
C **receive our prayer.**

AM Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to
people in positions of power: mayors,
councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges

and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

AM Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

AM Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

AM Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song

March 12th ELW #334 plus Lent 1 verse

March 19th ELW #334 plus Lent 2 verse

March 26th ELW #334 plus Lent 3 verse

April 2nd ELW #334 plus Lent 4 verse

April 9th ELW #334 plus Lent 5 verse

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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