

Welcome to online worship!



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Second Sunday in Lent

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ELW – red hymnal | ACS – purple hymnal

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome to Worship & Ministry Minute

Gathering Song ACS #927 Christ Is the Life (end of bulletin)

Confession & Forgiveness

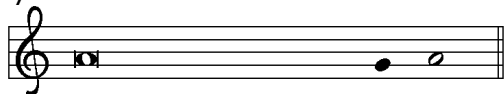
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

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, **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.**

Here is a flood of grace ... the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

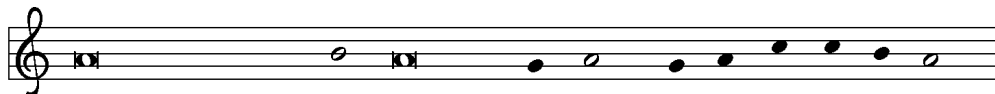
Kyrie



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.



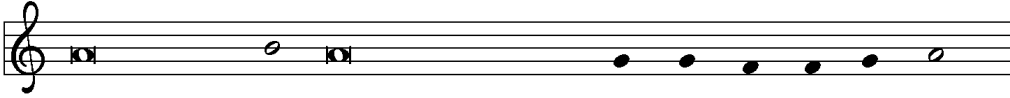
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

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

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.

Special Music | Oh, Rest in the Lord | Senior Choir

WORD

Young People's Message | Pastor Mark Kvale

Lesson | Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

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

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

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

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel | Mark 8:27-38

The holy gospel according to Mark... **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

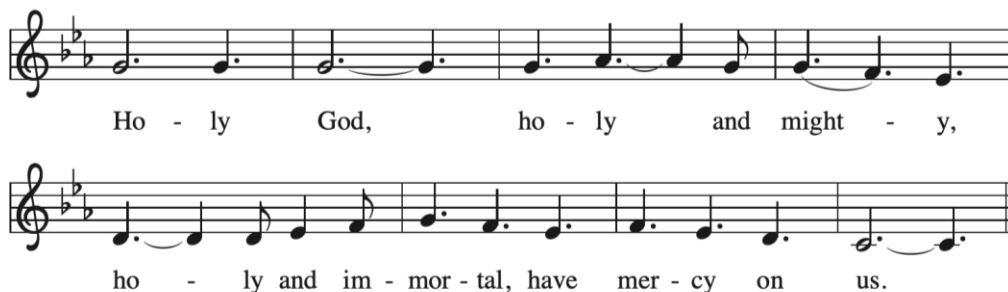
Hymn of the Day ACS #1093 In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness (end of bulletin)

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith: **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 ACS #1011 Holy God

Hear us, O God ...



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

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

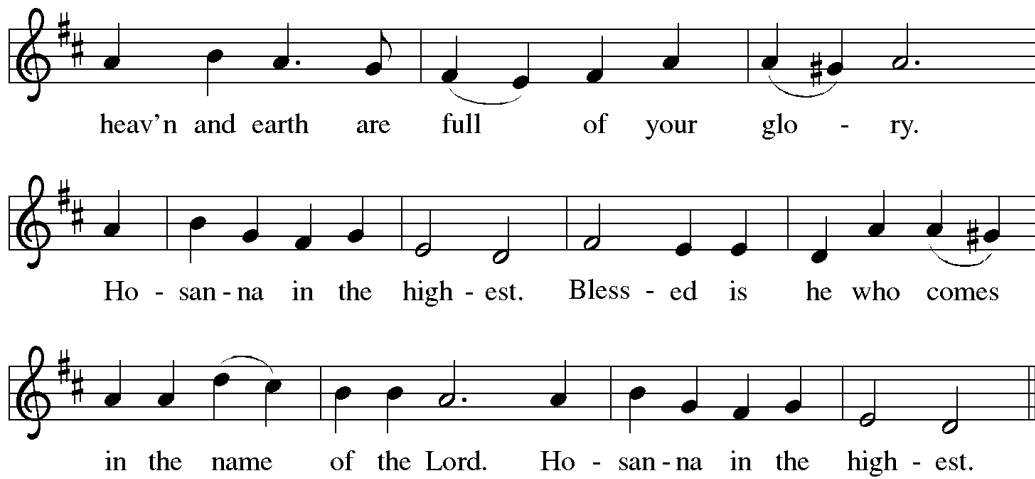
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Words of Institution

During the Words of Institution, we invite you to raise the bread and the cup respectively as the pastor does. In this way, we are church together. 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.

Lord's Prayer

D G C/A G/B C G D C D

Our Fa - ther, who art - in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name, - Thy

G C/A G/B C G D C G Em

king - dom come, thy will - be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this

Bm Em Bm G D G Am

day our daily - bread, and for give - all of our sins - As we for - give

D G Em D C D G C/A

those, as Christ for - gave those who sin a - gainst us, - And lead us not

G/B C G D C D G

in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil, for Thine is the

C/A G/B C G D C G

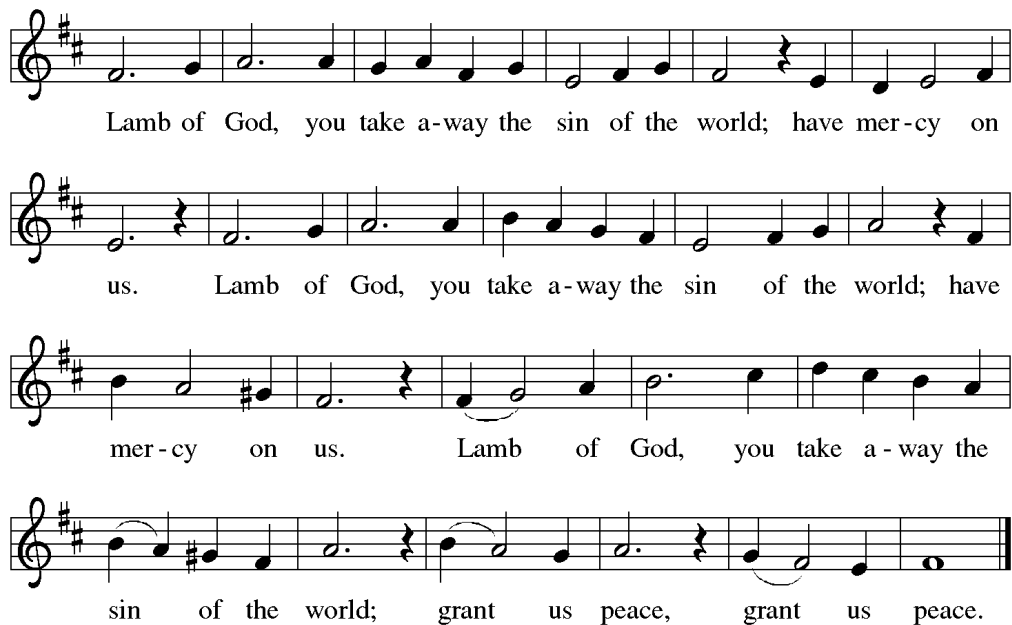
king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - e - ver, A - men.

Invitation & Distribution of Communion

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Lamb of God



Communion Hymns (last pages of bulletin)

ACS #1082 O God, You Search Me | ELW #459 Wade in the Water

Blessing

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

Prayer After Communion

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song ACS #987 Guide My Feet (last pages of bulletin)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION. Lutherans believe that Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, is truly present in the Lord's Supper and that in this meal of the baptized children of God our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. All who seek the mercy and grace of God in this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are welcome to the Lord's Table.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT | In Christ, we welcome, worship, and work in the world.

WORSHIP SERVICES | Saturdays at 5:00pm, and Sundays at 8:30 & 10:45am.

STAFFED NURSERY | Available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES | School year at 9:45am on Sundays, throughout the week for all ages.



GIVE ONLINE | Visit englishlutheran.org/onlinegiving, use the QR code, download the Vanco Mobile Faith app, or text an amount (no decimal point or dollar sign) to 855.929.1663.

HUNGRY Jar offerings in February will be given to State Road Elementary School Food Pantry. State Road has a food pantry available to any family who feels they have a need for some groceries to be sent home up to twice a month. This organization was chosen by our 5/6th Sunday School Class.

THE WHITE ROSE on the altar is in memory of DeLaney Gilster, who passed away on Thursday, February 22, 2024. May God bless her memory among us all.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT: In Christ, we welcome, worship and work in the world.

OUR WELCOME STATEMENT: The faith community of English Lutheran Church is rooted in Christ and committed to living life generously.

We celebrate diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, economic status, marital status, physical or mental ability.

We are united in the Holy Spirit as we embrace our differences. We welcome all as we strive to be a community equipped for God's mission in the world.

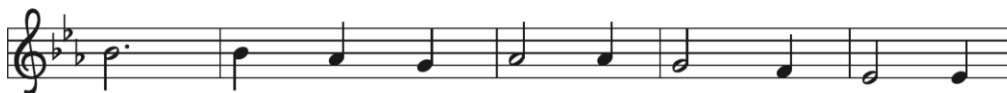
We invite you to join us as we seek to promote racial equity, social and economic justice, and care for our environment.

Wherever you are on your faith journey, there is a place for you here.

Christ Is the Life



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
 2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
 3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
 4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
 tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
 fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
 End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
 dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
 kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
 form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
 down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
 days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
 love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
 in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
 fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
 ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931–1991

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In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness



1 In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness, long be - fore the
2 Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing, you are con - stant,
3 Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your
4 God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad



first light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it
firm, and sure, faith - ful to your cov - 'nant prom - ise.
match - less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,
A - bra - ham; God of Mir - iam, God of Mo - ses,



worked a won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy,
Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es,
Word made flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior,
Fi - 'ry Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward,



in your mer - cy, you em - braced us
sing - ing prais - es, long as heart and
Friend and Sav - ior, in whose life we
lead us home - ward, to the love - feast



as your own,
breath en - dure, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
glimpse your face,
of the Lamb,

Text: Anonymous, China; tr. Francis P. Jones, 1890–1975; adapt. Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

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O God, You Search Me



1 O God, you search me and you know me.
2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
you have known its mean - ing through and through.
still I search for shel - ter from your light.
gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
e - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME, Bernadette Farrell

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Wade in the Water

Refrain
All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader All



1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,



wa - ter; the lead - er looks like the Is - ra - 'lite,
looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led,
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream,

All *Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

Guide My Feet



1 Guide my feet
 2 Hold my hand
 3 Stand by me while I run this race.
 4 I'm your child
 5 Search my heart



Guide my feet
 Hold my hand
 Stand by me while I run this race.
 I'm your child
 Search my heart



Guide my feet
 Hold my hand
 Stand by me while I run this race,
 I'm your child
 Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual