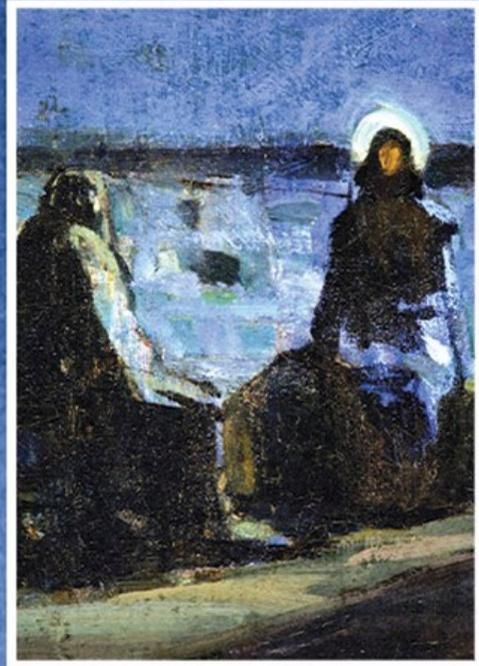


NICODEMUS came  
to

*Jesus*  
BY NIGHT

JOHN 3:2



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**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**February 28 & March 1, 2026**

# Welcome to Worship!

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The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response. Throughout the bulletin you will note two symbols that denote when the congregation is invited to stand (▲) or be seated (▼) as your body allows. *Large print copies* of our worship service and *wireless sound enhancers* are available.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of *Holy Communion* and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need *communed in the pew*.



## Second Sunday in Lent February 28 & March 1, 2026

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM;  
Livestream @www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

### Service of Holy Communion (ELW Setting 2)

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

*The prelude is a signal to end our conversation and  
prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

### Prelude and Silent Prayer

### Welcome and Announcements

## GATHERING

### The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### ▲ Confession and Forgiveness

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*(please kneel or be seated as your body allows)*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

#### ▲ Gathering Hymn

“O God of Mercy, God of Light”

ELW #714

## ▲ Greeting

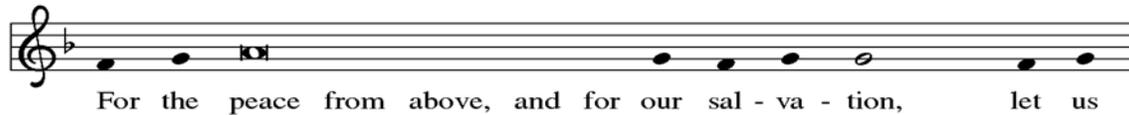
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## ▲ Kyrie



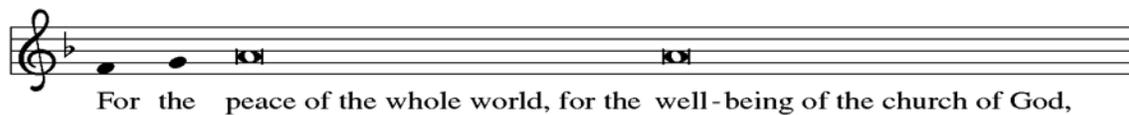
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



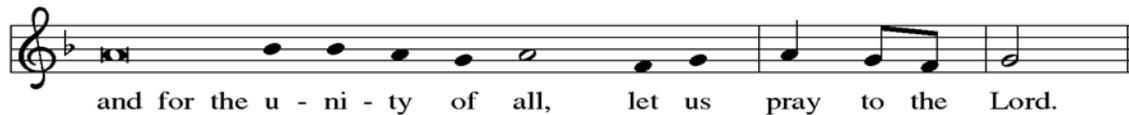
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



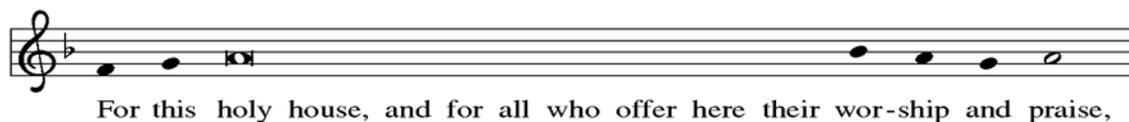
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

## ▲ Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

**God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.**

## ▼ Children's Message

### ▼ First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

*At this point in Genesis, the focus moves from God's work directly with all humanity (through Adam and Eve, Noah, and the Tower of Babel) to God's choosing the descendants of Abraham (here called by his original name) to be the means of reconciliation.*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4a</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### ▼ Psalm 121 (Leader/Assembly; Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung)

*Hilltops were places where Israel's neighbors worshipped their gods. This psalm begins, then, with a declaration that our help comes not from those gods but from the Lord. It ends with a promise which echoes that given to Abraham in the first reading.*

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes <sup>1</sup> to the hills;  
from where is my <sup>1</sup> help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes <sup>1</sup> from the LORD,**  
**the maker of heav- <sup>1</sup> en and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your <sup>1</sup> foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you <sup>1</sup> fall asleep.

*(continued)*

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keep-<sup>1</sup>er of Israel  
will neither slum-<sup>1</sup>ber nor sleep;**  
<sup>5</sup> the LORD watches<sup>1</sup> over you;  
the LORD is your shade at<sup>1</sup> your right hand;  
<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike<sup>1</sup> you by day,  
nor the<sup>1</sup> moon by night.**  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you<sup>1</sup> from all evil  
and will<sup>1</sup> keep your life.  
<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going out and your<sup>1</sup> coming in,  
from this time forth for-<sup>1</sup>evermore.**

### ▼ **Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

*At the beginning of his letter to the Romans, Paul has already argued that both Jews and Gentiles are justified by grace through faith.*

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. <sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## ▲ Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

## ▲ Gospel: John 3:1-17

*In his first chapter, John identifies Jesus as the light shining in the darkness. Now, after being baptized, calling the disciples, and beginning his ministry at the wedding feast at Cana, Jesus meets in the darkness with Nicodemus, who will claim and bury his body after the crucifixion.*

The Holy Gospel according to John the 3rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony.

*(continued)*

<sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

▼ **Sermon**

Pastor Jess Felici

▲ **Hymn of the Day**

“God Loved the World”

**ELW #323**

▼ **Welcoming New Members, Sunday at 10:45**

**(see insert)**

▲ **Apostles’ Creed (at Saturday, 5:30 and Sunday, 8:15)**

**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.**



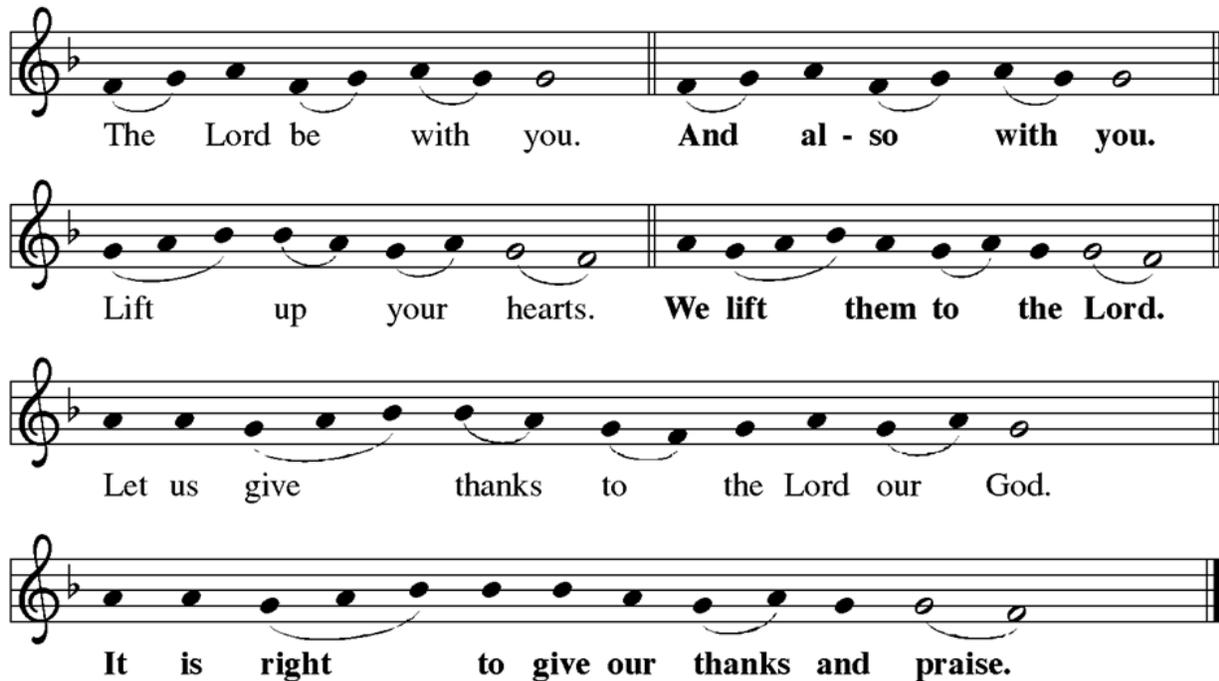


pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
 store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
 and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. O God, **maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## ▲ Great Thanksgiving

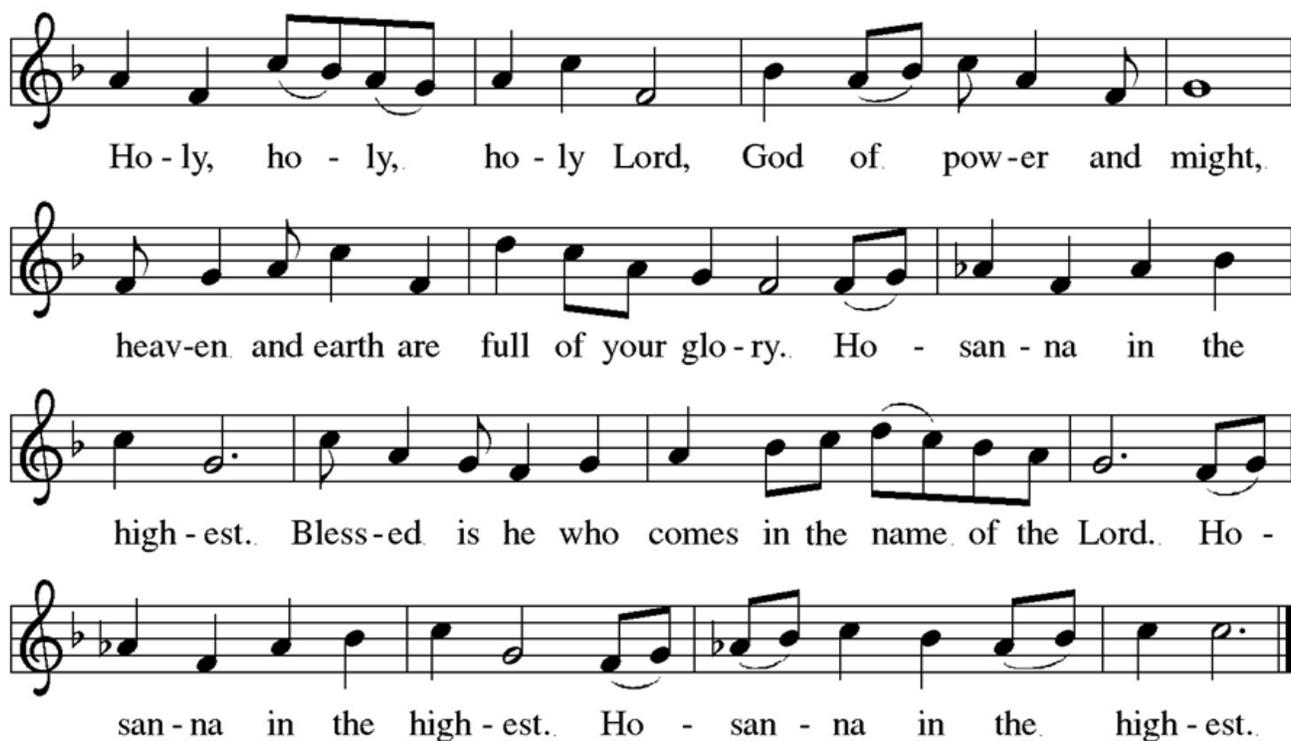


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## ▲ Preface

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 - 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

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

All creation sings your praise.  
Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory.  
Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

With Sarah and Abraham we go out in faith, trusting your promise.  
With Miriam and Moses we celebrate our deliverance from bondage.  
With Naomi and Ruth we bind ourselves together in covenant love.  
With Jonathan and David we delight in the gift of deep and abiding friendship.  
With Mary and Elizabeth we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus,  
the Holy One.  
With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary we give thanks for the blessings of family.  
With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near.  
With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

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.

With hearts full of memories and hopes,  
we break this bread and share this cup,  
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ,  
and his promise to be with us always  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us.  
You are our heart's desire.  
You are our priceless treasure.  
You are the garden of paradise.

Come down, O Love divine.  
Come among us, O passionate Fire.  
Come within us, O Spirit of unity.  
Come, Holy Spirit.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts,  
which we are about to receive from your bounty.  
Bless our table and the feast we share.  
Bless us with gladness of heart.  
Come, Holy Spirit.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

At this table make us your body.  
Form us to be people of justice and peace.  
Fill us with gratitude and generosity  
that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.  
Come, Holy Spirit.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Praise to you, Author of creation.  
Praise to you, O Beloved One.  
Praise to you, O Giver of all good things.  
Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **▲ Lord's Prayer**

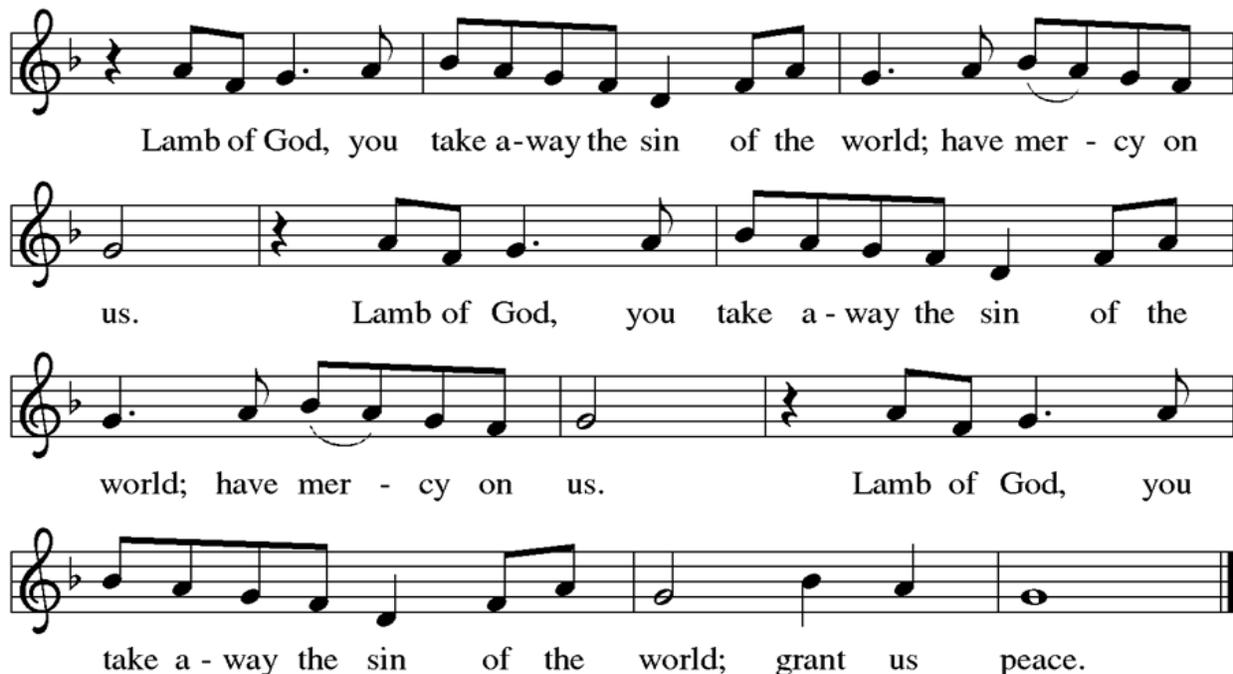
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Come to the table.  
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

## ▲ 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.

## ▼ Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. **The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.** For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. **If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher.** Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*



### ▲ Table Blessing

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

### ▲ Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of our salvation, **we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

**God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.**

### ▲ Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God the Father, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✠ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

### ▲ Sending Hymn

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

**ELW #811**

### ▲ Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**Serving this Weekend**

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**Sunday 8:15am:** Herb Harris

**Sunday 10:45am:** Kelly Clever

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**Sunday 8:15am:** Nancy McHenry, Evan Stemler

**Sunday 10:45am:** Jim & Kathy Zamerski

**Ushers:** **Saturday 5:30pm:** Tom & Beth Dlugos, Donna Showalter

**Sunday 8:15am:** Keith Bronson, Jr., Keith Bronson, Sr.,  
Sandy Kisick, Melinda Terney

**Sunday 10:45am:** BJ & Amber Hebenthal, Anna Hudec,  
Becky Tomlinson

**Acolytes:** **Saturday 5:30pm:** Kelly Stanko

**Sunday 8:15am:**

**Sunday 10:45am:**

**Tellers:** **Sunday 8:15am:** Gary Sheppard, Nancy McHenry, Carol McIntyre

**Sunday 10:45am:** Jane Lawson, Tim Potter, Marcia Salandro,  
Kathy Sowatskey

**Acolytes Scheduled for Next Week March 7 & 8**

**Saturday 5:30pm:** Kelly Stanko

**Sunday 8:15am:**

**Sunday 10:45am:**

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