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March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Setting - Now the Feast and Celebration by Marty Haugen

INTRODUCTION

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

PRELUDE

Announcements are on pages 18.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very warm welcome to all who worship here this morning, we thank God for sending you to Tabor.

Please stand if you are able

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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.

We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In + Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

Please stand if you are able.

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW 774

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;
Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.
lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

GREETING

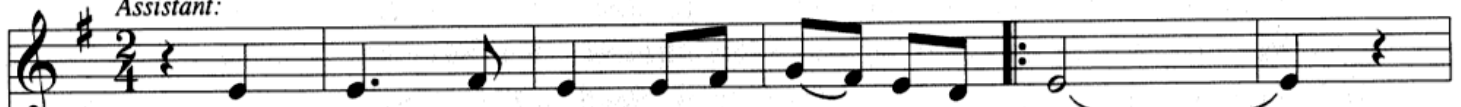
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The children are invited to come forward.

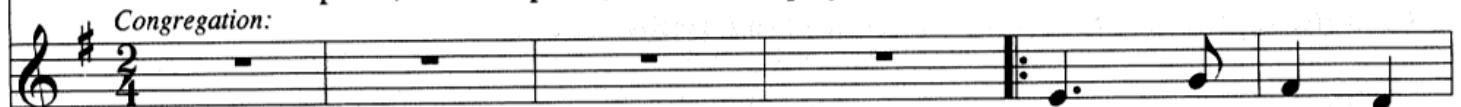
KYRIE

Assistant:



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:




Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda ⊕

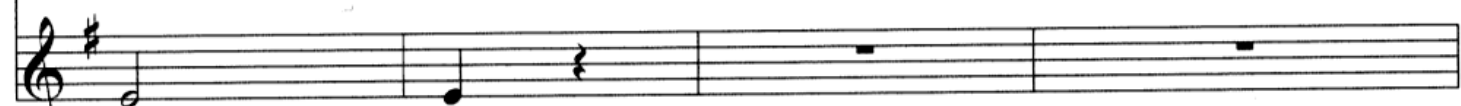


Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -


Assistant:



For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you



cy.



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

continued on page 5

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

* Ending for Kyrie

God.

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Read responsively

- ¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
- ²**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust."**
- ⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
- ¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
- ¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**
- ¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
- ¹⁴**I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**
- ¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
- ¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and



mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

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The Holy gospel according to Luke, the 4th Chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Karen Matuska

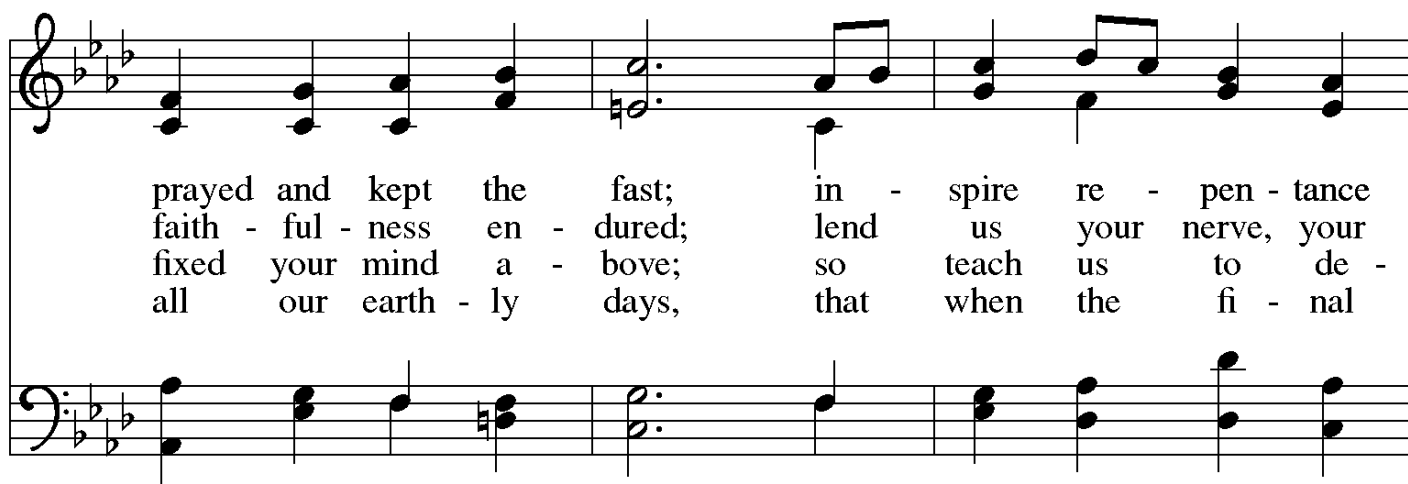
A brief silence for reflection.

Please stand if you are able

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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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 into hell.**

**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.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence

Each petition ends:

God in your mercy,
Receive our prayer.

Prayers conclude with:

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.

Amen.

MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say:

Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC

Special Piano Music

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY

ELW 188

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff contains the vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be 4/4 based on the note values.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the musical notation with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "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 -

The third system continues the musical notation. The lyrics are: "pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -".

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the musical notation. The lyrics are: "store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,".

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the musical notation. The lyrics are: "and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.".

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also 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

Congregation:

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and". The second staff continues with "might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your". The third staff has a 3/8 time signature and contains "glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!". The fourth staff returns to common time and contains "Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -". The fifth staff concludes with "san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!".

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life...

...Grace our table with your presence.

Come Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...

...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come Holy Spirit.

...We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

All praise and glory are yours...

...one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.
Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

he Lord's table is open to all worshipers from all denominations who wish to share in God's blessing of the sacrament of Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is in the bread and wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available if you prefer.

Please let the usher know if you need assistance.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION SONG

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you call us to the way of your
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

mer-cy on us. have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer-cy on us, 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.

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Please repeat until Communion is complete

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
 as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
 veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav' n - ly food.
 comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

Please stand if you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
+ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

<u>Disciples Serving:</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Presider/Supply	Pastor Karen Matuska	Riley Dunton
Assisting Minister:	Cyrisse Cooley	Gwen Hedding
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson	Kathy Lambert/Linda Johnson
Ushers/Greeters:	Tony Martinet	Tony Martinet
Counters:	Stacie Bowens/Cassie Walgren	Karen Dunton/Sue Kastelic
JAM:	Children's Sermon	Cyrisse Cooley/Emily Briggs

PRAYERS

<u>Members, Friends and Relatives</u>	<u>Added by Members</u>
Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Robert Bogusch	Nephew of Kathy Lambert
Pam Cardinal	Sister of Clay Kashner
John Centa	Bowens Family
Fred Cortese	Gwen Hedding
Shirley DeRungs	People of Tabor
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell
Nina Jesmain	People of Tabor
Sue Kastelic	People of Tabor
Will Nichols	Truxell & Vargues Families
Arlis Petersen	Mother of Leanne Neu
Andrea Pitre	Friend of Emily Briggs
Pam Salas	People of Tabor
Starcher Family	Friends of Emily Briggs
Caitlan Thorne & Family	Granddaughter of Kathy Lambert
Denise Tristano	People of Tabor
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Charlotte Vargues	People of Tabor
Linda Wagner	Lynn Truxell

ANNIVERSARIES

9 Leanne & Darrell Neu 40 years

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † We need volunteers for JAM teachers and helpers for March - May. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.
- † We will be having several upcoming Special Sundays. All are encouraged to attend.

<u>March 9:</u> Healing with Pastor Karen	<u>April 6:</u> Healing with Pastor Karen
<u>March 23:</u> Healing with Pastor Dominic	<u>April 13:</u> Healing with Pastor Dominic