

February 23, 2025

Prelude & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Congregation may sit or kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." Christ + has forgiven you. God's Spirit had made you free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

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.

Gathering Hymn Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive (to the tune of Jesus, the Very Though of You ELW 754)

- ¹ "Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray; but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: how trifling others' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease; then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905-1987, alt. Text © Oxford University Press 1969

Prayer of the Day

Forgiving God, Too often we take your forgiveness for granted. Too often we cling to our sin, believing that it is our right to harbor resentments and hatred. Be merciful to us, and show us the depth of healing that is offered when you forgive, for the sake of the one who recognized total surrender to forgiveness and offered it willingly, Jesus Christ our healer. **Amen.**

Children's Bible Story

First Reading- Jeremiah 31:33-34

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

After the reading concludes:

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

Responsive Reading - Psalm 103:3-6

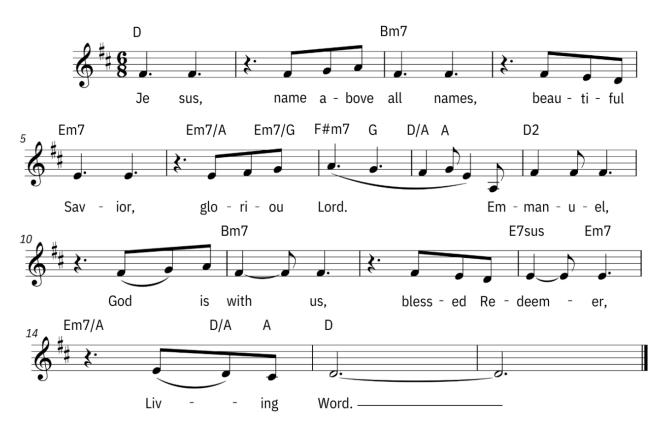
³who forgives all your iniquity,
<sup>who heals all your diseases,
⁴who redeems your life from the Pit,
<sup>who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵who satisfies you with good as long as you live
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so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The LORD works vindication

and justice for all who are oppressed.

Acclamation



The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke the seventh chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

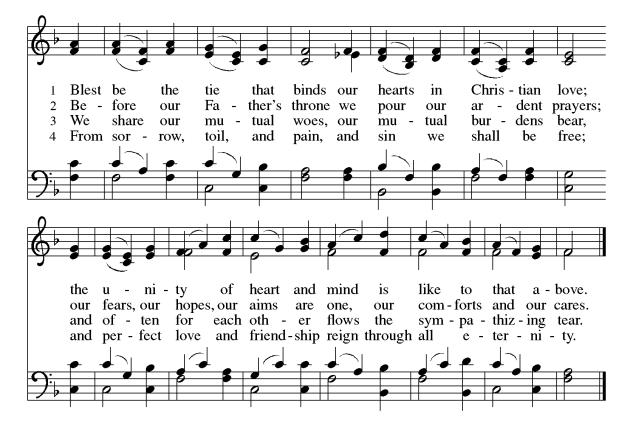
Gospel – Luke 7: 36-50

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. 39Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him – that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." 44Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. 47Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." 48Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved vou; go in peace."

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

Sermon

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt. Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy, **C: receive our prayer.**

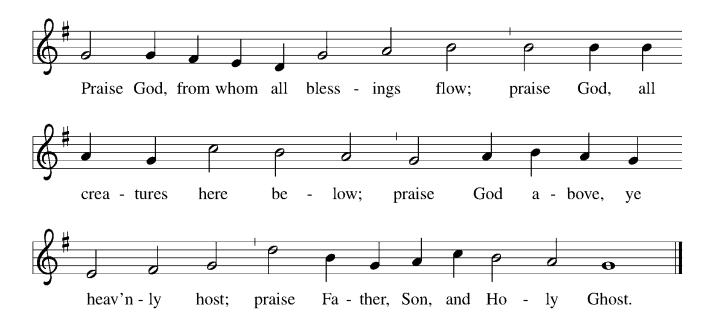
Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** This assembly is invited to share a sign of peace with one another.

Offering

Offertory Song





Offering Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **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

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.

Communion Song

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



Text: Will L. Thompson Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Distribution



Song After Communion

Prayer After Communion

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor, And give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Serving our congregation this morning:

Acolytes – Shane Clark and Zoey McCain Altar Guild – Kim Cramer and Joy Fox Fellowship Hour – Deena Salenbien and Kim Zietlow Financial Stewards – Brian DeLand and Eileen Bogoski Liturgical Minister – Chris Lietzke Media – Kelsey DeLand Pianist – Nicki Nowak Ushers –Nick Hearl, Head Usher; Erin, Clara and Oliver Hearl

Schedule:

Sunday: Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Fellowship Hour – 10:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism – 10:15 AM Tuesday: Adult Bible Study – 9:30 AM AA - 7:00 PM Wednesday: Mid-Week Service – 7:00 PM

Coming Soon...

March 02 – 9-12th Grade Vocation Milestone w/adult during Catechism March 05 – Ash Wednesday Service 12 PM & 7 PM Soup Lunch – 12:30 PM Drive-Thru Ashes & Prayers 3-6 PM Pancake Supper 6 PM March 06 – Ida Kids Center Pre-school registration begins March 12 – St. Patrick's Dinner Church March 19, 26 & April 02 – Lenten Services – 7 PM

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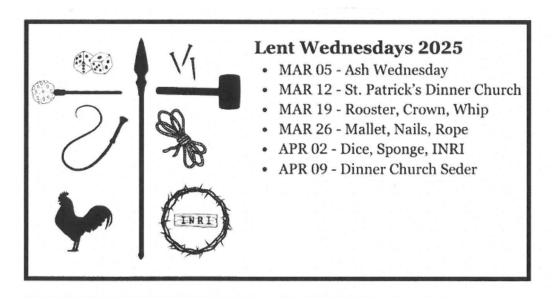
We welcome Nicki Nowak, our guest musician, this morning. She will be filling in for Ray today and next Sunday. Be sure to thank her for being here with us.

Tuesday morning adult Bible study continues through April 02 at 9:30 AM. The group is led by Pastor Aaron as he discusses the following Sunday's reading. Friends are welcome

A Milestone class for 9-12th graders is next Sunday, March 02 during the Sunday school hour in the catechism class. Students – bring a least one adult. Parents, grandparents, other mentors are encouraged to attend with your youth.

Dartball Banquet: WELCA will be providing food for the Dartball Banquet on March 2nd. Help is needed, beginning at 4 PM to prepare food, serve & clean-up. We need desserts, too. If you are able to assist with either one please contact Kim Cramer at 313-600-9297 or at cramergirls09@gmail.com.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Rob Lloyd. Rob passed away on February 19. Arrangements are pending.



Ash Wednesday

March 05, 2025

12:00 Noon Worship Luncheon Following 3:00-6:00 Drive Thru Ashes and Prayer 6:00 Pancake Supper 7:00 Evening Worship



1 Corinthians 12:7 "The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others."



Parents, Grandparents, Godparents and anyone wanting to cultivate faith come along and attend with their young people.

Grades 9-12 Service - Vocation Milestone SUN MARCH 2 @ 10:15AM

