



## House of Prayer Lutheran Church

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

**Second Sunday in Lent, Year C**

**House of Prayer is a gathering of God's people connecting our faith to our daily lives, so that all would encounter Christ in each person**

*Holy Communion will be part of this worship service, the invitation to share in Communion comes from Jesus himself, whether this is your first time or you have been to the table many times before, you are welcome. whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church at all, you are welcome. if you are uncertain or have been rejected in other spaces, you ARE welcome here!*

*We practice communion by intinction which means our ushers will invite you forward to one of our communion stations where you will be given a wafer of bread, hold on to it, you will then be presented with a chalice which contains wine and a small cup which contains grape juice, dip the wafer into whichever is your preference and consume the elements trusting they are Christ's body and blood, given and shed for you.*

*We have gluten free wafers and a separate chalice available. If this is a need, please let the server know and we will make this available to you.*

*If you prefer to receive Communion in your seat, let your usher know and our Communion servers can come to you, or they can provide you with a prepackaged Communion kit.*

(The “+” insignia indicates where the congregation should stand)

**Prelude:** *Eight Modal Pieces, No. 1 (Mode de ré)*

Jean Langlais

### **Welcome and Gathering**

#### **Announcements**

**Ringing of the Bell** (*please remain seated*)

#### **Call to Worship**

**L:** We gather the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** We gather seeking the Lord who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Amen.

+Gathering Hymn: *ELW 597 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less than  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.  
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## +Confession and Forgiveness

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

**C: Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

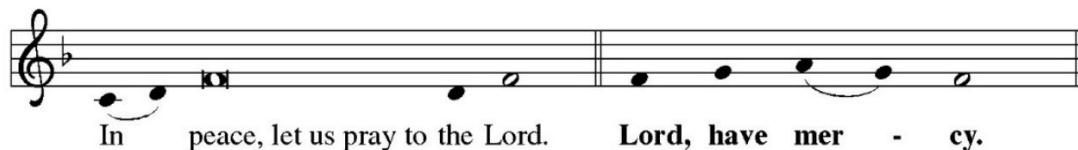
L: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

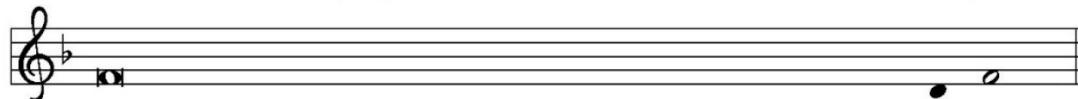
L: Almighty God has mercy on you and forgives you all your sins through our  $\ddagger$  Lord Jesus Christ. God strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life.

**C: Amen**

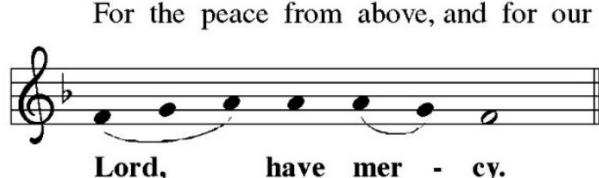
## +Kyrie



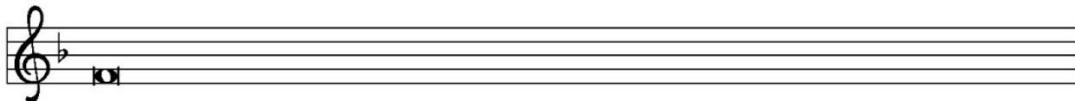
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.      Lord, have mer - cy.



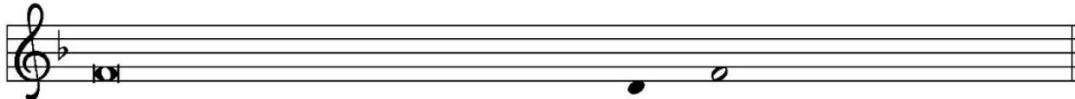
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



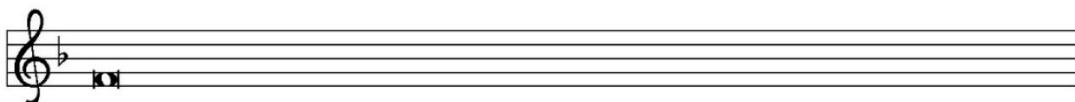
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



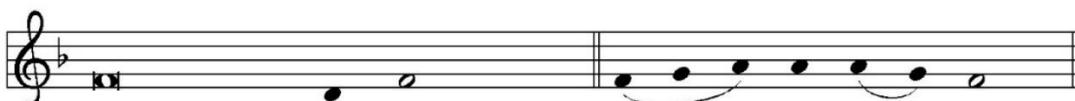
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

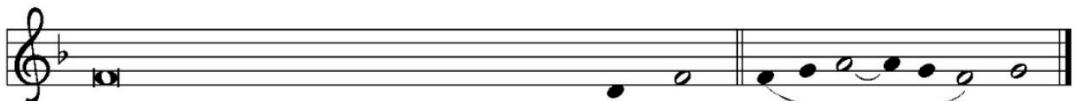


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

L: God of our Journey,

C: Reveal your presence among us that we might demonstrate your love through our lives. Make us aware of your presence in the amazing and the everyday. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

*You may be seated*

## Word

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<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.”

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

<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 against 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.

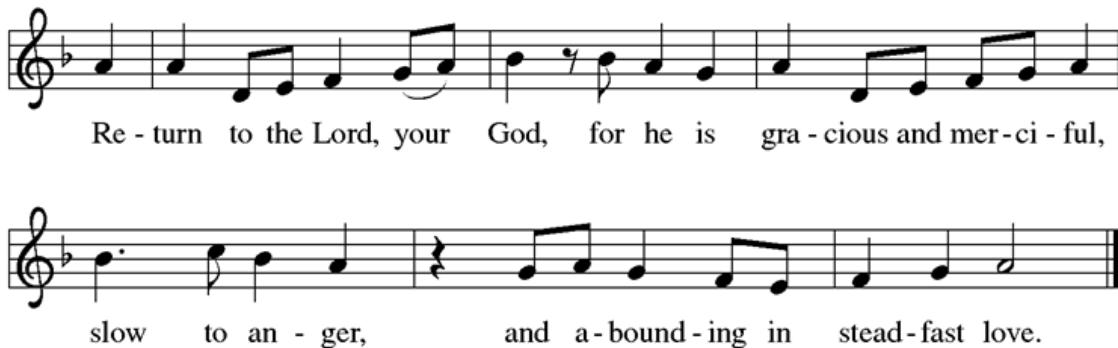
**<sup>16</sup> With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

## Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

<sup>8b</sup> “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your mouth 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, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. <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.”

**L: Word of God, Word of Life C: Thanks be to God**

### +Gospel 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: Luke 4:1-13

**L: The Gospel according to Luke, the Fourth chapter. C: 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 tested 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 all this authority and their glory, 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 led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said 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.

**L: The Good News of God. C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated*

**Sermon:**



Hymn: *ELW 613 Thy Holy Wings*

Thy Holy Wings

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.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite  
Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version  
Text © 1983 Gracia Grindal, Selah Publishing Co., Inc., agent. [www.selahpub.com](http://www.selahpub.com).  
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## **+Apostle's 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.**

*You may 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.



## ***O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (all sing before and after the prayers)**

### **O Lord, Hear My Prayer** *The Lord Is My Song*

Text: Psalm 102:1–2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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### **Spoken Response: L: God, in your mercy, C: Receive our Prayer.**

*prayers end 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, **C: Amen.**

### **All Sing: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer***

### **Peace**

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

*You are invited to share the peace with those around you as you feel comfortable.*

### **Meal**

### **Offering & Musical Offering: *Prelude fr. 3 Characteristic Pieces***

Jean Langlais

## Offering Prayer

L: God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. Just as Jesus was lifted from earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from shadow to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: 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

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we **rise** to praise your name and join their unending hymn... (*please rise in body or in spirit*)

## +Sanctus

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

## +Words of Institution

### +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.**

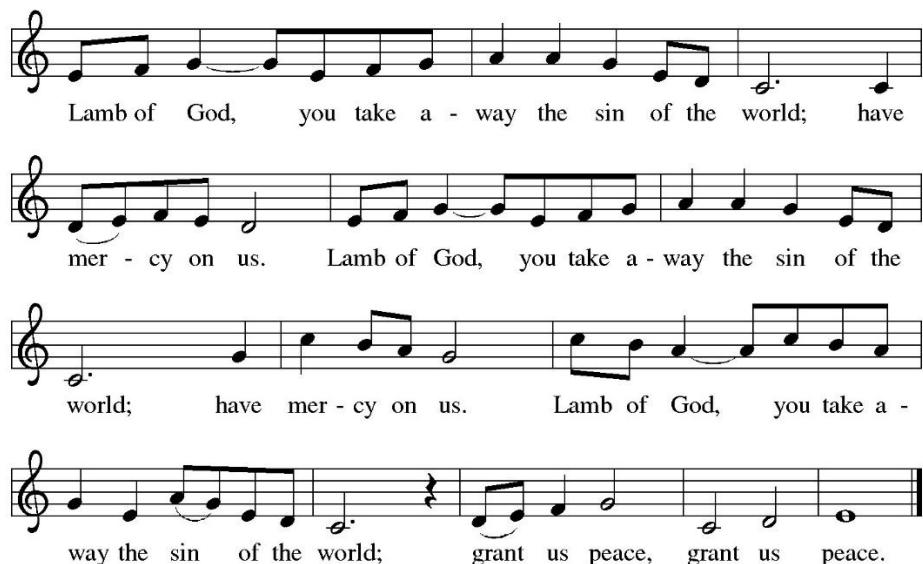
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### +Invitation to Communion

L: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, experience God.

*(You may be seated)*

### Communion



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.

## Music during Distribution:

### *ELW 468 Around You, O Lord Jesus*

#### Around You, O Lord Jesus



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
we will be true and nev - er—in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite  
Music: O JESU, ÅN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569  
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## +Prayer after Communion

L: God of our ancestors, before whose face the human generations pass away, we thank you that as the broken bread was gathered into one loaf, the broken fragments of our history are gathered up and healed by the redeeming act of Christ. Send us forth in peace, form us into what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Nourished by this sacrament, give us strength and courage to serve you in daily life with joy and singleness of heart. In the name of Christ we pray,

**C: Amen.**

## **Sending**

### **+Exhortation to Mission & Blessing**

L: Beloved in the Lord, God has shown you what is good. What does the Lord require of you?

**C: to do justice! to love kindness! to walk humbly with our God!**

L: Almighty God, Father,  $\ddagger$  Son, and Holy Spirit blesses you to do just that.

**C: Amen!!**

### **+Sending Hymn: *ELW 705 God of Grace and God of Glory***

#### **God of Grace and God of Glory**

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king-dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## +Ringing of the Bell

## +Dismissal

L: Go in peace, seeking Christ in one another,

**C: We will, by the grace of God.**

**Postlude:** *Prelude on "Cwm Rhondda"*

Paul Manz

## Worship Participants

<b>Presider:</b>	Pastor Korla Masters
<b>Preacher:</b>	Pastor Micah Pearson
<b>Musicians:</b>	Dr. Roselyn Hanson Weber, Director of Liturgical Worship
<b>Organist:</b>	Tim Buendorf
<b>Special Music:</b>	Tim Buendorf
<b>Lector/Intercessor:</b>	Shirley Moen
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	Pastor Eric, Betty and Chuck Hughes, Shirley Moen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Verne Nordholm, Charlie Robbins, Steve Sather
<b>AV Engineer:</b>	Ethan Alberg
<b>Communion Preparers:</b>	Nancy Bjornstad



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