

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**SUNDAY February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



Jesus took her  
by the hand  
and lifted  
her up

MARK 1:31

***WELCOME***

**To our Church Family**

*We're Glad You're Here.*



## St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are so glad that you chose to worship with us today. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please visit our Welcome Center in the North Narthex. As our way of saying thank you, you will receive a St. Paul's Welcome Bag with a coffee cup and information about our church. You may also want to download our new St Paul's App and visit our website. Information on both is in the Welcome Bag.

For our young worshipers we have children's packets to play and color with during the service. These are on the white stand near the east entrance to our sanctuary.

### *You are Welcome at the table!*

If you have been baptized and believe Christ is present in the Eucharist (Holy Communion), you are welcome to join us at the table. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and return to your seats using the side aisles. If you do not wish to partake in the Sacrament but would like to receive a blessing, please just cross your hands over your chest when you come forward.

Grape juice and Gluten-free wafers are available on request. Grape juice is in the colored glasses in the center of the communion tray. If you are not able to come forward and would like to receive communion, please inform an usher and the pastor will bring communion to you.

### **Altar Flowers**

The **altar flowers** were given today by Leslie & Dick Longworth in honor of Jake Foster's birthday.

### **Today's Worship Theme**

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

### **Readings and Psalm**

#### **Isaiah 40:21-31**

*The creator of all cares for the powerless*

#### **Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**

The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)

#### **1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

*A servant for the sake of the gospel*

#### **Mark 1:29-39**

*The healing of Peter's mother-in-law*

**Today's Hymns from The Tower**  
**The Westminster Strike**  
**Welcome and Announcements**

Church Carillon

**PRELUDE**

Adoration

Florence Beatrice Price  
(1887-1953)

**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, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

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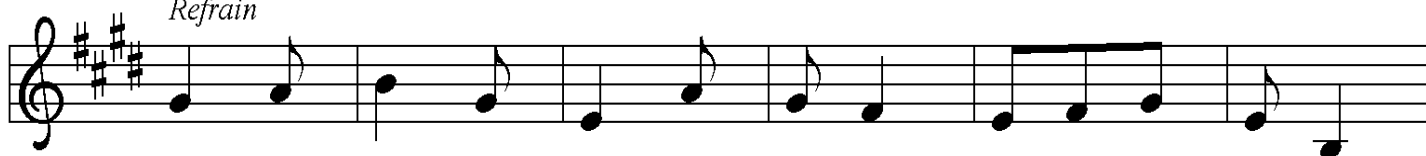
**GREETING**

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

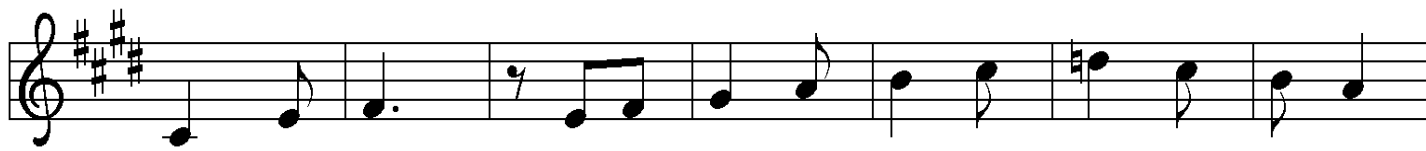
**And also with you.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and  
numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises <sup>1</sup> to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor <sup>1</sup> God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD re- <sup>1</sup> builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- <sup>1</sup> iles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the <sup>1</sup> brokenhearted  
and binds <sup>1</sup> up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number <sup>1</sup> of the stars  
and calls them all <sup>1</sup> by their names. R**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- <sup>1</sup> y in power;  
there is no limit <sup>1</sup> to God’s wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts <sup>1</sup> up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked <sup>1</sup> to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup> with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp <sup>1</sup> to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heav- <sup>1</sup> ens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- <sup>1</sup> on the mountains. R**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food <sup>1</sup> for the cattle  
and for the young ravens <sup>1</sup> when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might <sup>1</sup> of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed <sup>1</sup> of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD,  
in those who await God’s steadfast love. <sup>20c1</sup> Hallelujah! **R**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.


<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they

told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

## **SERMON**

*Rev. Mark Kreemer*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**          Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness          ELW 843

## **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

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*After each petition the following response is given:*

God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

<b>Offertory Anthem:</b>	Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name	Brazeal Dennard (1929-2010)
	Chancel Choir	

## OFFERING

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.  
 1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when  
*Refrain*  
 may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*




The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

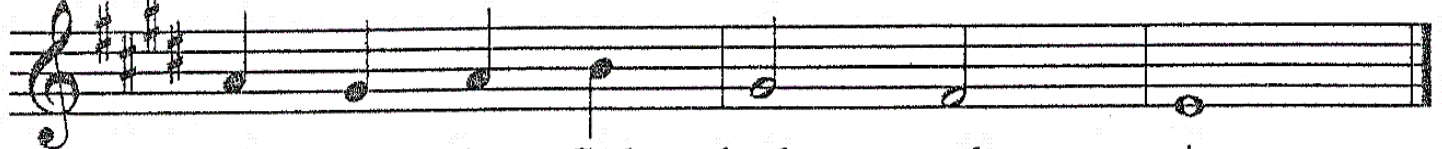


Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

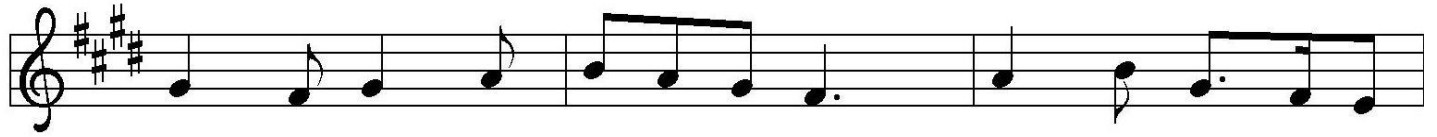


right to give God thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, .... and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

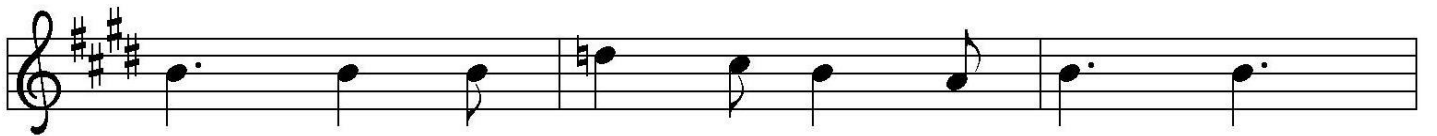
## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



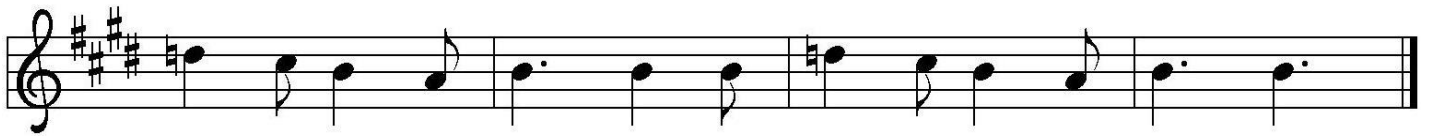
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



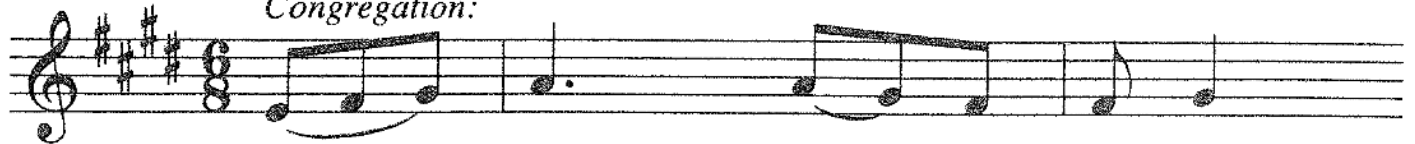
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... we pray for His coming again even as we cry...

*Presider:* Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Congregation:*



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

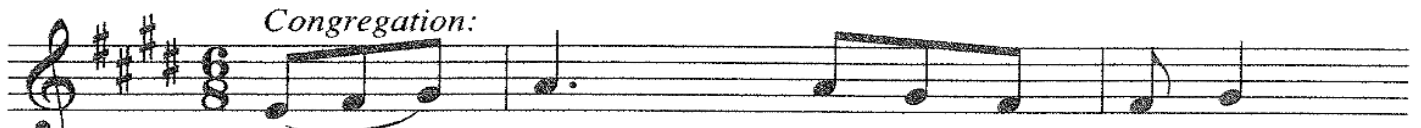


A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray... And your whole creation...

*Presider:* Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Congregation:*



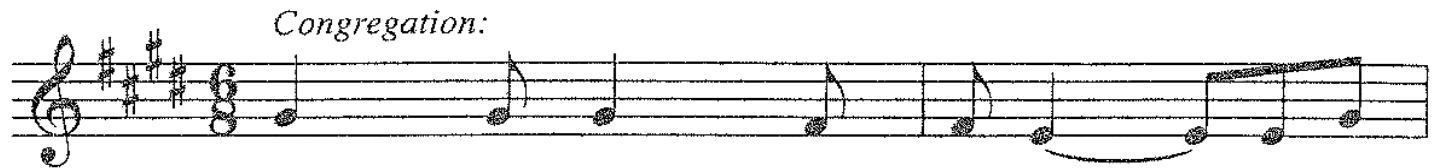
A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.




A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.


*Congregation:*




Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the



u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is



yours, O God, now and for ev - er.



A - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**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

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.  
 Come and see.


## COMMUNION SONG

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of                      the  
 you break the chains of ha - tred                      and  
 you are the way of jus - tice                      and  
 you are the way of mer - cy                      and

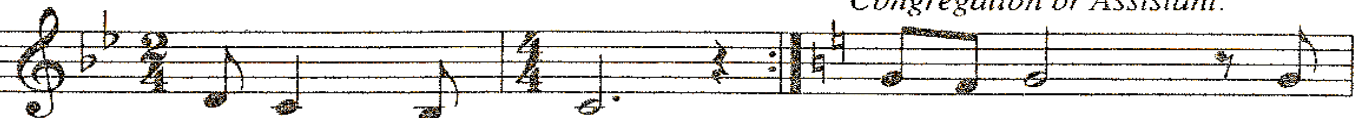
*Congregation:*



world:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.

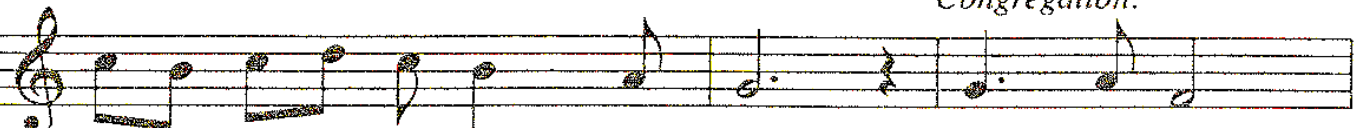
**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*




mer - cy                      on                      us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*



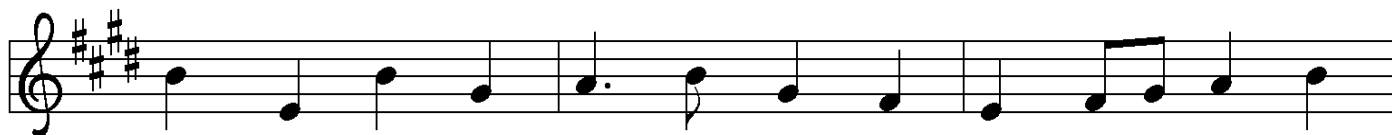
take a - way the sins of                      the world:                      grant                      us peace,



grant                      us peace,                      grant                      us                      peace.

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

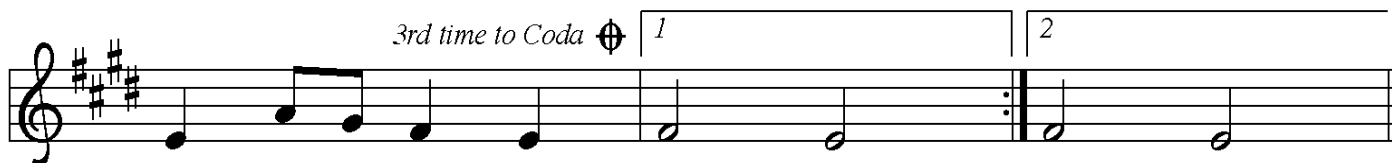
May the body and blood of our lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
Amen.



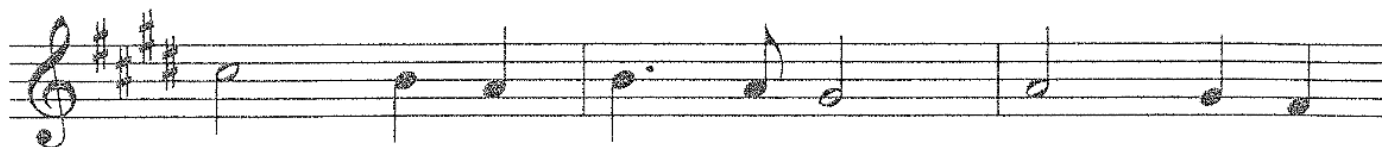
1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



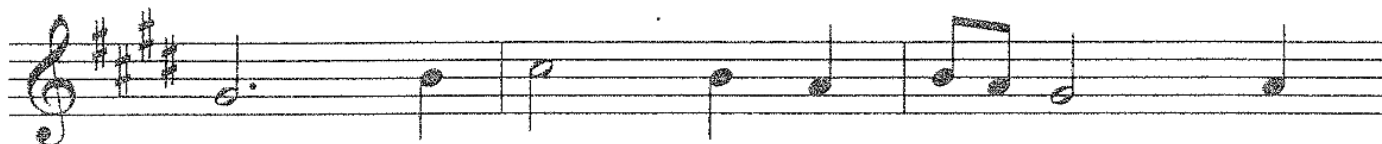
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



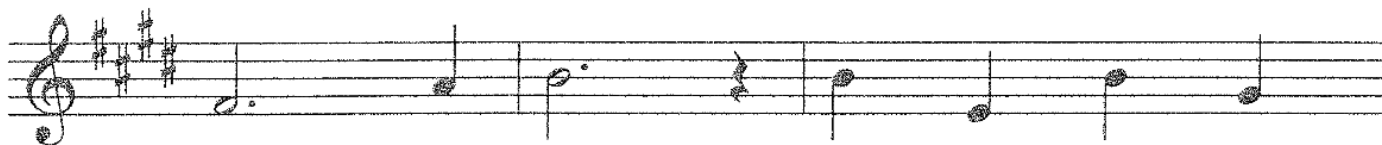
thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
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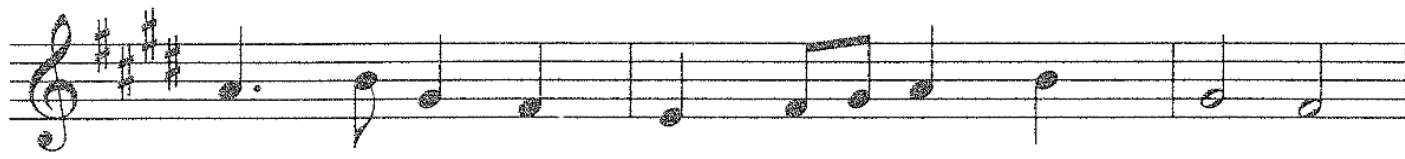
Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your



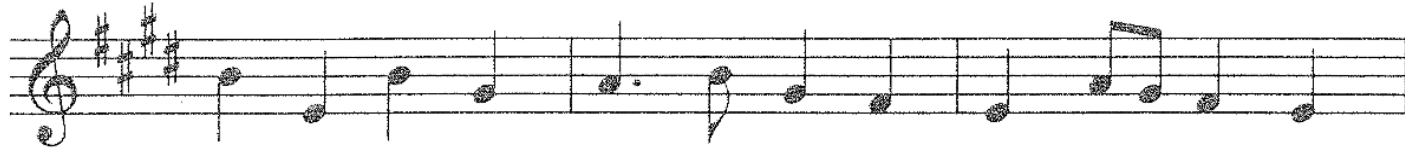
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of



life with us. 3. Praise to you, O



God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

O Worship the King

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**BLESSING**

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:**

Amazing Grace

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

## **Music Notes**

In honor of Black History Month, our service music will feature compositions by black composers.

**Prelude:** Florence Beatrice Price was an African American classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. She was the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra, the Chicago Symphony.

**Offertory:** Brazeal Dennard was an American singer, educator, choral director, and musical arranger who made significant contributions towards the preservation and revitalization of the spiritual musical form. His efforts helped moved the African-American spiritual beyond the walls of the church to a wider audience.

**Postlude:** Contemporary African American composer Dr. Adolphus Hailstork has written across a variety of genres, producing works for chorus, solo voice, solo piano, organ, various chamber ensembles, band, and orchestra. He was the second African American composer to be featured at a Presidential Inauguration when his Fanfare on Amazing Grace was performed as part of the prelude to Joe Biden's inauguration in January 2021.

## **In our prayers today we will remember**

*Barb and Tom Hamilton, Dave Paul, Eleanor Grunden, Lyn Delon-Fellonsteps, Mary Hardesty, Pat Adams, Linda Shaffer, Chris Collard, Chrissy Sturtz, and Carol Rohr, Mary Gainer, Linda & Will Vandevander*

## **Chancel Choir Practice, every Wednesday**

**7:00 pm**

## **Bell Choir**

Handbell ensemble will rehearsal February 21, 28, March 6 and 13 from 6:00-6:50 in preparation to play in worship on March 17. We need ringers to have an ensemble, so please consider making this short-term commitment to enrich worship through ringing!

## **Adult Sunday School**

### **Getting Ready for Easter**

What is a spiritual discipline? During this series of lessons, we'll explore spiritual disciplines that help get us ready for Easter, for resurrection, including our own. What is the place in our daily Christian lives for such practices as meditation, fasting, simplicity, and submission? And is there joy in this preparation, these disciplines? The answer is a resounding, yes! Please join us as we meet each Sunday for Bible study and fellowship at 11:30, top floor of Parish Hall. An elevator is available for easy access.



**Thursday Morning Bible Study:**  
***Wrestling With Doubt* by Adam Hamilton**  
**10:00 am**

Struggling with uncertainties on your spiritual journey? Whether a longtime Christian or brand new to the faith, get to know the God who is unafraid of hard questions. Hamilton draws from the wisdom of the Bible to approach reservations with honesty and insight. Learn how doubt can drive you to a deeper encounter with the Lord!

## **Capital Campaign Report**

<b>Phase One Projects</b>	<b>\$336,000</b>
<b>Funds raised</b>	<b>\$197,000</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>
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<b>Remaining funds to be raised</b>	<b>\$109,000</b>

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# Lenten Services

**Ash Wednesday**                      **February 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM**

**Wednesday Community Lenten Services**  
**Soup Supper 5:30**                      **Worship 6:30**

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**                      **St Paul's Lutheran**  
**February 28<sup>th</sup>**                      **Grace UCC**  
**March 6<sup>th</sup>**                      **Central Presbyterian**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup>**                      **St Timothy's Episcopal**  
**March 20<sup>th</sup>**                      **First Baptist**

**Holy Week**  
**St Paul's Lutheran**

**Palm Sunday**                      **March 24, 10:00 AM**  
**Maundy Thursday**                      **March 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**  
**Community Stations of the Cross**                      **March 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon**  
**(St Mary's Roman Catholic)**  
**Good Friday**                      **March 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**  
**Easter Sunrise**                      **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 AM**  
**Easter Morning**                      **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 AM**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY**                      Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness                      ELW 843  
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**COMMUNION HYMN**                      When Memory Fades                      ELW 792  
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**SENDING HYMN**                      O Worship the King                      ELW 842  
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## God Heals Persons and Communities

When Jesus heals us, we are empowered to serve others. While at first glance it might seem that Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law was self-serving, on further reflection we see the same result in nearly all of his signs and miracles. The object of Jesus' compassion now has new responsibilities. In the very next chapter a paralytic lowered through the ceiling is raised, only to become the center of a religious controversy (Mark 2:3-12), as was the man who lay by the pool of Beth-zatha for thirty-eight years (John 5:2-15). When Jesus calms the storm (Mark 4:35-41) the disciples have to row the rest of the way! Any meaningful encounter with Jesus will result in our being changed, which in turn alters the way we see our relationship to the needs of others and the world.

Hard economic times, natural disasters, and divisive, party strife can make us feel helpless and hopeless, as if we have been abandoned by God. Even the church—local congregations as well as denominations—may feel fear and panic in the face of declining numbers and revenues, loss of loyalty from members, indifference or hostility from the surrounding culture, and internal sniping among factions. The exiled people of Israel in Babylon experienced all of this and more, so our condition is neither unique nor beyond the reach of our God. Isaiah 40:21-31 in the NRSV begins “Have you not known? Have you not heard?” Eugene Peterson, in *The Message*, translates this idea as “Have you not been paying attention? Have you not been listening?” There is some irony indeed that God's church, entrusted with God's salvation history and the gospel, still panics, still doubts and worries, still feels like it is up to us to save the church. We indeed are “clay jars” (2 Cor. 4:7)—carrying the message but not understanding, preaching salvation but not believing that God cares or will act to save. We live Isaiah 40 every day.

### Connections with Creation

Jesus wakes early and goes to an unpopulated place. That's a good practice for prayer. And for birdwatching! Today's texts feature an eagle (Isa. 40:31) and young ravens (Ps. 147:9). Eagles soar through the Bible from Exodus to Revelation. With wingspans of more than six feet, they float on air thermals two miles up and dive at speeds greater than seventy-five miles per hour. Noah sends a raven from the ark before the better-remembered dove (Gen. 8:7); ravens feed the prophet Elijah (1 Kings 17:6) and are praised by Jesus (Luke 12:24). Those hungry ravens hatch from greenish eggs and wait in the nest for about five weeks to be fed an omnivorous diet. Visit [audubon.org/bird-guide](http://audubon.org/bird-guide) to hear these (and other) bird songs.

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



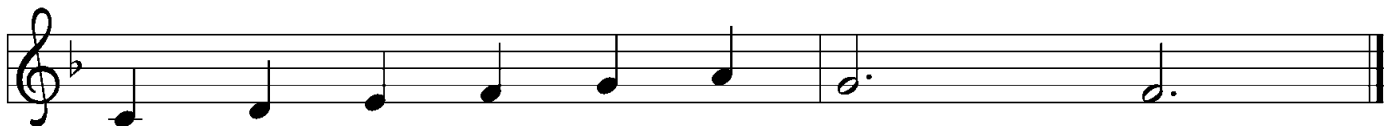
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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## When Memory Fades



1 When mem - 'ry fades, and rec - og - ni - tion fal - ters,  
 2 As frail - ness grows, and youth - ful strengths di - min - ish,  
 3 With - in your Spir - it, good - ness lives un - fad - ing.



when eyes we love grow dim, and minds con - fused,  
 in wea - ry arms which worked their ear - nest fill,  
 The past and fu - ture min - gle in - to one.



speak to our souls of love that nev - er al - ters;  
 your ag - ing ser - vants la - bor now to fin - ish  
 All joys re - main, un - shad - owed light per - vad - ing.



speak to our hearts, by pain and fear a - bused.  
 their earth - ly tasks, as fits your mer - cy's will.  
 No val - ued deed will ev - er be un - done.



O God of life and heal - ing peace, em - pow'r us  
 We grieve their wan - ing, yet re - jice, be - liev - ing,  
 Your mind en - folds all fi - nite acts and off - 'rings.



with pa - tient cour - age, by your grace in - fused.  
 your arms, un - wea - ried, shall up - hold us still.  
 Held in your heart, our death - less life is won.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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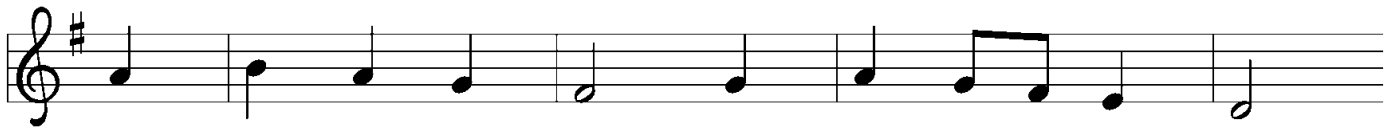
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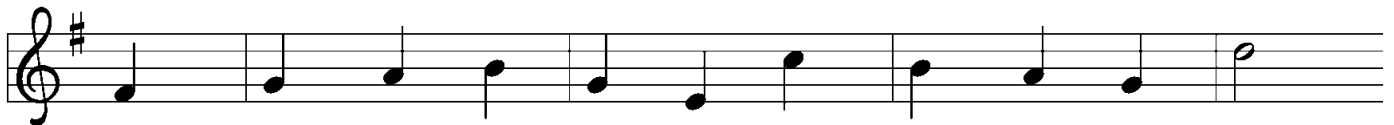
# Oh, Worship the King



1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?  
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,  
5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,



Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;  
Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,



our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,  
the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,



pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.  
with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.

Music: HANOVER, William Croft, 1678–1727