



PRINCE OF PEACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent

February 21 & 22, 2026



Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has been serving the Dublin, Ohio community for 40 years, ministering to its members and friends and supporting local ministries such as the Dublin Food Pantry, Lutheran Social Services, Faith Mission, and Habitat for Humanity.

Prince of Peace is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA pursues God's work in the world with 3 million members in more than 8700 congregations across the U.S. and in the Caribbean region. The ELCA works with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, Global Refuge, Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, schools and colleges, seminaries, camps, ecumenical and interreligious companions, as well as numerous global church partners and organizations.

Please visit our website, princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information about Prince of Peace.

POP's Café: Coffee and breakfast are available in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays between 8:30 and 10:30 AM. All are welcome!

Joining Prince of Peace

If you are interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace, please email the church office, office@princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information. Our next new member weekend is March 14 & 15.

Please note that Sunday's 10:30 AM worship service is broadcast live on YouTube, recorded and made publicly available. If you have any questions about the recording or broadcast of our worship services, please contact the church office at office@princeofpeacedublin.org.

On the cover: *Spirit Led* by Lauren Wright Pittman. Inspired by Matthew 4:1-11.



SCAN
to read this week's
newsletter
Peace Signs

GATHERING

Bolded text indicates Congregational response. This symbol ✠ invites you to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism. All hymns are found in the ELW (red) hymnal in the pew, unless printed in the bulletin.

PRELUDE

Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word

Walter Pelz

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Presider Blessed be the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

All: Amen.

Presider Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

All: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

Presider: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✠ Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 326

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

LLANGLOFFAN

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

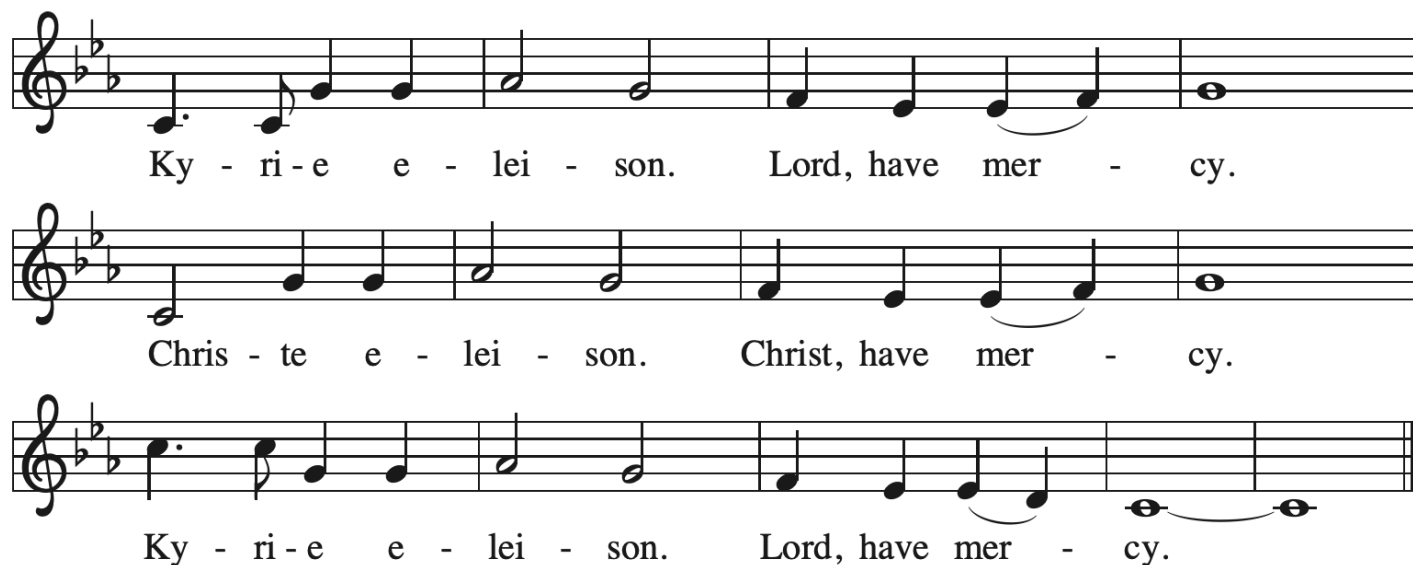
then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

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

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but 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.”

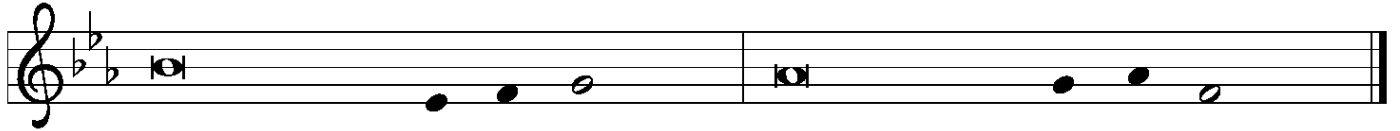
^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So 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. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Congregation sings the bolded verses as indicated.

PSALM TONE



- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions¹ are forgiven,
and whose sin is¹ put away!
- ² **Happy are they to whom the Lord im-¹putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there¹ is no guile!**
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones with-¹ered away,
because of my groaning¹ all day long.
- ⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the¹ heat of summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-¹ceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you
forgave me the guilt¹ of my sin.
- ⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in¹ time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they¹ shall not reach them.**
- ⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve¹ me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts¹ of deliverance.
- ⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that¹ you should go;
I will guide you¹ with my eye.**
- ⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no¹ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will¹ not stay near you."
- ¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations¹ of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust¹ in the Lord.**
- ¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice¹ in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are¹ true of heart.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b}Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

ELW A 151b



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

Matthew 4:1-11

Preacher: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying 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.’ ”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

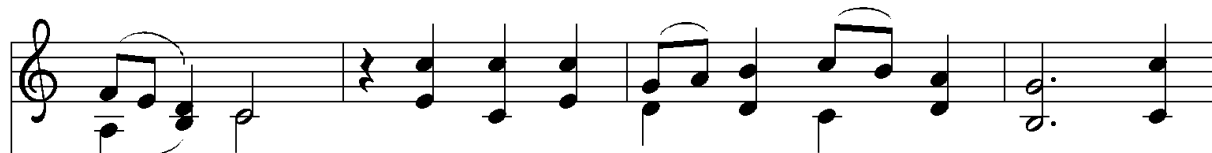
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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

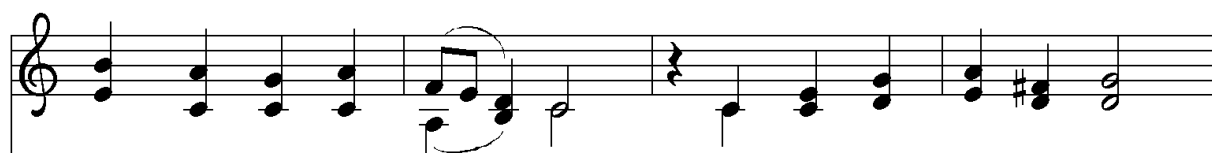
EIN FESTE BURG



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat-'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



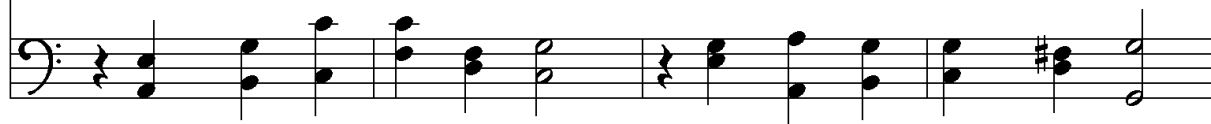
to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

APOSTLES' 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting

Minister: As we begin our journey towards the baptismal waters of Easter, we uplift with our prayers the church, those in need, and all God's creation. Gracious Lord, you are our hiding place when the clashing ideologies of allied nations undermine our sense of security. Remind us that in you we are protected from trouble and surrounded by shouts of deliverance.
Moment of silence.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Lord, we pray for winter weather patterns that will establish safeguards for Western states against summer drought and wildfires.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Generous Lord, we give thanks for the Global Scholars Program at Dublin Coffman High School. May we support the students' resourcefulness as they as they commit to providing aid to far off places.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Guiding Lord, you are our teacher in the ways of a faith-driven life. We celebrate sharing the eucharist with Trinity Lutheran Seminary and give thanks for the seminary's presence in our community.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Forgiving Lord, great are our tribulations, but your mercy embraces those who trust in you. We pray for your abundance of grace, especially for those whom we name now, aloud or in our hearts. *Moment of silence.*

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Loving Lord, we enter the wilderness of Lent with rejoicing, shouting for joy in the knowledge that your loving spirit remains steadfastly beside us.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30 AM) Installation of Council Members

MEAL

OFFERING

At Prince of Peace, we rely on our members to support the financial needs of our congregation. As a visitor, please know that your offerings will go outside of our church to support a variety of local partners that help people in need.

MUSICAL OFFERING

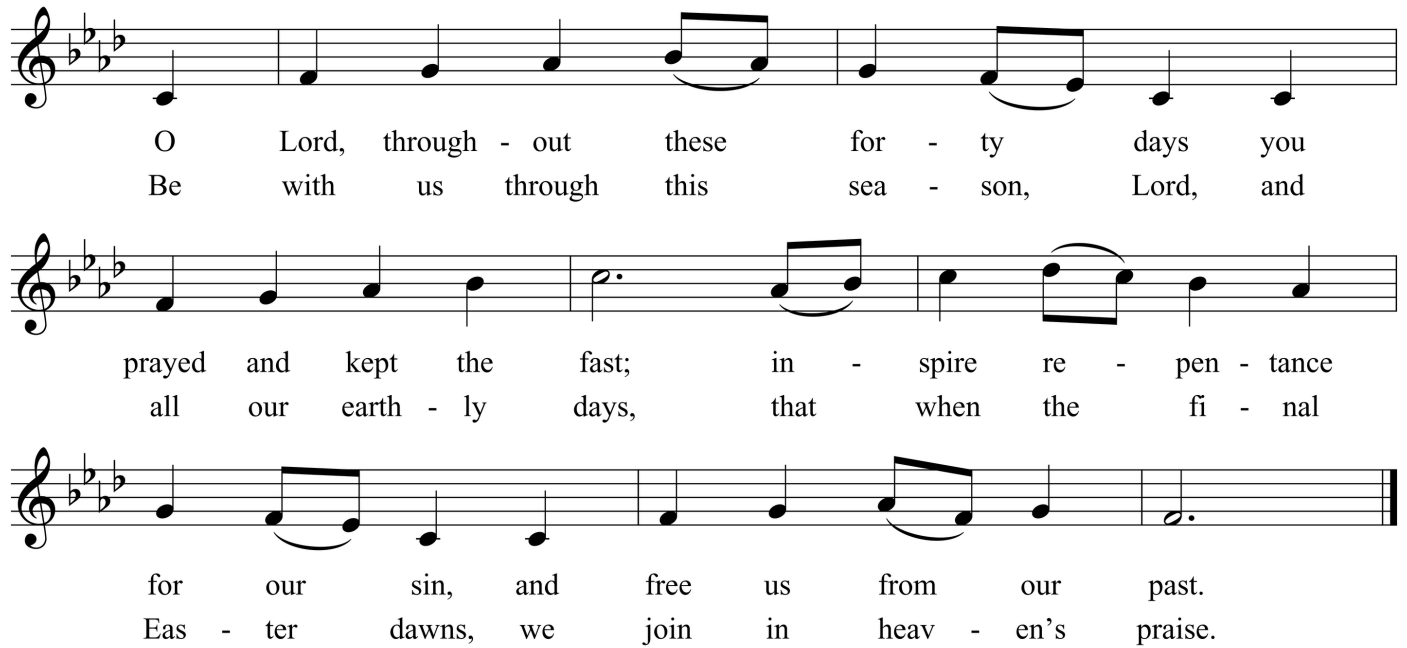
(5:30 PM)	A Lenten Walk Evan Lloyd & Karen Lintala	Hal Hopson
(9:00 AM)	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Flowing River Chorale	Shari Anderson
(10:30 AM)	A Lenten Walk Prince of Peace Choir	Hal Hopson

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 319

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

CONSOLATION



O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and
prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal
for our sin, and free us from our past.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

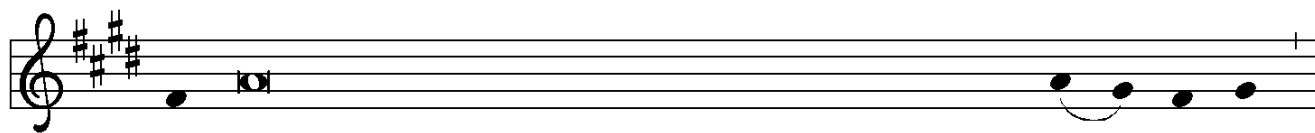
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

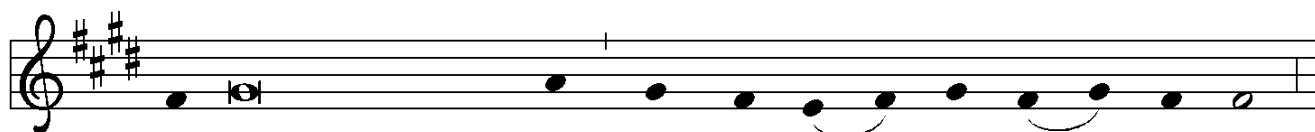
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



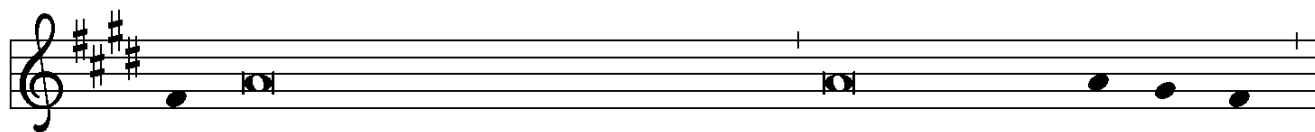
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



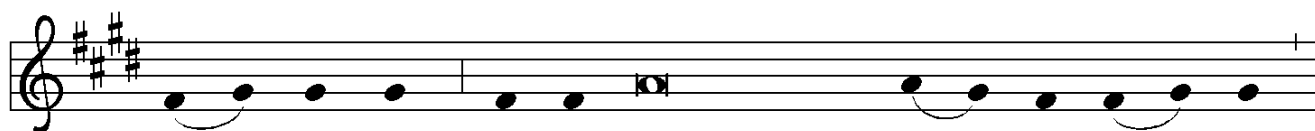
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the



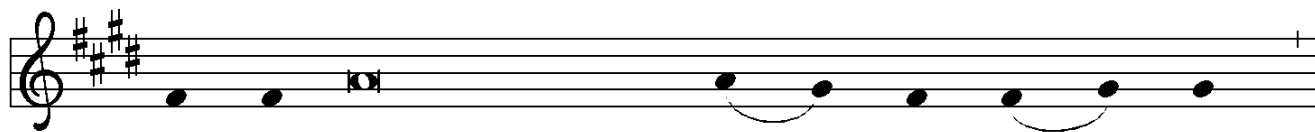
pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,



we may come to the full - ness of your grace.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

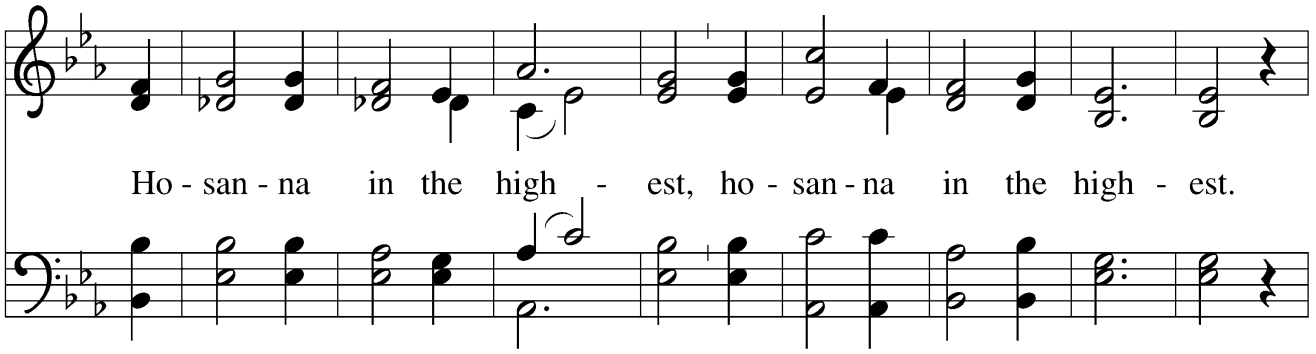
The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody in the treble staff consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

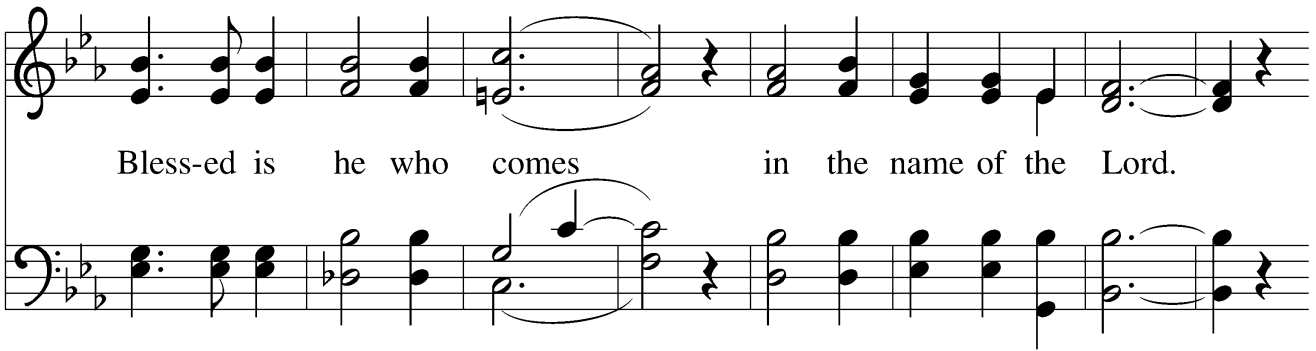
The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody is similar to the first system, ending with a half note. The bass staff accompaniment includes a flat sign under the second measure.

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

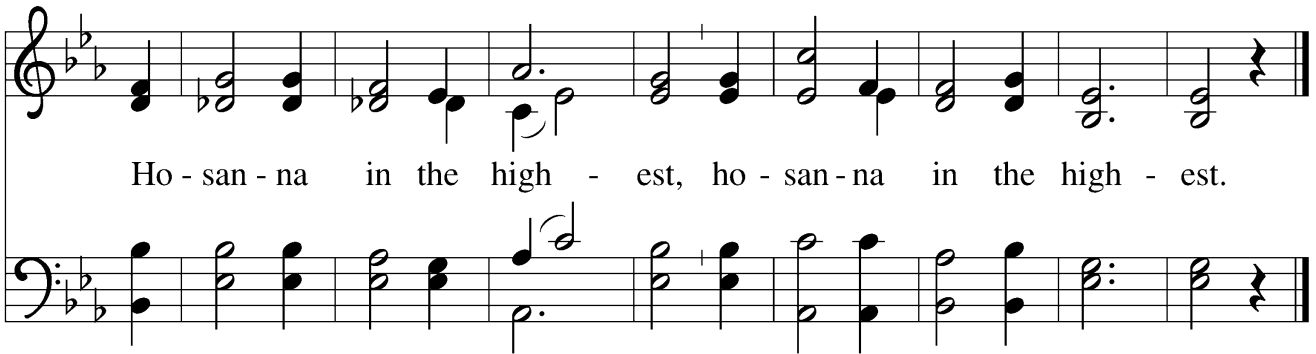
The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff melody features a half note with a flat sign in the second measure, followed by quarter notes. The bass staff accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.




Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.


All: Amen.



Please pause for the toll of the bell when you see this symbol 

THE 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.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW 199

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody in the upper staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The accompaniment in the lower staff features a steady bass line with chords and moving lines.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us." The musical structure remains consistent with the first system.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,". The melody in the upper staff includes a chromatic descent in the second measure of this system.

grant us peace, grant us peace.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "grant us peace, grant us peace." The melody in the upper staff features a final cadence with a whole note chord. The accompaniment in the lower staff provides harmonic support throughout.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Ushers will direct you to a station to receive the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; request from your server.

(9:00 & 10:30 AM)

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

ELW 613

Thy Holy Wings

BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR

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.

SENDING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting

Minister: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

(9:00 AM & 5:30 PM)

BENEDICTION

Presider: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

All: Amen.

(10:30 AM)

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You
Prince of Peace Choir

E. Fred Morris

SENDING HYMN

ELW 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ERHALT UNS, HERR

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

DISMISSAL

Assisting

Minister: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

(5:30 PM & 9:00 AM) Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word Robert Powell

(10:30 AM) Improvisation on “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast”

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent

February 21 & 22, 2026

	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 9:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Front Door Greeter		Rian Strickland	Heather Thacker
Back Door Greeter		Amanda Stredney	Alex Hunter
Assisting Minister	Jill Smith	Anna Shah	Jeff Pinkham
Lector	Debra Saunders	Bill Young	Sharon Adams
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Altar Care	Linda Knebel	Michael Cook Robin Cook Gayle Schuett	Ron Minto Judi Lang
Head Usher	HEAD USHER	Tom Guehl	Scott Farwick
Usher	Tony Smith	Sally Anspach Sarah Dacre Mike Huber	Steve Peterson Bob Pfeifer Russ Randall
Acolyte	Eli Andrews Kevin Harrison Samantha Harrison Everly Watson	Christian Heiss Hadley Stredney Ben Stuart Evan Wynn	Zoey Barnett Reagan Burns Jacob Hunter ACOLYTE
Nursery Room #2		Ellyse Ernst	Helina Weaver
A/V Producer			Gary Liebisch
Prayer Writer	Jill Smith		
Offering Depositor			Bob Buchholtz
Welcome Center	Barbara Hoylman		
Altar Linens	Pam Mayer		
POP's Cafe	Lois Gantner, Scott Jablonski, Darci Triplett		

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