

Atonement Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 22nd
First Sunday of Lent
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PRELUDE

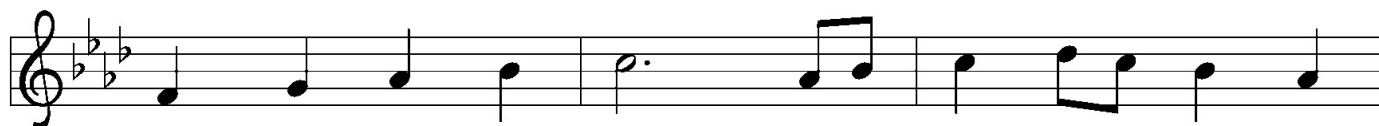
WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

ELW 319



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. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816
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BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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 disdaining 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...

Amen.

GREETING

WOV p. 28

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

WOV p. 28



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WOV p. 30

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A reading from Genesis.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

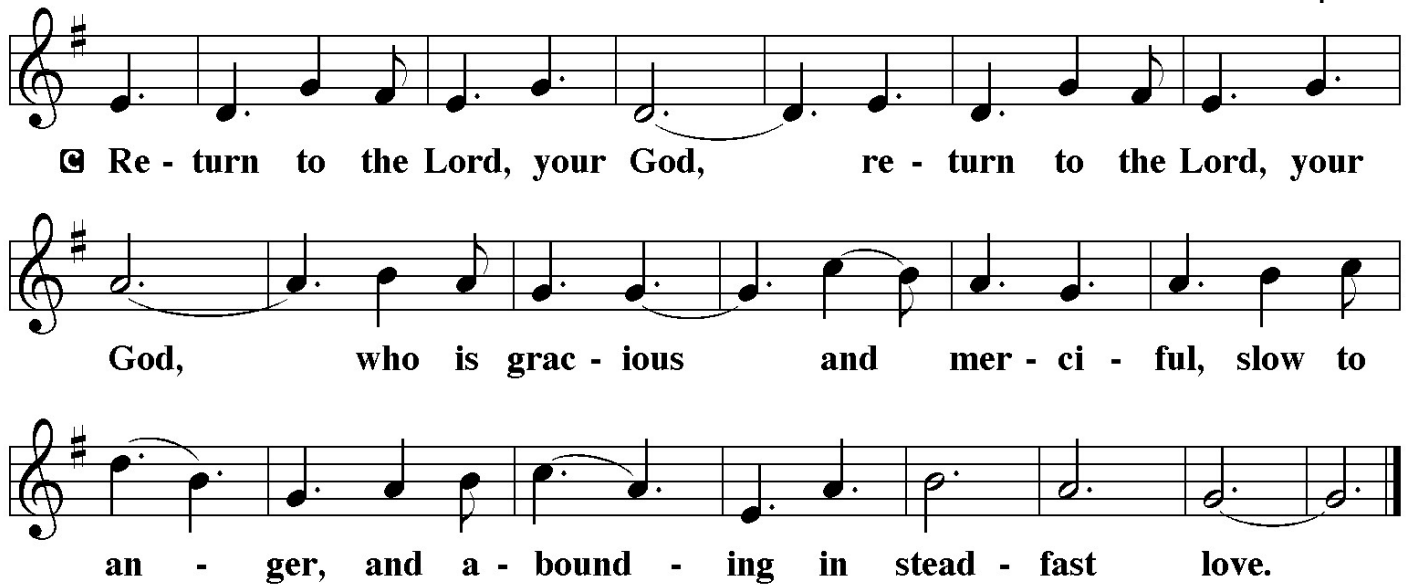
**You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.

**Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near
you."**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your
 God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
 an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
 and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
 so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
 and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

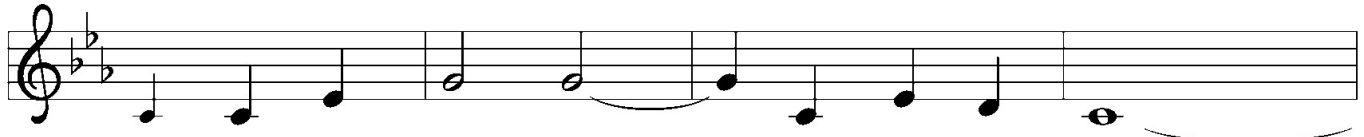
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

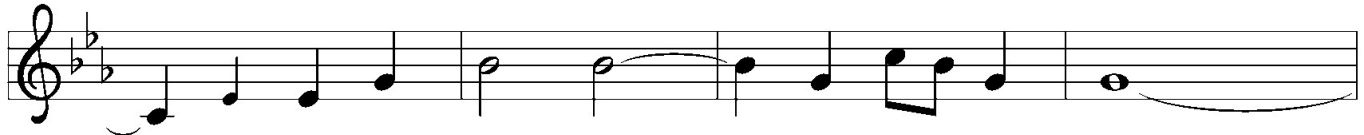
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

ELW 325



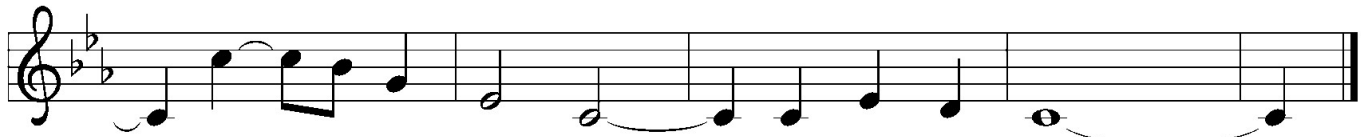
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

CREED

WOV p. 32

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again 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**

THE PRAYERS

...Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

PEACE

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

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

WOV p. 34



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

DIALOGUE

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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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

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Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.**

COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God*

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☞ 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 SONG *Thy Holy Wings*

ELW 613



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down-y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with-in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet-ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

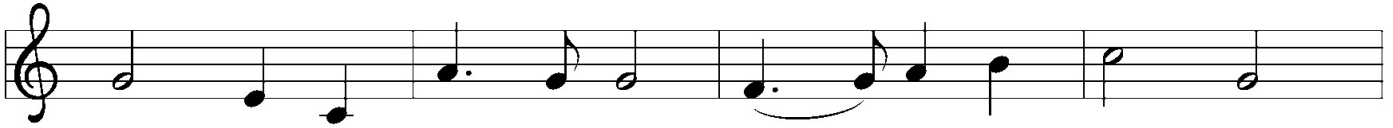
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Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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COMMUNION SONG *Come, Ye Disconsolate*

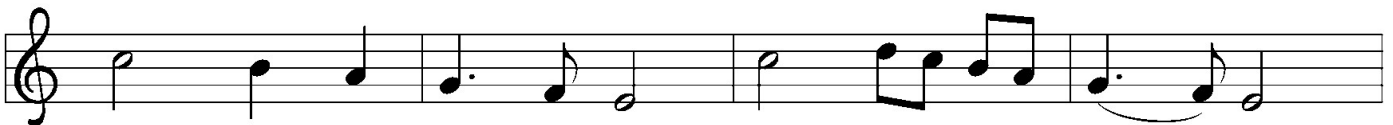
ELW 607



1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;
2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Text: Thomas Moore, 1779–1852, sts. 1–2; Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, st. 3
Music: CONSOLATOR, Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740–1816

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Thankful Hearts*

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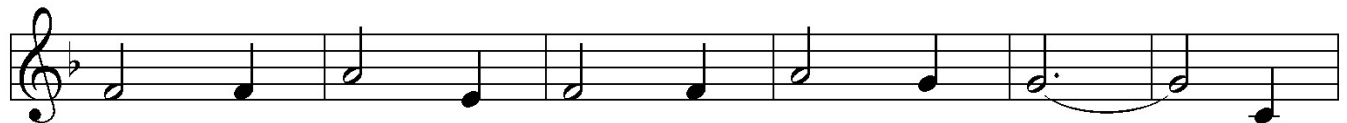
☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and



lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. A - men, a - men.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931
 Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community
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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

NEWS AND UPDATES:

PRAYER LIST

Jerome J. & Family	Bob E.	Kitty R.
The Family of Patsy Mader	Rev. Sandra L.	Lainey M.
Lisa F.	Mindy	Angie F.
Manuel P.	Eric P.	Pat & Brian R.
Tony V.	Deon C.	Wanda J.
Angie L.	Tom K.	Mark A.
Linda S.	Jane A.	

ADULT EDUCATION

February 22nd - March 22 Making Peace with Ourselves: Resting in the Promises of Baptism, Lenten Series Led by Pastors Tim & John

St. Paul writes that *"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Romans 5:1). Yet, while our peace with God is secured at the Cross, peace with ourselves often remains elusive. As both saint and sinner, we frequently ignore the promise of the Gospel, struggling to offer ourselves the same forgiveness Christ has already given.

Join your pastors for a five-week series following worship during Lent as we explore the theme "Making Peace with Ourselves." We will look to the "great cloud of witnesses"—from early church fathers to contemporary voices—to see how they navigated the tension between their own brokenness and their identity in Christ. We won't be looking at them as heroes of moral virtue, but as fellow beggars showing us where to find the Bread of Life. Come ready to listen and learn as we seek to silence the internal critic with the external Word of Christ's mercy.

BOOK NOOK

We are looking for one or two people who would be willing to fill the shelves in the Book Nook with cards and napkins. You would also need to order new supplies. If interested please talk with Donna Purinton, Penny Gorman, or Mata Carlson.

ATONEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Legacy committee is preparing scholarship applications. Those will be mailed out in March to members attending college for their first year in the fall of 2026. Last year, we awarded scholarships to Cadaan Miller and Mylie Parker. The application deadline is April 30th, 2026. Please reach out to any Legacy committee member with questions.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

To all Senior High School students who will be graduating we would like to give you a blanket that is made by the Wednesday Quilters. Please let Mata know if you would like to receive one. We will give them in May.

FIRST COMMUNION

Anyone 1st grade and up are welcome to learn about Communion, you can join classes held on Wednesday evenings March 11th, 18th, and 25th at 5:45pm. You will learn about how special this gift is. Shelia Molde will be the leader. Please, let Mata Carlson know by March 4th that you wish to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us Saturday March 28th for an Easter Egg Hunt from 10am to noon. There will be juice and a pastry served. This is for those 3 years old up to 10 years old. Registration will be open soon. Please bring a nonperishable food item to be given to McKinley School food shelves.

WILD GAME POTLUCK

On Saturday, March 21st at 2pm, Atonement will host the annual wild game feed which is a potluck event with speaker(s). At this time, we need to know who is interested in this event, those who will provide food (what game), and suggestions for speakers. Please contact Jon Molden, 320-250-0694, bigbuckadventuresmn@gmail.com.

BWCA CANOE TRIPS

There will be 3 canoe trips to the Boundary Water's Canoe Area this summer July 23rd – July 26th, July 30th- August 2nd, August 6th – August 9th. Check with Pastor Tim or Pastor John for details. Registration is available on the Atonement Lutheran webpage.