

# Sunday, February 14, 2016

## Service of Holy Eucharist

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available in the glass chalice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform Pastor Rachel or Intern Jennifer.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

**WELCOME...** We pray your worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

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### First Sunday in Lent:

*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.*

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

*The assembly stands.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
who brings us safely through the sea,  
who gives us water from the rock,  
who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

**Amen.**

Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful Father,  
**we have sinned against heaven and before you.**  
**We do not fully live as your sons and daughters.**  
**We use your gifts to our own ends.**  
**Forgive us and restore us,**  
**that we may resist all that draws us away from you,**  
**and be at peace with one another. Amen.**

We are reconciled to God through Christ;  
for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us.  
Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God.  
Once lost, we now are found.  
God clothes you in the finest robe of all,  
the righteousness of ✙ Jesus Christ,  
forgiving you all your sins  
and making of you a new creation.

**Amen.**



**GATHERING HYMN: “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” (ELW 319)**

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHOIR ANTHEM: “O SAVING VICTIM” BY ROLAND MARTIN

*O saving victim open'ing wide the gate of heaven to us below,  
Our foes press on from every side, thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.*

*All praise and thanks to thee ascend forevermore, blest One in Three,  
O grant us life that shall not end in our true native land with thee.*

*Amen*

## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

*The annual harvest festival, called the feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into

this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

*The psalm for the day is sung.*

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

## **SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13**

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

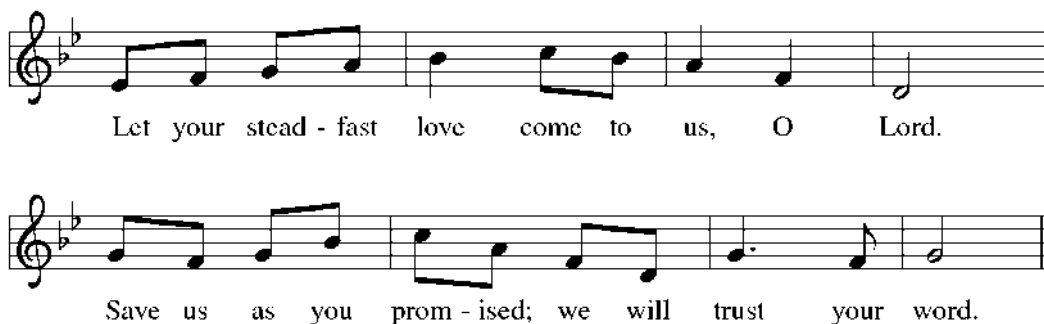
- <sup>8b</sup>“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For

one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



## GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”*

The holy gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written,  
‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’  
<sup>11</sup>and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”  
<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” <sup>13</sup>When the devil  
had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

*All children are welcome to come forward to hear a special message for them.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” (ELW 325)**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## **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.**

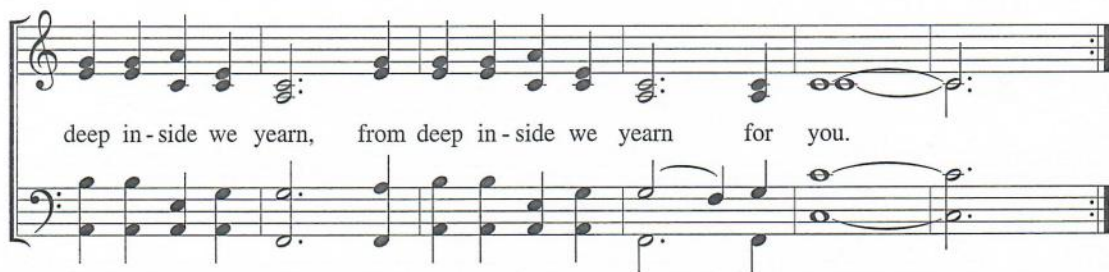
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

*A brief silence.*

*Refrain is sung and then repeated after each petition.*



Break down and mend divisions within your church, Holy One. Bring together rich and poor, homeless and housed, and those who hold differing political views as the one body of Christ. Unite us in worship of you.

**(Refrain)**

Sustain citrus groves and orchards, divine Gardener. Provide rich soil and water in due season for an abundant harvest. Help us share the fruit of your harvest with all people.

**(Refrain)**

Raise up peacemakers, almighty God. In nations ravaged by war, pour out your Spirit of wisdom on their leaders. Equip them to respond with your mercy and justice. Make peace flourish in all the world.

**(Refrain)**

Protect all who flee oppression, eternal Father. Grant refuge on their journey. Provide shelter as there is need. Turn the hearts of those who oppress.

**(Refrain)**

Teach us to love as you love, gracious Lord. Open us to encounter our enemies as our neighbors. Give us courage to trust in your redeeming love and proclaim your gospel to all people.

**(Refrain)**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Show all people your salvation, Alpha and Omega. Bring us to eternal joy with all the saints who have gone before us.

**(Refrain)**

To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE 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," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **OFFERING**

**CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY “*Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*”  
(ELW 334: Stanza 1 and Lent 1 Only)**

*The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.*

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.

**Amen.**



## THE 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.

This musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

## PREFACE

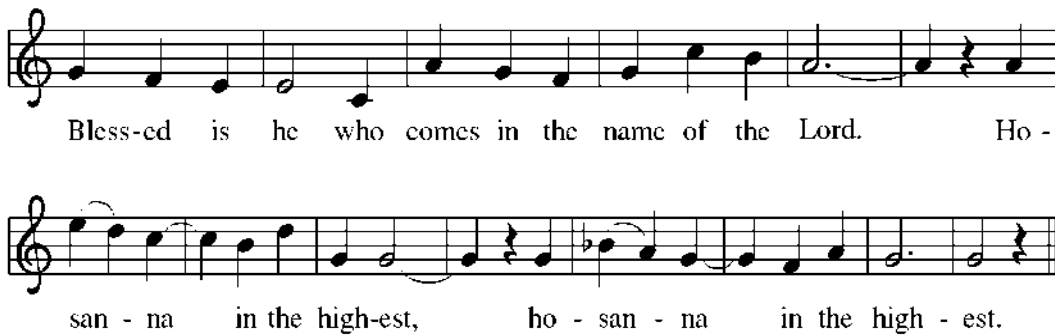
### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

This musical score is written on three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is more complex than the first piece, featuring some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

...With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

All who thirst, all who hunger,  
come and be filled with the goodness of 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.

## LAMB OF GOD





## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty” (ELW 777)*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*The assembly stands to receive the blessing.*

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

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister leads the prayer.*

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us  
as a mother hen embraces her young.

Release us now to go on our way in these forty days,  
ready to see our work as prayer,  
ready to fast from complacency,  
and ready to share with those in need;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



## BENEDICTION

The blessing of God Almighty,  
the wisdom and power of ☩ Christ Jesus,  
and the light of the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## PARISH SHARING TIME

*Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.*

## SENDING HYMN: “*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*” (ELW 808)

*The assembly stands.*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



## ***TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK:***

First Reading—Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm—Psalm 27

Second Reading—Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel—Luke 13:31-35

## **A WORD ABOUT THE GOSPEL TODAY**

### **Life in the Wilderness**

The Christian life certainly includes moments of joy—times when the heavens open up, releasing the glories and colors of the reign of God. Sometimes we feel so alive with the Spirit we cannot contain it, or we sense a certainty of faith that defies understanding. And then there are those other wilderness times.

The Greek word for *wilderness* can mean a number of things. It implies a desert, or a deserted area, land without capacity for cultivation, a lonely area, or deprivation of or desertion by others. The wilderness is not a place to which many of us would go voluntarily. It may not even have been Jesus' choice to go there. Luke tells us that he is "led" there by the Spirit (Luke 4:1). And for forty days he stayed there alone, likely pondering what his recent baptism meant. Experiencing, perhaps, a foretaste of the abandonment he would know on the cross. Wondering, perhaps, if he'd be able to take it all.

In the Lord's Prayer we pray that we not be led into temptation; we ask God to save us from the time of trial. We pray that we not be abandoned to places of despair. When we find ourselves in those lonely places, what is important to see? Jesus knows what it is to be in the wilderness, and is with us in ours.

Even when we are utterly desolate, we know the promise that Christ is present for us in the waters of baptism, in the bread and wine of the Lord's supper, in the conversation and mutual encouragement of the saints. Even when we sense little within or around, we have the promise that there—in that wilderness place—our crucified, resurrected Lord reigns, giving hope, joy, mercy, and life. Abundant life.

### **COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK**

**Cyril, Monk, died 869; Methodius, Bishop, died 885; Missionaries to the Slavs -  
Sunday, February 14, 2016**

These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.



**Martin Luther, Renewer of the Church, died 1546 -  
Thursday, February 18, 2016**

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

# Serving the Church

**THIS WEEK—February 14, 2016**

**Preacher:** Intern Jennifer Michael  
**Lector:** 8:00AM Morgan Mathison  
10:30AM Lindsay Conyers  
**Acolyte:** 8:00AM Connor Frick  
10:30AM Rylie Heggie  
**Ushers:** 8:00AM The Anderson  
Family  
10:30AM Jan Hanson  
Klaus Hanson  
**Greeters:** 8:00AM Betty Carstens  
Judi Weatherwax  
10:30AM Barb Rouse  
*Open*  
**Nursery:** 8:00AM Kelcey Anderson

**NEXT WEEK—February 21, 2016**

**Preacher:** Pastor Rachel Larson  
**Lector:** 8:00AM *Open*  
10:30AM Steve Barrett  
**Acolyte:** 8:00AM Marygrace Buckner  
10:30AM Kent Henry  
**Ushers:** 8:00AM The Jablin  
Family  
10:30AM Jason Sherwood  
Teresa Sherwood  
**Greeters:** 8:00AM The Anderson  
Family  
10:30AM Barb Rouse  
Mike Smith  
**Nursery:** 8:00AM Hailey Anderson

**Stewards:** Steve Boss & Mark Stayton

**Altar Guild:** Barb Rouse

**Coffee Fellowship:** Steve & Janet Boss

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*This is Christ's church...*

*There is a place for you here.*