

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Gathering through the love of Christ to care, grow, and serve.

8:30 am Worship

Gathering

Two-Minute Ministry Moment, Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as able

Song

You are My All in All

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Confession and Forgiveness

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Please be seated

Faith in Focus

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 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. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." 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. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

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

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Sermon

Please stand as able.

Apostles' Creed

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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

*God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.
...death to life. Amen.*

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.
Greet those around you and remain standing.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. 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.**

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.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

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 are hungry, come to the feast of the baptized.
The feast of grace is spread. All are welcome.

Communion

*Communion will be served in a continuous fashion. Please take a cup before coming forward.
Grape juice is available in the center of each tray. A gluten-free option is also available.
If you wish to come forward for a blessing but not commune, please cross your arms over your chest.*

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. 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.**

Blessing

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

Dismissal

A: As disciples of Jesus at Nativity, **we are gathering through the love of Christ to care, grow, and serve. Amen.**

Please return your bulletin so that it can be used at 10am worship.

Gathering

Two-Minute Ministry Moment, Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Welcome Song

Come in, come in, you are welcome here. Come in, come in,
 in, you need not fear. Come in, come in,
 children of God, you are welcome, you are welcome here.

Word and Music: Toni Sullivan
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Lead by Kids Music Time

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Kyrie (*Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*)

Traditional

John Bell

Leader

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Congregation

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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

Faith in Focus

Thy Word

Amy Grant

Michael W. Smith



Thy word is a lamp un-to our feet and a light un-to our path.

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path. A light un-to our path. A light un-to our path.

(Children are dismissed for Children's Word Time)

Word

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Psalm



All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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Second Reading

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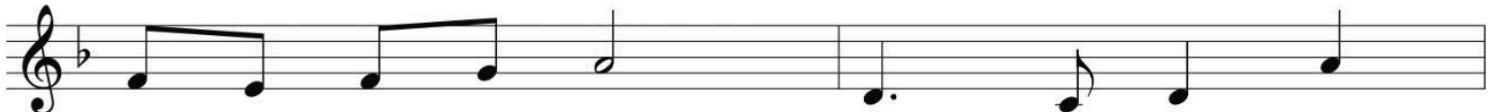
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Please stand as able at the introduction

Gospel Acclamation



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav - ior, Word of the Fa - ther,



call - ing us to life; Son of God who



leads us to free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957

Tune: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957

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Sermon

Response to the Word

Please stand as able

Hymn of the Day

When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



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nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,

food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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

Sung before and after each petition

Text & Music Paul Andress

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all peo-ple,

hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Greet those near you and then be seated.

Children rejoin families after Children's Word Time

Meal

Offering

Lenten Prayer

Giovanni B. Pergolesi

Text/Arr. Patrick Liebergen

Please stand as able

Offering Response (4X parts as able)

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is for the soprano voice, and the bottom staff is for the bassoon. The music is in common time, with a key signature of four flats. The lyrics are as follows:

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. 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.**

Great Thanksgiving

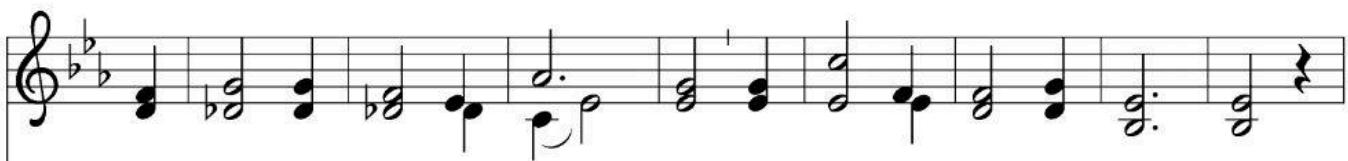
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface (Parts as able)

join their unending hymn...



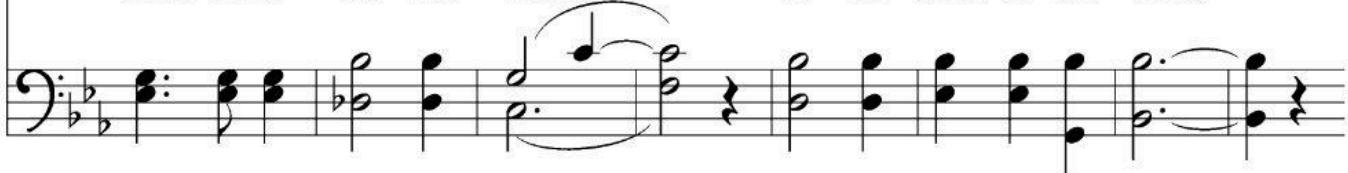
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



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



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



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



Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937
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Thanksgiving at the Table

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 to the feast of the baptized.
The feast of grace is spread. All are welcome.

Please be seated

Lamb of God (Parts as able)

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The top staff is for the treble clef voice, and the bottom staff is for the bass clef voice. The lyrics are as follows:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. grant us peace.

Accompanying markings include a three-measure repeat sign, a 'To repeat' instruction, a 'Repeat 2X' instruction, and a 'Last time' instruction.

Communion

Please bring an empty cup to the altar rail from the station in the center of the main aisle. There is a gluten-free option, and grape juice is available. Please tell the server if you would like one of these options when you come to the rail. If you wish to come forward for a blessing but not commune, please cross your arms over your chest.

Music During Communion

Take and Eat

Refrain

Sheet music for two voices (treble and bass) in common time, key of C minor (two flats). The treble line starts with a quarter note C, followed by eighth notes B and A. The bass line starts with a quarter note C, followed by eighth notes B and A. The lyrics "Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body" are written below the notes.

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Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Song (4X Parts as able)

Jesus, Remember Me



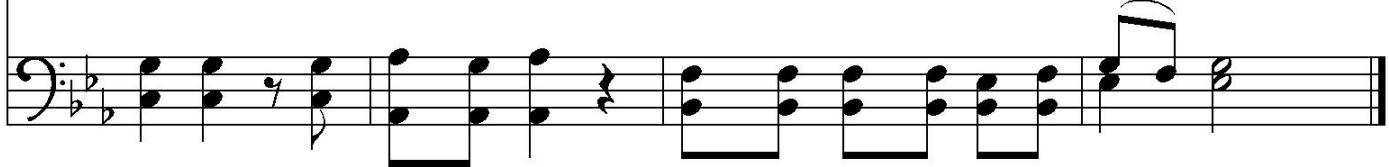
Musical notation for the first line of the song. The top staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in B-flat major (two flats) and common time (indicated by a 'C'). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



Musical notation for the second line of the song. The top staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in B-flat major (two flats) and common time (indicated by a 'C'). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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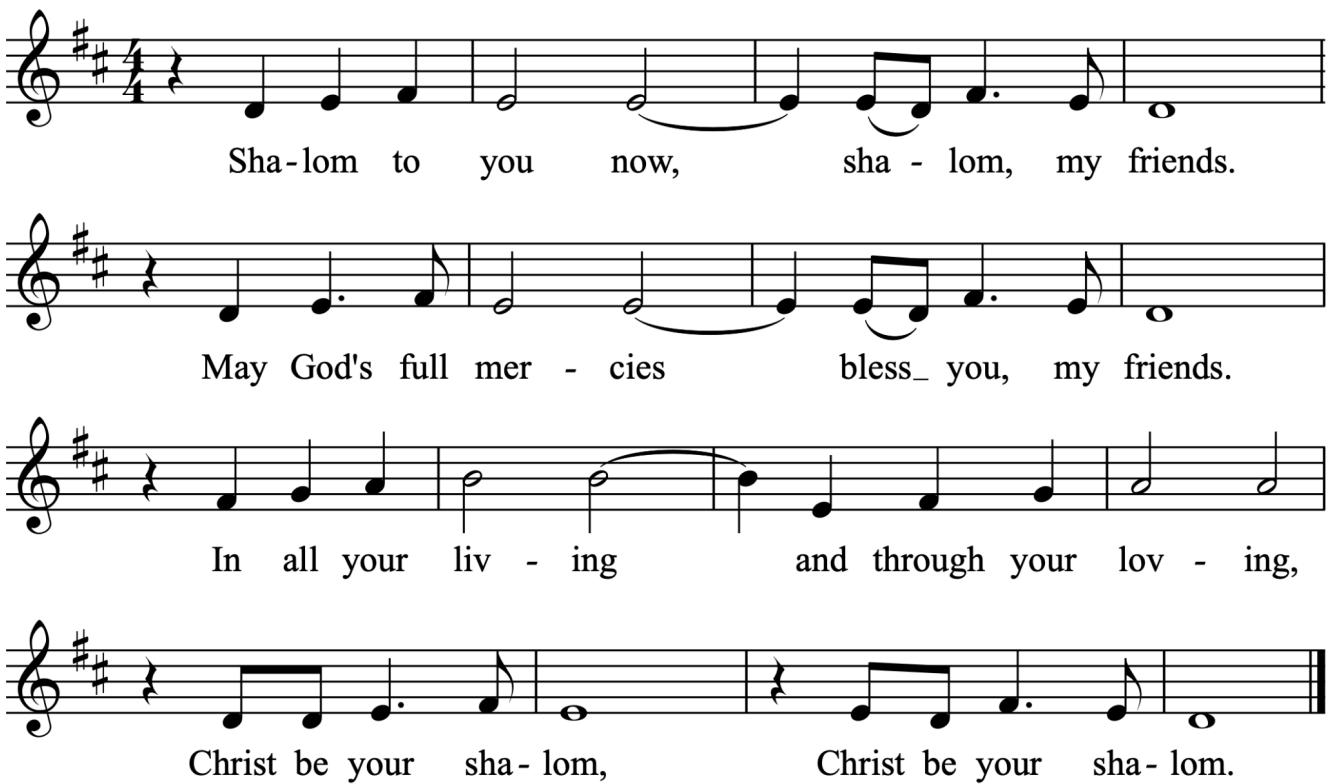
Sending

Blessing

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, [☩] bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Song

Shalom to You



Sha-lom to you now, sha - lom, my friends.

May God's full mer - cies bless_ you, my friends.

In all your liv - ing and through your lov - ing,

Christ be your sha - lom, Christ be your sha - lom.

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Dismissal

A: As disciples of Jesus at Nativity, **we are gathering through the love of Christ to care, grow, and serve. Amen.**

Postlude

Spiritual

Gordon Young