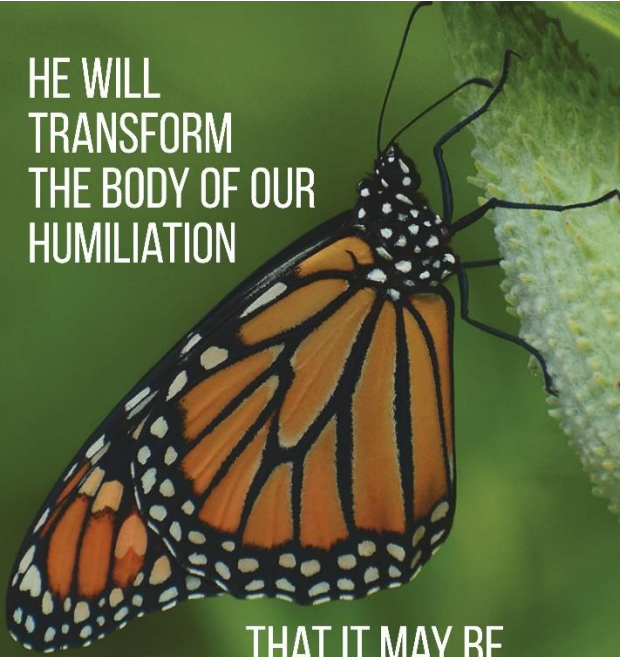


**Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 16, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

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*Baptism is the compass that guides us through life. And Lent is a season for immersing ourselves in a new identity--reminding us who we are and calling us to what we are to be doing. The miracle of grace is as amazing as starting a family in your old age, as Abraham and Sarah did, or being reminded that our true citizenship lies beyond this world.*

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## INVOCATION

*Stand*

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**

[P] Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C] Amen.**

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/ Remain Standing*

[P] Most merciful God,

**[C] We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

[P] Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**

# GREETING OF PEACE *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### HYMN “Rise, Shine, You People”

1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.

Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.  
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.

He comes to us, by death and sin sur -  
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are the  
 To all the world go out and tell the  
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry

round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klag, b. 1939, alt.  
 Music: Dale Wood, 1934-2003

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Eph. 3:14; Col. 2:13-15; Is. 60:1; Matt. 28:18-20

## KYRIE

**[P]** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all **[C] And also with you.**

**[P]** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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



**[P]** 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.



**[P]** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**[P]** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



*The HYMN OF PRAISE is traditionally omitted during Lent*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[P]** The Lord be with you.

**[C] And also with you.**

**[P]** Eternal God, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **[C] Amen.**

*Sit*

*Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.*

## FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 26:8-15

**R** And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, ‘You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, “This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant”?’ And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, ‘This man deserves the sentence of death because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.’

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, ‘It is the Lord who sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will change his mind about the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, here I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will be bringing innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.’

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON Philippians 3:17--4:1

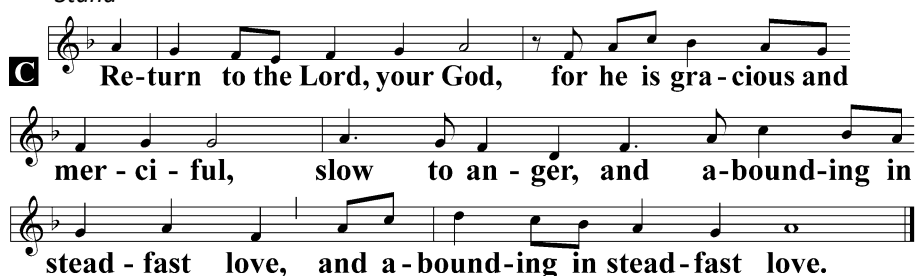
*Although Paul’s devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

**R** Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



**GOSPEL** [P] The Gospel is written in Luke chapter 13, beginning at verse 31.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Jesus likens the tyrant Herod to a murderous fox. He speaks of himself as a mother hen who would sacrifice her own life to shield her children from danger.*

[P] At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence 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.**

## **MESSAGE**

Stand

## HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father"

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958  
Music: *Lofsånger och andeliga visor*, Sweden, 1873

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Rom. 8:14–17, 35–39; Matt. 6:26–27; Eph. 5:25–27

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**[P]** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:*

**[P]** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**[C]** Amen.



Sit  
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**OFFERTORY SONG AND PRAYER**

*introduction*

**C** Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, ' and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. 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 the dreams of  
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer  
now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give  
us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**P** Let us pray. God our provider,

**C** you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. As our ancestors offered the first fruits of harvest, so we bring what is precious for sharing as there is need. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty.

## THE PREFACE

**[P]** The Lord be with you.



**[P]** Lift up your hearts.



**[P]** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**[P]** It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**[P]** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

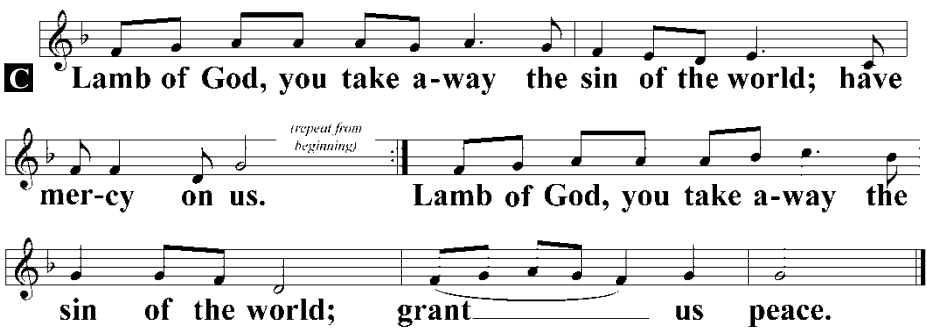
**[P]** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.*

**C** 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

**THE LAMB OF GOD**



**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. *(repeat from beginning)* Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

**THE DISTRIBUTION** *You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.*

# HYMN "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,  
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,  
 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks  
 4 There trees for - ev er - more bear fruit

When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
 O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row  
 Con - tin - ual - ly are green; There grow such sweet  
 And ev - er - more do spring; There ev - er - more the

have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
 may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.  
 pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.  
 an - gels dwell And ev - er - more do sing.

5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there  
 Around my Savior stand;  
 And soon my friends in Christ below  
 Will join the glorious band.

6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare  
 For that bright home of love  
 That I may see Thee and adore  
 With all Thy saints above.

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LAND OF REST

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Ps. 137:1-6; Heb. 12:22-24; Rev. 21:10-12; 22:1-2

*Stand*

## **THE BLESSING**

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

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**[P]** Let us pray. God our strength, in this holy meal you spread a table with the richest of food; you send rivers in the desert. May the life you give us in this feast so nourish us that our own lives may extend your welcome to all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C] Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**[P]** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **[C] Amen.**

**[P]** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God.**

# CLOSING HYMN "How Firm a Foundation"

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.

What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov’reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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Lk. 28:16; 41:10; 43:1-7; 2 Cor. 12:9

## POSTLUDE

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### Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord and concur in our confession.

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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