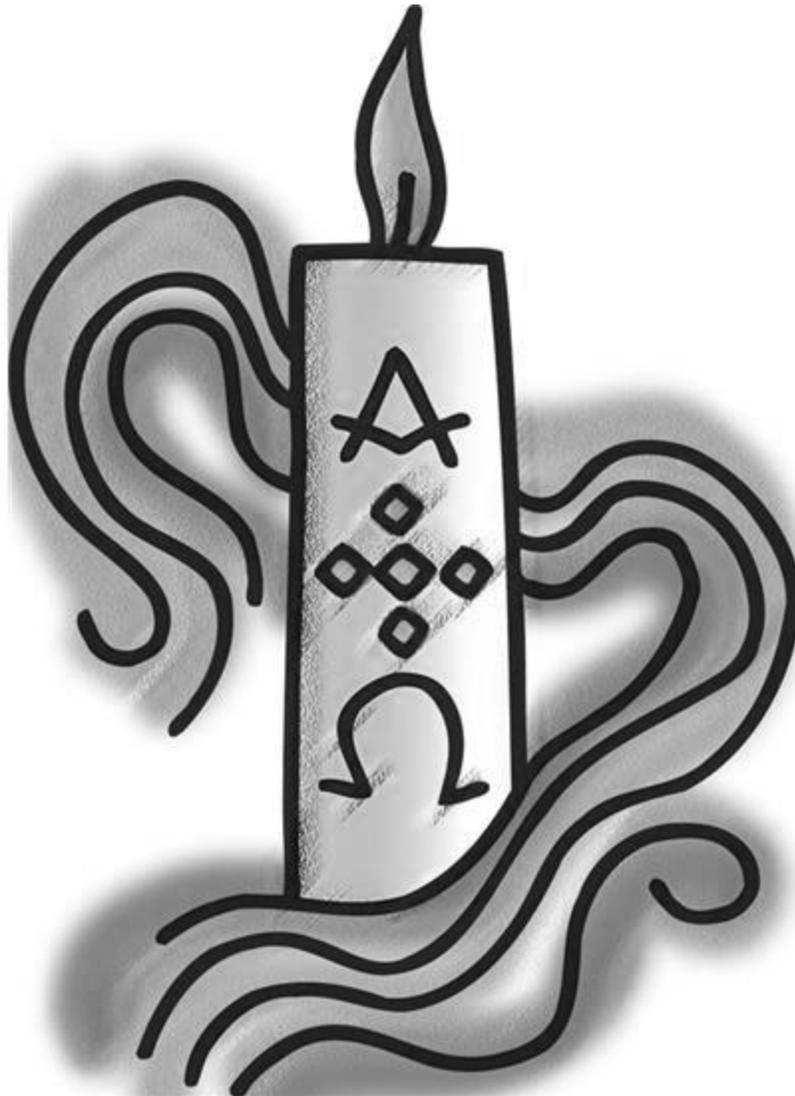


Sunday, March 8, 2026
The Third Sunday of Lent



ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, March 8, 2026

9:30am Worship Service

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.**

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.**

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

Red Hymnal #777 (Stanzas 1-4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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 95 – *spoken responsively*

P ¹ Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C ² **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

P ³ For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C ⁴ **In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

P ⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

C ⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

P ⁷ For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

C ⁸ **"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

P ⁹ There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

C ¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

P ¹¹ Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.' "

SECOND READING

L A reading from Romans, the Fifth Chapter.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN SENTANCE



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42 *(Due to the length of this reading, please feel free to be seated.)*

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the Fourth Chapter.

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

P ⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,'¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

P I present Malena, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for this sister, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her in the community of faith. Uphold Malena in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

P People of God, do you promise to support this sister and pray for her in her life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P Let us rejoice with this sister in Christ.

C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Please be seated.

Red Hymnal #611

HOLY BAPTISM

Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the minister at the font. Water is poured into the font.

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors for the candidate, in turn, present the candidate.

Sponsor: I present Beckham Hayes for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents who bring their child for baptism:

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Beckham baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Beckham grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Beckham in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P People of God, do you promise to support Beckham and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses everyone in the assembly.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

The assembly may be seated.

Paige pours water on Beckham's head as the minister says:

P Beckham Hayes, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

P and of the Son,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

P and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Paige holds Beckham.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

P Sustain Beckham with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

P Beckham, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

The baptismal group faces the assembly.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.

PRAYERS

P Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

A O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

Everyday I Come to Jesus

Chancel Choir

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes on each staff.

Please stand as you are able.

- 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 *(spoken)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

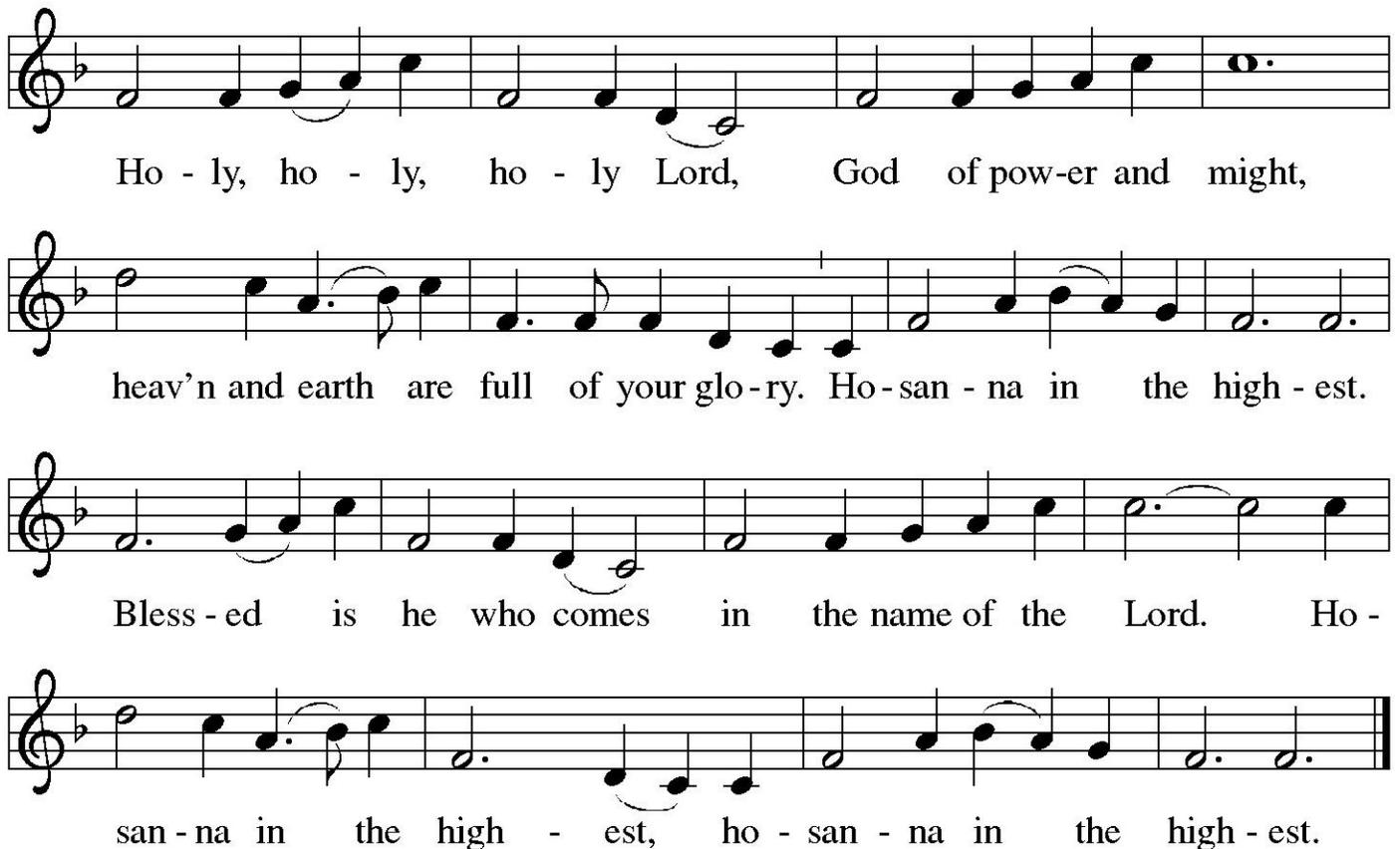
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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. 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, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

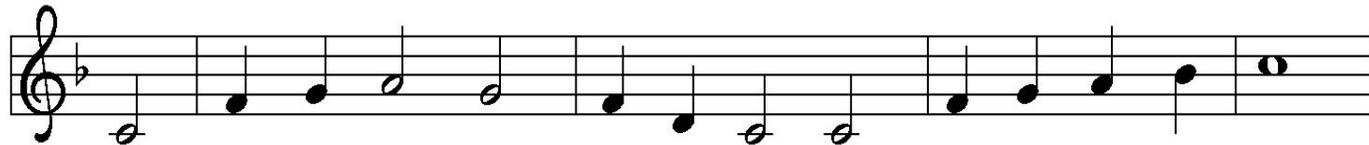
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Hymns Played During Distribution:

Let Us Break Bread Together Red Hymnal #471

In The Singing Red Hymnal #466

One Bread, One Body Red Hymnal #496

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available. Children are welcome to receive a blessing and a fish cracker.

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 Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

When Peace Like a River (It is Well with My Soul)

Red Hymnal #785

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Today we welcome Malena Viscomi into membership of St. Andrew's Church.

*We also celebrate the baptism of Beckham Hayes Rodriguez,
11-month-old son of Paige and Anthony Rodriguez, and brother of Grayson and Elias.*

*We hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome our newest
members.*

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Organist: Mark Jonkman

Audio/Video: John Costanzo

Worship Assistant: David Abel

Usher: Kathy Brandt & Ed Schaeffer

Greeter: Ron Roth

Church Time Nursery: Sharon Bleice and Jill Machado

Altar Guild: Sue Heater

Offering Counters: Donna George and Janet Rhymer

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Monday, March 9: 7:00pm Congregation Council - Zoom

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

Tuesday, March 10: 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Wednesday, March 11: 10:00am St. Andrew's Women – Social Room

6:00pm Soup Supper @St. Paul's III

7:00pm Worship @ St. Paul's III

Thursday, March 12: 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 13: 7:30pm Crossroad AA

Sunday, March 15: 9:30am Worship Service

Members celebrating birthdays this week: Anna Fretz, Vincent Mariconda, Donovan Mashintonio, Stephen Reese, and William Tichy.

Immediate Prayers: Eleanore, John Garity, Pam Garity, Rich Heater, Sue Himmelreich, Lauren Huff, Doug LaFauci, Jim Pennoyer, and Linda Trigiani.

Members Homebound/Nursing Home: Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carol Ehler, Carl Fisher, Joan Holland, Theresa Lawhead, Irene Neel, Doris Neumeyer, Jean Pleiss, Doris Wanamaker, and Marge Weidner.

Long Term Prayers: Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, John Clay, Dianna Dillian, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Carol Ehler, Niklas Enblom, Maj-Britt Enblom, Lori Gilbert, Ryan Gorrie, Karen Israel, David Jackson, Sandy Joyce, Jennifer, Kamilah, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Laura Lee Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Nancy, Paul, Penny, Dan Philipps, Rachel, Lisa and Jim Reinish, Shirley, Ethel Shive, Andi Steckel, Melissa Steckel, and Doug VonNessen.

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