

March 15, Fourth Lent

The Wisdom of Descent



WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN:

As the Deer Runs to the River (ELW 331)

$\text{♩} = 100$



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst-ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow-ing from the cross on which you died.



Refrain
Je - sus, source of liv-ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
Who creates us,
meets us in our weakness,
and raises us to new life.
Amen.

God of the cross,
we confess that we fear the path that leads downward.

**We avoid humility,
resist surrender,
and dread the grain of wheat's fall.**

God lifts the lowly and fills the humble with good things.
You are forgiven and raised to new life in Christ.
Amen.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING:

Holden Evening Prayer (M. Haugen)



All: a tempo
1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____
on to end - less day. _____

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Hidden God,

Your wisdom is found in the way of the seed.

Teach us the grace of descent,

the power of humility,

and the joy of self-giving love.

Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals

and make mere flesh their strength,

whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert

and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,

in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,

whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,

sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,

and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,

and it does not cease to bear fruit.

READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-55

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory?"

Where, O death, is your sting?"

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

READING: Revelation 22:1-5

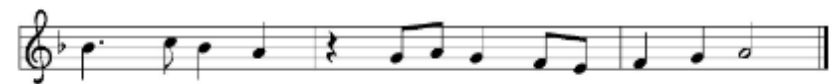
¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 12:20-26

The holy gospel according to St. John the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SERMON HYMN:

For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 506)

♩ = 115



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

INTERCESSIONS:

God of the seed,
we come to you with our prayers.

As the reader closes each petition:

Transforming God,

The people respond:

come to us.

Transform us O God.

Come into our suffering, our failures, and our fears.

Meet us at our lowest and make us new.

Amen.

Psalm 141 (M. Haugen)



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -



fore you, the lift - ing up of my



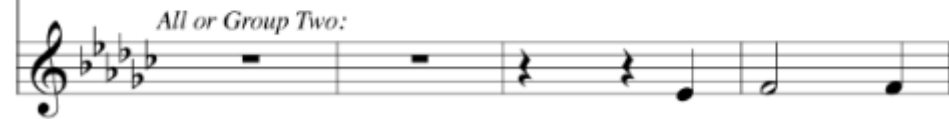
hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

Leader or Group One:



O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two:



O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I
 call to you, come to me now; O
 cry to you. Let my prayer rise
 hear my voice when I cry to you.
 up like in-cense be-fore you, the
 Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be-
 lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to
 fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
 you. Keep watch with-in me, God;
 of-fer-ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be
 watch with-in me, God; deep in my heart may the
 burn-ing bright. Let my prayer rise
 light of your love be burn-ing bright.
 up like in-cense be-fore you, the
 Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be-
 lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to
 fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
 you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-
 of-fer-ing to you. All

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the
praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all
Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise
praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.
up like in - cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an
you.
of - fer - ing to you.

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PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: *Magnificat* (M. Haugen)

All:
1., 3. My soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y
great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of
you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.
Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,
strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,
How you fa - vor the weak and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,
hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

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. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.

White grape juice is available and all altar bread is gluten-free.

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (ELW 334)



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er, you the sea.

Living Water of salvation,
be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole.

Give us eyes to see you clearly;
make us children of you light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our lord and savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

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. Amen.

BLESSING

Now may God bless and keep you,
may ☩ Christ be light for your life,
and may the Spirit guide your path in love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (ELW 545)

♩ = 120

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Mar 15, 2026

Altar Month: **James Apronti**

Livestream: **Sally Rafert**

Welcome: **OPEN**

Reader: **Martin Greller**

Assistant: **Thom Edgar**

Fellowship: **Denise & Martin Greller**

NEXT SUNDAY — Mar 22, 2026

Altar Month: **James Apronti**

Livestream: **Sally Rafert**

Welcome: **OPEN**

Reader: **Thom Edgar**

Assistant: **Thom Edgar**

Fellowship: **Apronti Family**



Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Mar 15:	9:00am	Holden Lenten Worship: <i>The Wisdom of Descent</i>
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
	10:30am	Does the Bible say... ...there is only one God?
Mon, Mar 16:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
Tue, Mar 17:		5:30pm TheologyPUB @ Front Street Tavern
Wed, Mar 18:	10:00am	NO Women's Study
	11:30pm	Campus Cabinet Hours til 1:30pm
Thu, Mar 19:	11:30pm	NO MUGG Campus Lunchtime
Sun, Mar 22:	9:00am	Holden Lenten Worship: <i>The Cross Does Bring Life</i>
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Mar 23:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
Wed, Mar 25:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
	11:30pm	Campus Cabinet Hours til 1:30pm
Thu, Mar 26:	11:30pm	MUGG Campus Lunchtime
Sun, Mar 29:	9:00am	Palm Sunday Worship: <i>Entry Into Freedom</i>
	9:00am	Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Mar 30:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
Wed, Apr 1:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
	11:30pm	Campus Cabinet Hours til 1:30pm
Thu, Apr 2:	11:30am	MUGG Campus Lunchtime
	6:00pm	Agape Meal and Worship in Rohr Hall



Fri, Apr 3:	6:00pm	Good Friday Worship
Sun, Apr 5:	9:00am	Easter Sunday Worship: <i>The Rising Life</i>
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm

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Easter Sunday Quartet

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2026 Snapshot thru February

Income - \$39,159.47

Expenses - \$40,256.52

