

**Second Sunday in Lent  
Jesus' Second Words from the Cross  
February 25, 2024**

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**Mission Statement: God calls us to unite in Christ, grow  
in faith, serve in love, and share the good news.**

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**PASTOR:** Ellen B. Krich

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**TECHNOLOGY:** Meghan Collins

**LAY ASSISTANT:** Linda Meyer

**READER:** Olivia Norman

**GOSPELER:** Deacon Shelly Shrader

**HEAD USHER:** Sherry Simpkins

**ASSISTANT USHER:** Joyce McMahon

**ACOLYTE:** Meghan Petersen

**ALTAR GUILD:** Andrea Zahirsky, Irene Ruby,  
Virginia McCurdy, Cathleen Burkins, Ellen Marsheck

**PRELUDE:**

**\*GATHERING**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)**

**P.** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**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.

**Amen.**

**P.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**P.** Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive 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.** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG (ELW 558)**

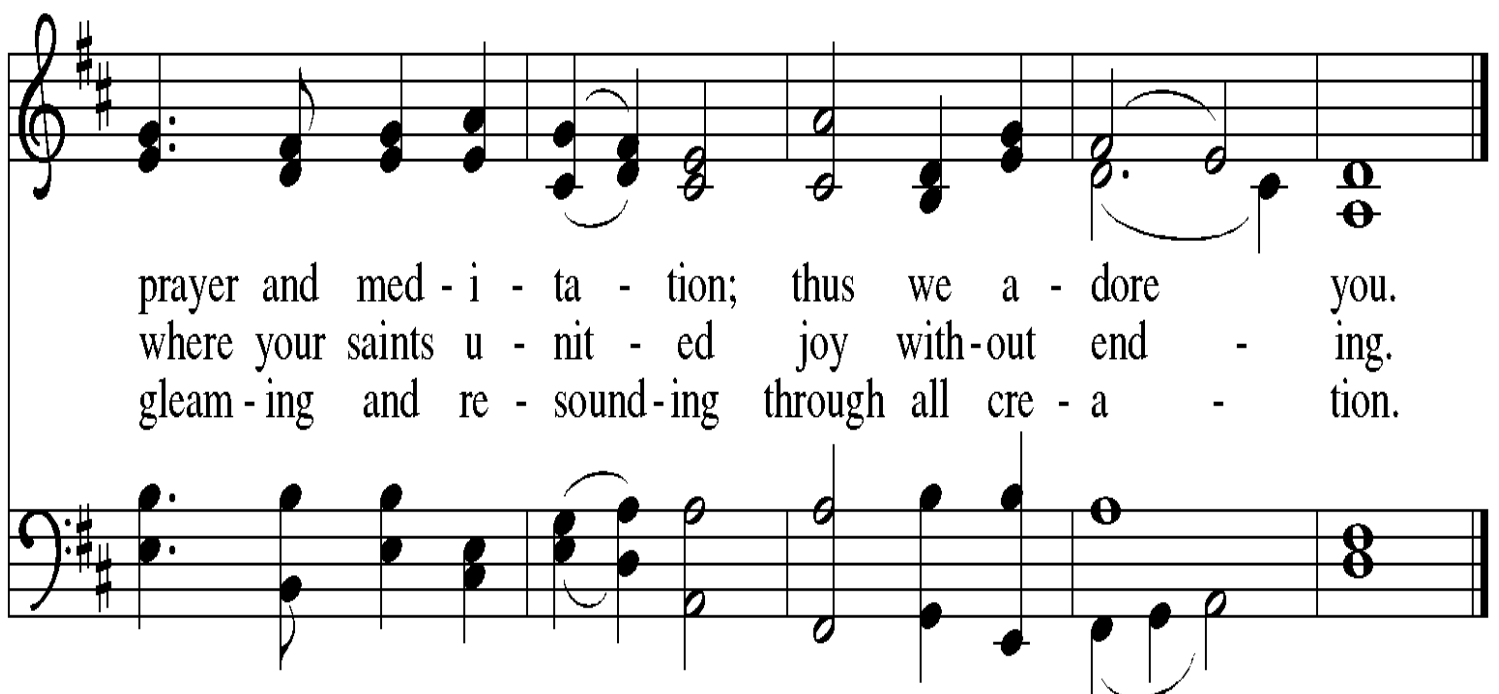
# Lord God, We Praise You



1 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; ban - ish our  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing here be - fore you; sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; thus we a - dore you.  
where your saints u - nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

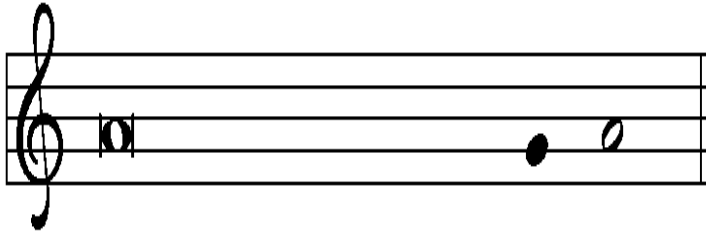
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Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

**\*GREETING**

**P.** 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.**

**\*KYRIE (ELW p. 147)**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



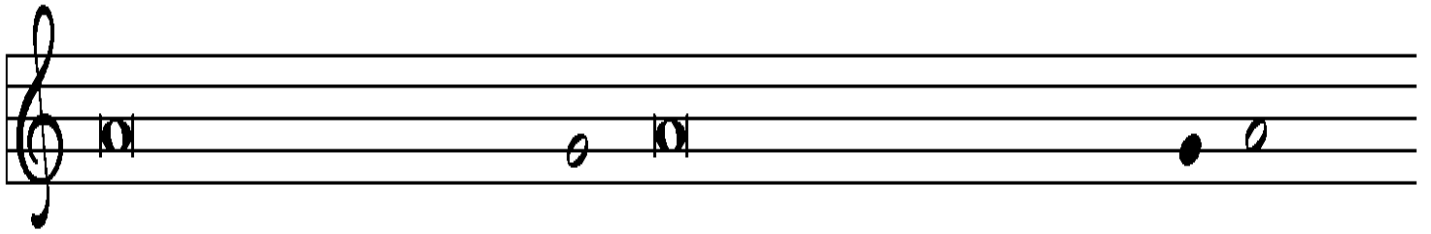
Lord, have mer - cy.



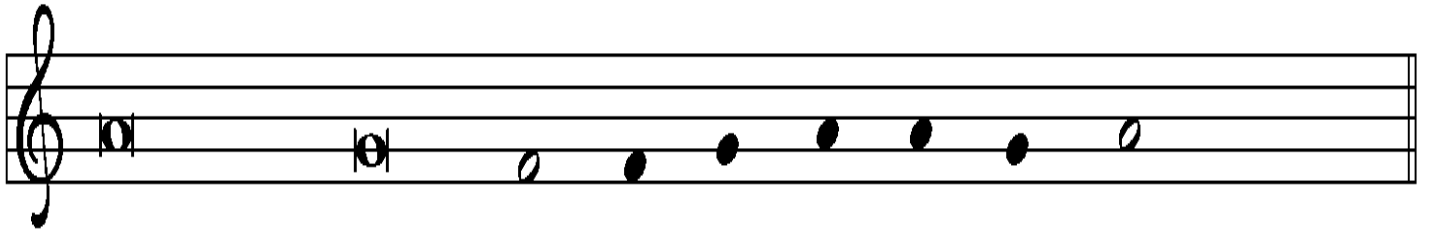
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



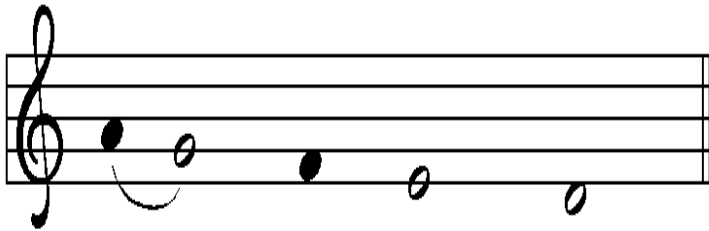
Lord, have mer - cy.



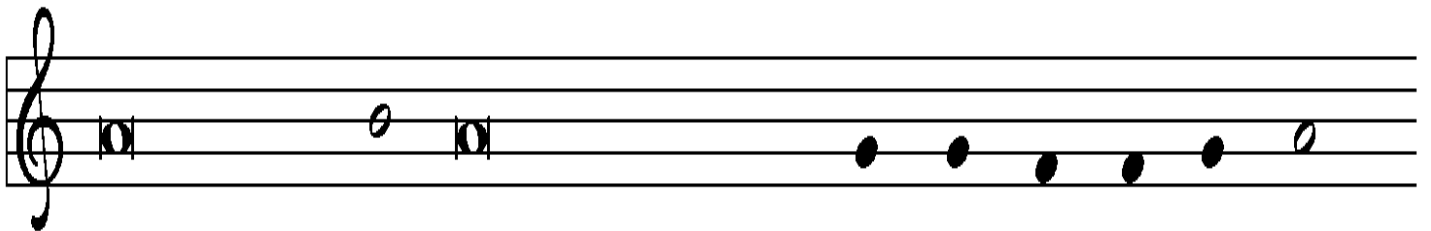
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



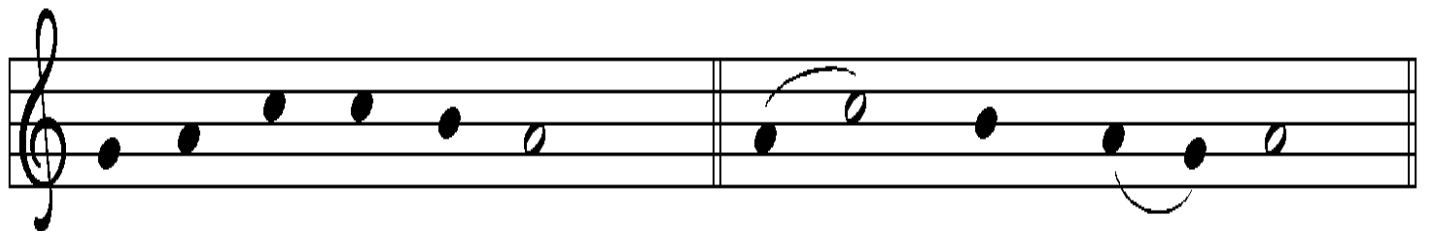
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



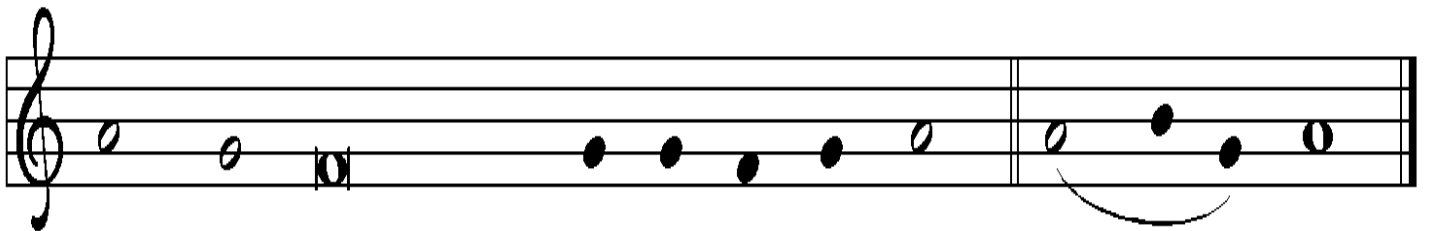
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

A. Let us pray.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

A reading from Genesis.

*As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.*

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 22:23-31**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them; but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn, saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

### **SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25**

A reading from Romans.

*Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.*

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law



who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.  
<sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)**



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 23:35 - 43**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One..." 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 799)**

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my way a -  
2 "I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -  
3 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul's sal -  
4 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -

bid - ing; de - ny your - selves, the world for - sake, o -  
 play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I  
 va - tion; from ev - 'ry guile your heart I free, from  
 point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in

bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -  
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the

e'er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide."  
 well I show how you should so - journ here be - low."  
 of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat - tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677; tr. Charles W. Shaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.  
 Music: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT, Bartholomäus Gesius, 1555–1613; adapt. Johann Herman Schein, 1586–1630

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**A.** Gathered together into one Holy Spirit, in unity let us confess our faith in the words of the 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**

**P.** Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

**A.** We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide this church. Give wisdom and discernment to our pastor, deacon, minister of music, council members and office administrator, and live in all who gather here, to give them purpose in ministry to your world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**A.** We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Work through peacemakers and relief workers to stop the carnage in wars that rage around the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**A.** We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the heartsick. We especially name before you those on our parish prayer list..... and others we name in our hearts or aloud before you... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**A.** We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. Grow your church at Christus Victor so that all will see your glory. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**A.** We rejoice with those who celebrate this week, especially Joey Falloni and Jesse Revels who are celebrating birthdays, and we ask for a multitude of blessings for them. We also celebrate with Sandy and Len Petrovich who have achieved a truly significant anniversary of many years of

love, support and caring for each other and their family. God, strengthen their love and joy at being together and help them always to be there for each other when challenges and struggles arise.. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**A.** We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others, and we trust and know that we will be with you in paradise, due to amazing grace and unending forgiveness. Inspire us by the example of the saints until you gather us into your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**P.** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **ANTHEM:**

#### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**A.** Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#### **\*DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

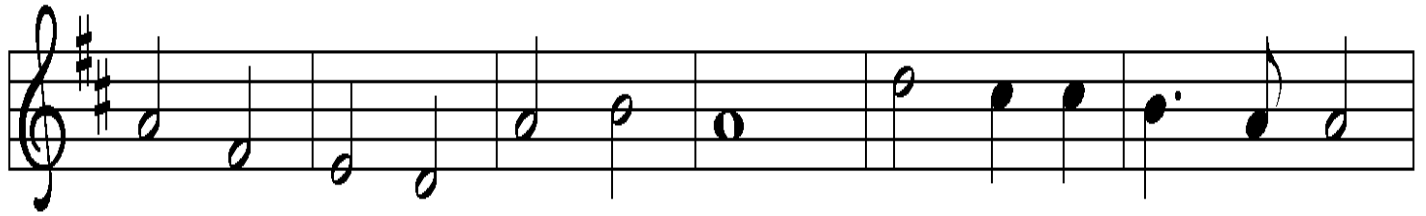
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

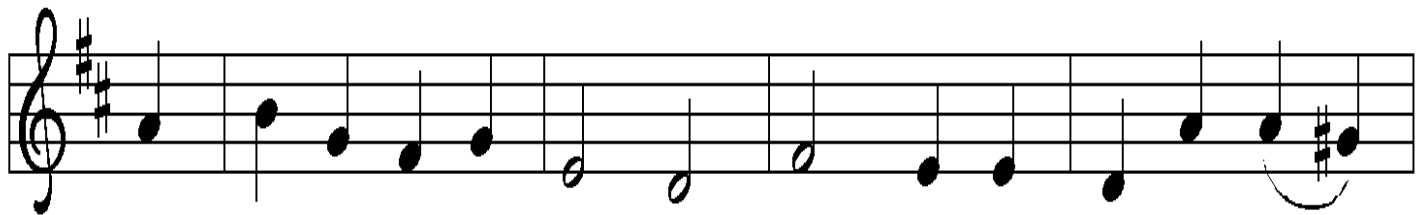
**\*SANCTUS (ELW p. 153)**



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.

**\*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**

**Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.**

# COMMUNION

## COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)



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.



# COMMUNION HYMN (ELW 476)

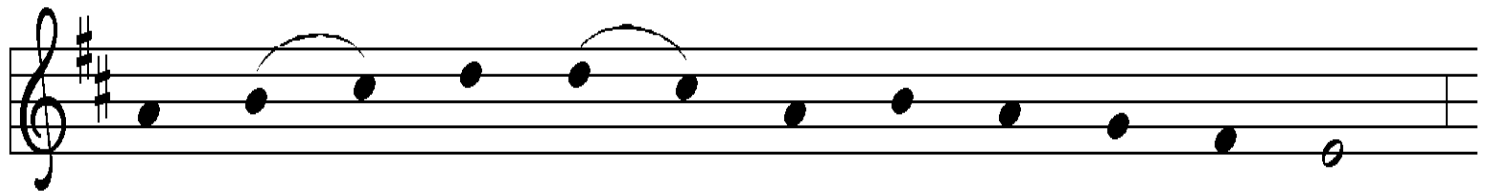
## Thee We Adore, O Savior



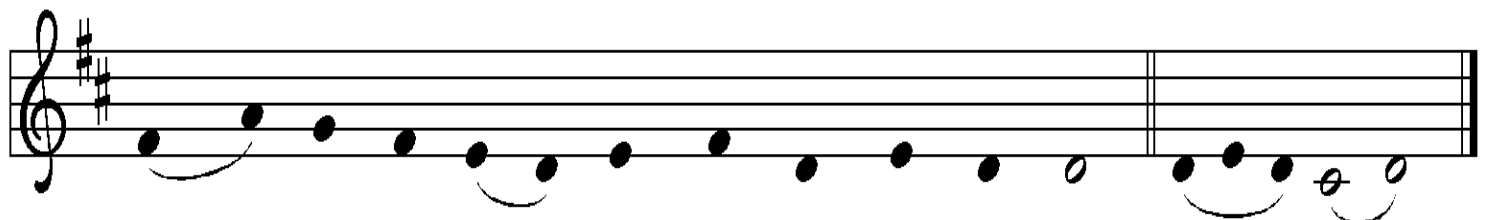
1 Thee we a - dore, O Sav - ior, God most true,  
2 O true re - mem - brance of Christ cru - ci - fied,  
3 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God,  
4 Je - sus, by faith we see thee here be - low;



thy glo - ry clothed in bread and wine a - new;  
the bread of life to us for whom he died;  
cleanse us, O Christ, with thy most cleans - ing blood:  
send us, we pray thee, what we thirst for so:



our hearts to thee in true de - vo - tion bow,  
lend us this life then; feed and feast our mind,  
in - crease our faith and love, that we may know  
some - day to gaze up - on thy face in light,



in hum - ble awe, we hail thy pres - ence now.  
be thou the sweet - ness we were meant to find.  
the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.  
blest ev - er - more with thy full glo - ry's sight. A - men.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274; tr. Gerard Manley Hopkins, 1844–1889, and James R. Woodford, 1820–1885, alt.  
Music: ADORE TE DEVOTE, plainsong mode V; Processionale, Paris, 1697

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## \*SENDING

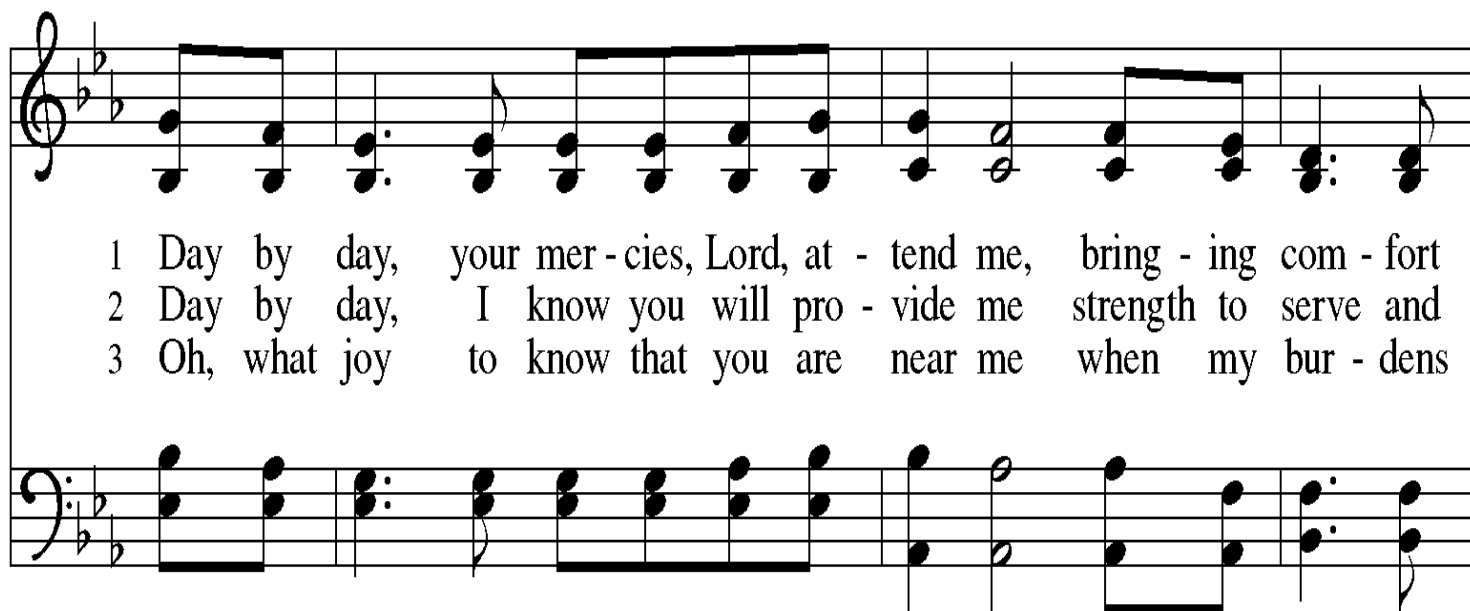
## \*THE FINAL BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## \*SENDING SONG (ELW 790)

### Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005  
Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882  
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## **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE:**

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### **Care and Concern**

**Theresa Battaglia** – Battling breast cancer (Friend of Karen Biedronski)

**Bette**- Please pray for healing and strength as her cancer has returned and traditional chemotherapy is making her extremely ill (Friend of Joyce McMahon).

**Lorene Brocious** – Undergoing cancer treatments (Niece of Birdie Patrick)

**Greg Bryant** – Son-in-Law of the Stansburys

**Kelly Stansbury Bryant** – Daughter of the Stansburys

**Janet & Tommy Burkhart** – Niece & Nephew of the Stansburys

**Summer Cieszynski** – Pray for healing from a serious Lupus attack with complications (Family of Phyllis Christopher).

**Tyler Dickens** – Pray for healing from a brain injury after a serious car crash. Pray for his family also (Friend of Quinn Krich).

**Beth F.** - Pray for strength, peace and healing as her doctors search for an alternative chemotherapy treatment (Friend of Joyce McMahon).

**Loretta Gleason** – Pray for strength and healing. (Birdie Patrick's sister)

**Joe Gordon** – Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury

**Roberta Hanna** – Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury

**Debra Hopple** – Undergoing chemo for breast cancer. (Daughter-in-law of Tom & Diane Hopple)

**Tom Hopple\*** - Hospitalized after a fall in which he broke his hip. Pray also for Diane, his loving caretaker.

**Joe Marsheck\*** - Pray for the miracle of healing and for comfort and peace while going through treatments.

**Dolores McMahon\*** - Pray for continued strength and wellness.

**Christine McCann** – Pray for strength and increasing wellness as she adjusts to regular dialysis (Friend of Joyce McMahon).

**Katie McPherson** – Pray for recovery from the sudden onslaught of Bells Palsy.

**Meg** – Pray for wellness of muscles and nerves and strength to cope with what she is facing (Friend of Joyce McMahon).

**Pat** – Pray for healing from double breast cancer (Stepdaughter of Barbara Francis, Bible study member).

**Connie Petrovich** – Daughter-in-law of Len & Sandy Petrovich

**Charlotte Pullara** – Pray for healing and no need for future surgeries (Mother of Stephanie Vancura).

**Joann Schoenfeld** – Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury

**Jake Sittler\*** – Great Grandson of Marie Greb

**Terrie Sommers** – Health Issues (Niece of Pat Eichner).

**Rich Souders** – Pray for rehab to enable him to return home under Carol's care. Pray also for Carol, his caretaker.

**Michele Thompson** – Health Issues (Daughter of Bea Walshinsky)

**Sue Treanor** – health concerns (former Christus Comforter)

**Lisa Triller** – Granddaughter of Len & Sandy Petrovich

**Jim Umerley\*** – Pray for him to gain strength in his hip and adjust to his new living situation.

**Wilt Family\*** - Pray for strength to endure challenges.

**Laura Young** – Niece of Jane Bowie

**John Zeigenfuse** – Brother of Nancy Kohlman. Pray for strength and peace as he enters hospice. Pray for his wife and caregiver, Margaret, also.

\*member CVLC

Names remain on the prayer list for **4 weeks**. Please contact the Church Office 410.668.8089, to help keep the prayer list updated.

Members at Home:

Diane Frederick	Jeanne George	Tom Hopple
Elsie Peck	Jim Umerley	Bea Walshinsky
Jack Zimmerman		

**Attendance: 2/18/2024**

Sanctuary/In-Person Worship 10:00AM – 84  
Sunday School - 12  
Facebook Video Views – 74

**Count Our Blessings: 2/18/2024**

Weekly Offering - \$2,857.00  
Online Giving 2/16/2024 – \$1,012.00  
Victor's Vittles - \$245.00  
Easter Flowers - \$228.25  
Hall Usage - \$150.00  
Memorial - \$30.00

***Thank you for your generous support!***

Weekly offering needed to sustain our Church: \$4,650.00

**Happy Birthday Wishes:** Feb. 25 – Joey Falloni; Feb. 28 – Jesse Revels

**Happy Anniversary Wishes:** Feb. 26 – Sandy & Len Petrovich

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Sunday, Feb. 25** –Service at 10:00AM and Sunday School/Confirmation at 9:00

**Monday, Feb. 26** - Women's NA Group 7:00PM

**Tuesday, Feb. 27** – Christus Comforters 9:30AM

**Tuesday, Feb. 27** – Victor's Vittles Volunteers 11:00AM

**Tuesday, Feb. 27** – PCRC 7:00PM

**Wednesday, Feb. 28** – 11:00AM Lenten Service with a soup, salad and sandwich luncheon to follow. All welcome.

**Thursday, Feb. 29** – NA Group 7:30PM

**Friday, March 1** – New Beginnings 7:00PM

**Saturday, March 2** – Victor's Vittles 9:00-11:00AM

**Wednesday, April 17** – Line Dancing Fun, sponsored by FFF, 6:00-8:00PM. All welcome. See details in the upcoming flyer.

***Check the Master Calendar on the website or in the church office for long range dates for 2024.***

### **Lutheran Mission Society Pick-Ups**

Lutheran Mission Society comes to Christus Victor to pick up donations from the congregation on the third Wednesday of the month. Please leave clothing or household goods in **Sunday School Room #5** and label your items **LMS**. Please tie all bags and try to use boxes that can be shut.

### **Lenten Services**

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM, we will gather in the sanctuary for a Lenten service. Pastor Ellen will be preaching on the great sacred icons associated with our Savior. Come sing, pray and hear Scripture. There will be beautiful music and time for meditation. Afterwards, at 12 noon, there will be a delicious luncheon of hot soup, salad, and delicious sandwiches. We hope you can come and bring friends and neighbors who have a hard time going out at night.

## **FFF needs your help for our Easter Bake Sale!**

On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will hold our fun family Easter Egg Hunt, and we would like to include (as part of the fun), a delicious bake sale in the Fellowship Hall, where people could drop by to pick up a delicious dessert for the Easter season. To do this, we would need help from our famous CV Bakers (and Buyers). If you are willing to donate cupcakes, cakes, treats, pies, cookies, or other sweets, please contact Stephanie Vancura or sign up in the church narthex. All proceeds from our Bake Sale will go toward the Roof Fund. God bless you for helping!

**Enormous success at the Valentine Bingo:** Thank you FFF team, led by Stephanie Vancura, for a fun time with wonderful prizes and food! There were at least 50 people who attended and probably half of them were guests and friends. This fellowship was truly a gift of God and brought in \$40 plus plenty of food items for Victor's Vittles. Please continue to support the many wonderful events FFF has to come. It is evangelism at its finest.

**Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale: Saturday, March 23,  
1:00PM**

**Wednesday, April 17 in the evening 6:00-8:00PM - Line Dancing (taught by a professional and with help from Joyce McMahon, experienced line dancer). See the flyer.**

**Flea Market: Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Get your good stuff ready to sell. Information is forthcoming!**

**Directory Updates:** Our new telephone and address directory is ready. It is critical that we keep the directory updated since so many people love to send cards and visit those in the directory, so we want accurate information for the joy and love to reach the beloved family of Christus Victor. Call the office with any updates as soon as you know



of them, even after the new directory is distributed. Things are constantly changing. Pick yours up today!

**Visitation:** If you or someone you know wants a visit from Pastor or to receive communion, please call the office right away. We have a new and wonderful visitation team, all of whom are eager to help all people feel connected to and loved by their Church.

**Victor's Vittles needs you.** You know what is going on in our community. High food prices, lowered government help with food, and a larger than ever number of families needing food from Victor's Vittles. After inventory last week, these are the great needs:

Canned tuna  
Canned chicken  
Spaghetti sauce  
Peanut butter  
Jelly  
Cereal  
Fruit  
Pancake mix  
Oatmeal  
Syrup  
Mac & cheese  
Toiletries of all kinds

Also, please be aware that VV's bank account has been needed many times during the holiday season and has gone down quite a bit. Money is also appreciated so that VV's leaders can buy meats, eggs, and other fresh foods. God bless you for helping to feed hungry image-bearers of God in our community and beyond!

## **VICTOR'S VITTLES:**

**March 2nd – Faye Lari, Michael Lari**

**Driver Pick-up March 1st – David Burkins**

**Drivers are needed to help with pick-ups. If you can help, please call Howard Stansbury or the church office.**

**\*\*Please do not donate items past their expiration date.**

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