

Sunday, March 16, 2025 – 9:00am

Second Sunday in Lent



Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

(+ invites you to rise in body or in spirit)

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

Dan Bridston

Hugh Wilson, arr. John Leavitt

What Wondrous Love is This

from Southern Harmony. arr. Jan Sanborn

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bernard, arr. Jennifer Cook

Welcome and Announcements

Pr. Neal Cannon

Call to Worship

The season of Lent calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.

Lent calls us to test the edges, to see if God is calling us beyond our comfort.

Lent calls some to give up something, and others to participate in something new.

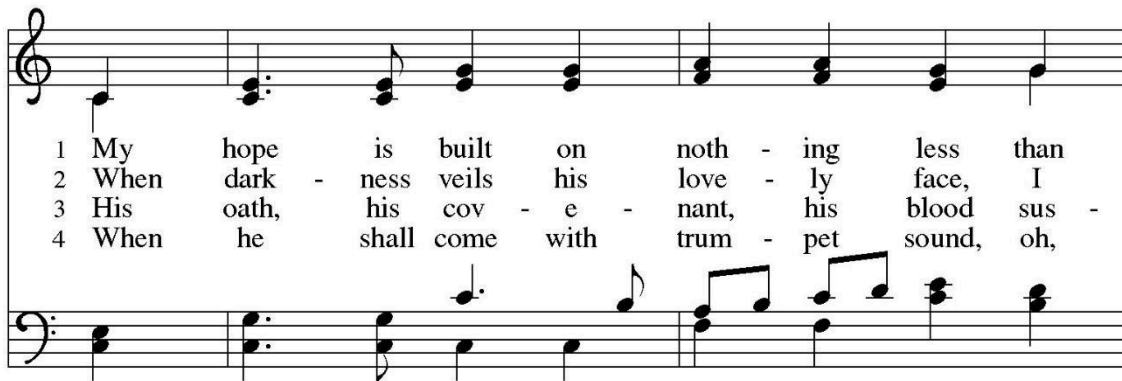
However we are challenged during Lent, we trust that Christ is with us.

We gather as a community of faith,


Seeking Christ in our neighbor, seeking to be Christ to our neighbor,

Welcoming all, those who know Christ and those who want to know Christ more,

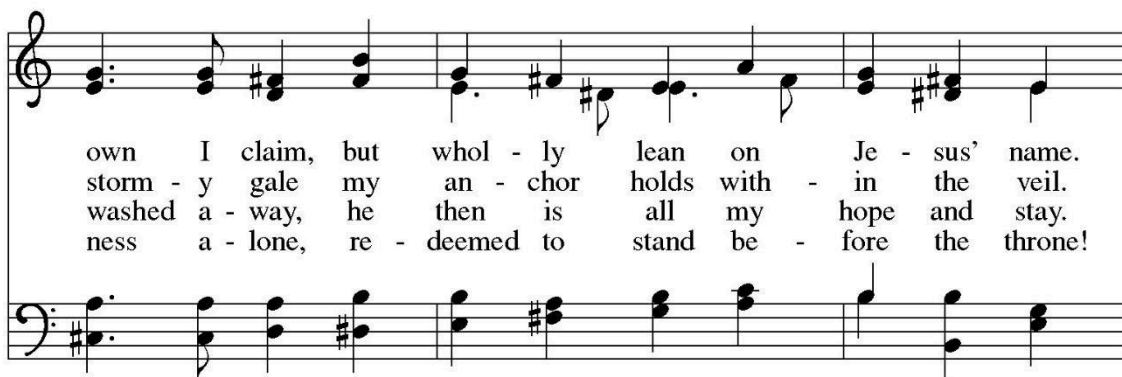
We come as we are, embraced by the grace of God



1 My hope is built on noth - ing 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,

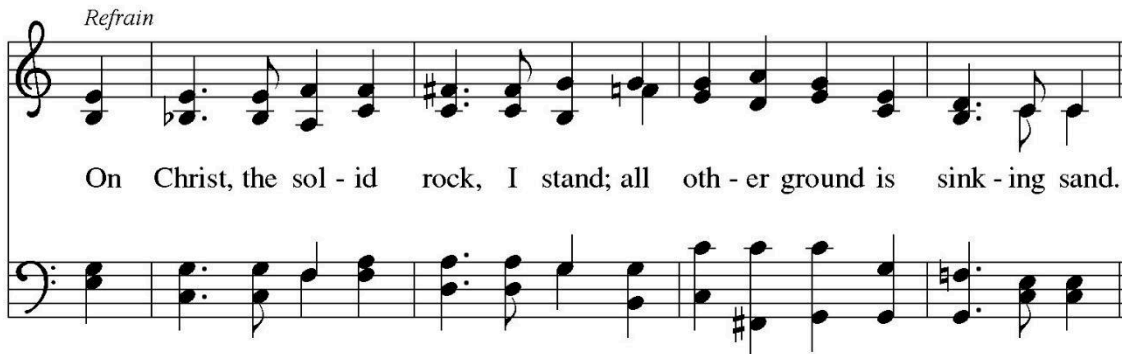


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



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.

+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.**

+Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Special Music

Above the Hills of Time
Irish Trad./arr. C. Strommen

Dan Bridston, piano
Combined Choir
Barb Saveriede, violin

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Psalm 27

A reading from the twenty seventh Psalm, read responsively

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh —
my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴**One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶**Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸**"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

⁹Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,

O God of my salvation!

¹⁰**If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.**

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹²**Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**

¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

+Gospel Acclamation



+Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to the book of Luke, the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² 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. ³³ 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.' ³⁴ 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! ³⁵ 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.'"

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

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
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*After each prayer petition, you will hear “God, in your Mercy”
Please respond with “**Receive our Prayer**”*

Today and throughout the week, please keep the following people in your prayers:

Matt and Amanda	Stuart Collins	Judy Sandeen
Karen Stohl	Janice Kiehl	Beverly Walking Eagle
Frank Sable	Irene Sable	Jane Syverson
Steve Pierson		

We also pray for the families of those who have died this past month:

Pr. Tom Zarth	Marjorie Tungseth	Yvonne Fieman
Gil Frosig	Bob Jahnke	

+Passing of the Peace

We invite you to share a greeting with those around you.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
Offerings of check or cash may be placed in a basket near the ushers as you depart.*

*Do you want to make a donation, but don't have cash or a checkbook handy?
Scan the QR code with a smartphone to make an electronic donation.*



Offertory

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Rosephanye Powell

Combined Choir
Dan Bridston, piano
Barb Saveriede, violin

Offering Prayer

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

MEAL

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

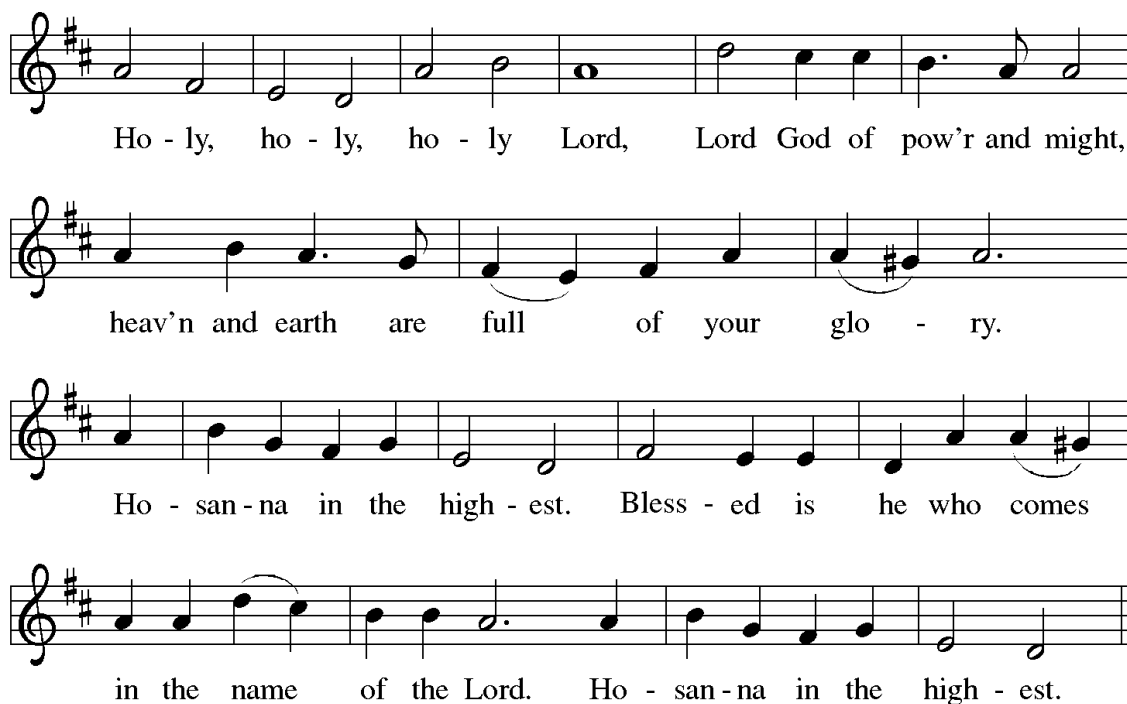
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with you for the Easter Celebration that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

For those participating online the pastor will now offer the words of institution for you. The remaining assembly will be invited forward forward after the song Lamb of God. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Lamb of God

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 Hymns

Ashokan Farewell by Jay Ungar

Barb Savereide, violin; Roselyn Hanson Weber, piano

ELW 468 Around You, O Lord Jesus

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

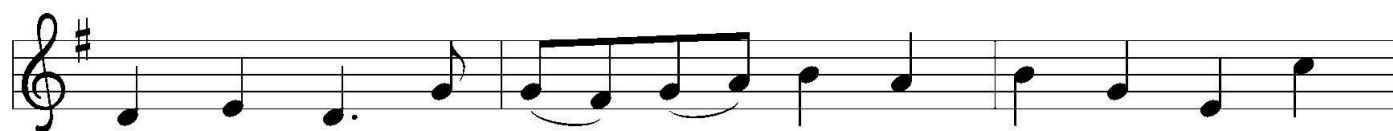
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission to the world.

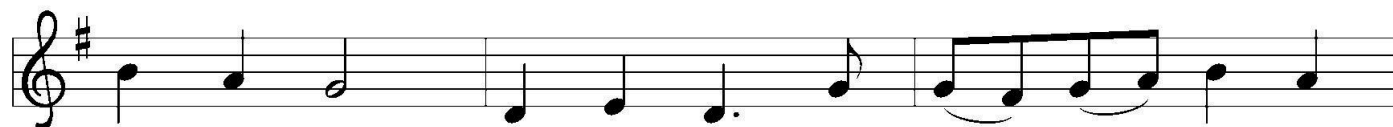
Blessing

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.





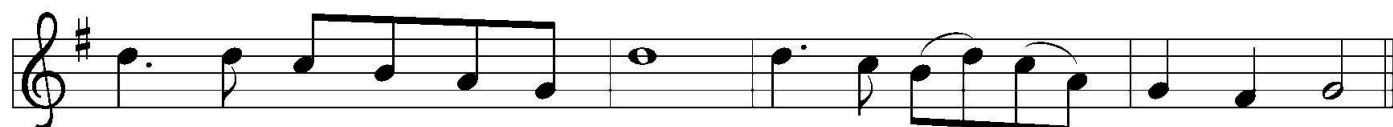
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



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

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

We're so happy you joined us for worship today!

Woodlake is dedicated to the mission of Jesus Christ! In this community of faith, we share life in its entirety, with all its joys and sorrows. We believe all people are created in the image of God and are offered God's love, grace, and forgiveness, regardless of religious tradition, age, gender identity and expression, race, education, economic status, mental or physical abilities, sexual orientation, or family structure. Woodlake stands on the ancestral land of the Dakota people. We honor indigenous histories and cultures and acknowledge the need to engage in reconciliation with our indigenous neighbors. We are committed to the work of social justice. We extend a special welcome to you and to all in Christ's love.

Worship Times

Sunday Mornings

**unless otherwise noted*

9:00am Worship

in the Sanctuary

10:30am Modern Worship

In Fellowship Hall

*The service is
live-streamed at:*

*youtube.com/
WoodlakeLutheranChurch*

Wednesday Mornings:

8:30am Worship

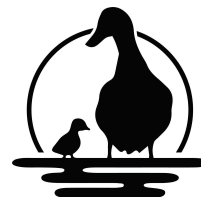
in the Chapel, followed by
fellowship in the Fireside Room

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