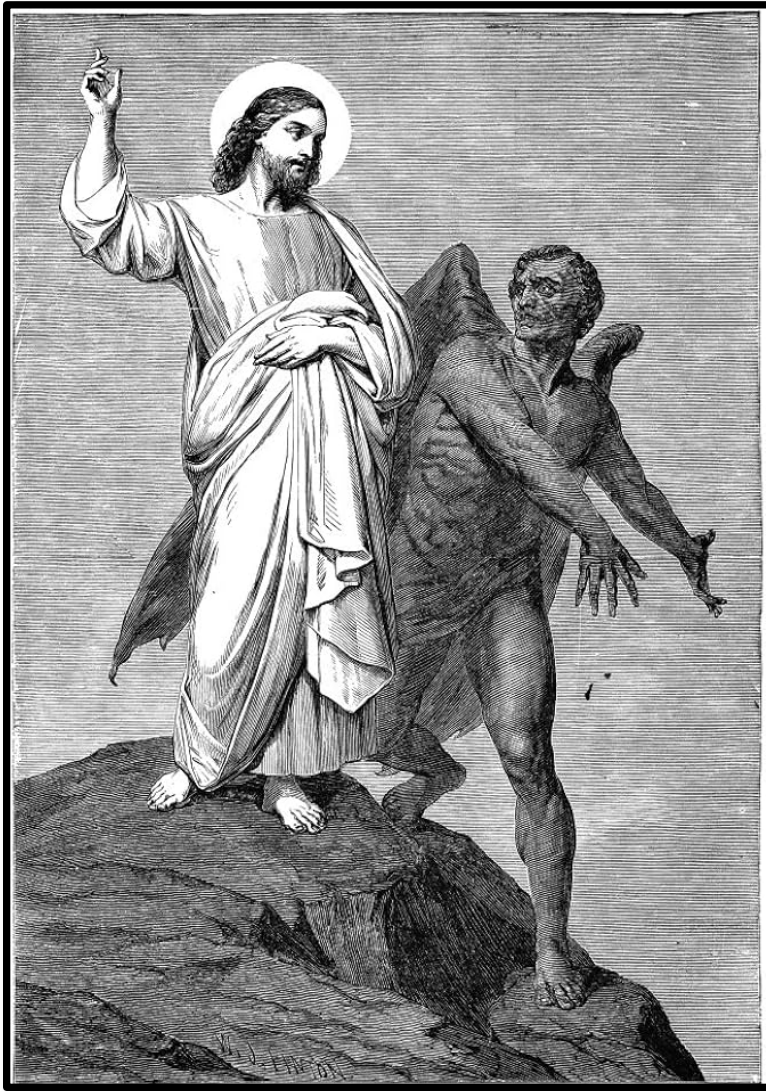


# The First Sunday in Lent

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four with the Litany

March 9, 2025 10:30 AM



**Our Saviour Lutheran Church**

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# The Forty Days

## About Lent

### **What is Lent?**

The time from Ash Wednesday to Easter is a season that English-speakers call Lent, although most other Christians simply call it the Forty Days. With roots in the ancient Church's way of preparing converts for Holy Baptism, this season has become an opportunity for all of us to reflect deeply on our faith.

### **Where Does Lent Come From?**

The Biblical inspiration for this season comes from the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and resisting the temptations of the Devil. You can read about this in the fourth chapter of Luke's Gospel.

As early as the 150s AD, a Christian church order called the *Didache* encouraged members of a congregation who were able to fast in preparation for baptisms, which were often held at Easter. From the early 300s, this became a normal practice among all Christian communities.

### **What is "Lenten Discipline"?**

The pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and charity (which is sometimes quaintly called "almsgiving"). These are all forms of self-discipline.

One size does not fit all! Some people cannot fast and remain healthy; others already give as much to charity as they are able. We encourage you to choose a Lenten discipline that is right for *you*. Focus on sacrificing something meaningful that will help you draw closer to God. Better yet, focus on what you can take on: What small acts can you take on to manifest the love that God calls us to share?

At the very least, take on the discipline of extra prayer. This may include joining us on Wednesdays at 7pm for a simple supper of soup and bread, followed by a service of Evening Prayer.

# GATHERING

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

## GREETING

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister may comment briefly on the service, and the Litany is sung.*


## THE LITANY



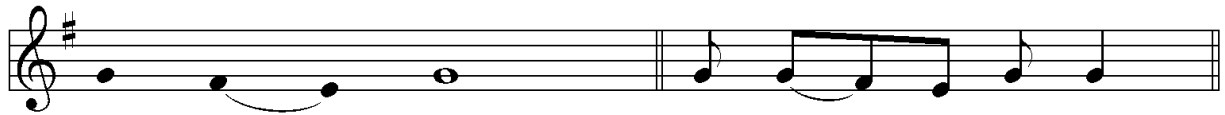
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☐ Christ, have mercy.      ☒ Christ, have mer - cy.




☐ Lord, have mercy.      ☒ Lord, have mer - cy.




☐ O Christ, hear us.      ☒ In mer - cy hear us.



☐ God, the Father in . . . . . heaven,      ☒ have mer - cy on us.  
☐ God, the Son, redeemer of the world,      ☒ have mer - cy on us.  
☐ God, the Holy . . . . . Spirit,      ☒ have mer - cy on us.  
☐ Holy Trinity, one . . . . . God,      ☒ have mer - cy on us.



☐ Be gra - cious to us.      ☒ Spare us, good Lord.

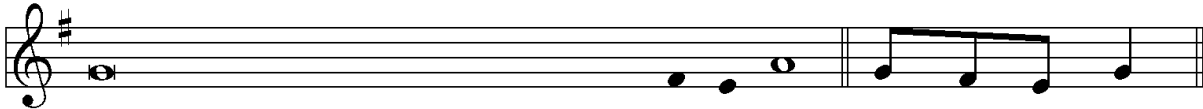


☐ Be gra - cious to us.      ☒ Spare us, good Lord.

☐ From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
from the cunning assaults of the devil;  
from an unprepared and . . . . . e-vil death: ☒ **Good Lord, de- liv- er us.**

☐ From war, bloodshed, and violence;  
from corrupt and unjust government;  
from sedi - . . . . . tion and treason: ☒ **Good Lord, de- liv- er us.**

☐ From epidemic, drought, and famine;  
from fire and flood, earthquake,  
lightning and storm;  
and from ever - . . . . . last-ing death: ☒ **Good Lord, de- liv- er us.**



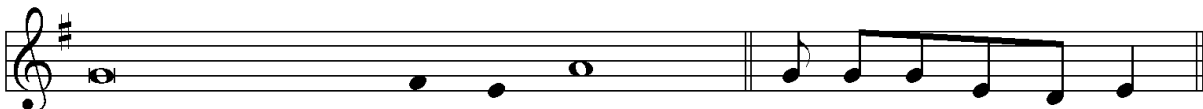
☐ By the mystery of your incarnation; by your ho-ly birth: ☒ **Help us, good Lord.**

☐ By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
by your agony and bloody sweat;  
by your cross and suffering;  
by your . . . . . death and burial: ☒ **Help us, good Lord.**

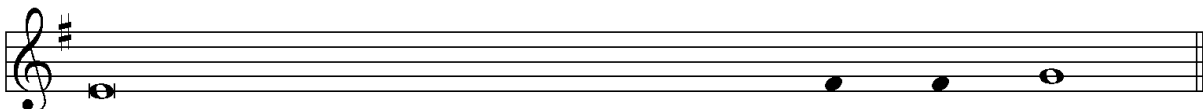
☐ By your resurrection and ascension;  
by the gift of the . . . . . Ho-ly Spirit: ☒ **Help us, good Lord.**



☐ In all time of our tribulation;  
in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death;  
and in the . . . . . day of judgment: ☒ **Save us, good Lord.**



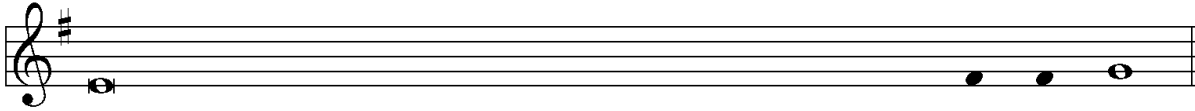
☐ Though unworthy, we im - plore you ☒ **to hear us, Lord our God.**



☐ To rule and govern your holy catholic Church;  
to guide all servants of your Church  
in the love of your Word and in holiness of life;  
to put an end to all schisms  
and causes of offense to those who would believe;  
and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone a - stray:



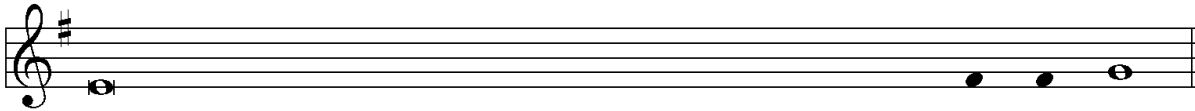
☒ **We im- plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



☐ To beat down Satan under our feet;  
 to send faithful workers into your harvest;  
 to accompany your Word with your Spirit and power;  
 to raise up those who fall  
     and to strengthen those who stand;  
 and to comfort and help the fainthearted and . . . . . the dis-tressed:



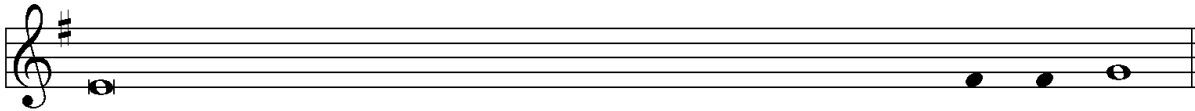
☒ **We im-plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



☐ To give to all nations justice and peace;  
 to preserve our country from discord and strife;  
 to direct and guard those who have civil authority;  
 and to bless and guide . . . . . all our people:



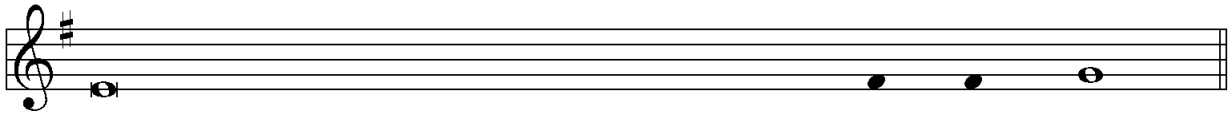
☒ **We im-plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



☐ To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation;  
 to protect and guide all who travel;  
 to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth;  
 to watch over children and to guide the young;  
 to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends;  
 to bring reconciliation to families in discord;  
 to provide for the unemployed and for all in need;  
 to be merciful to all who are imprisoned;  
 to support, comfort, and guide all orphans, widowers, and widows;  
 and to have mercy on . . . . . all your people:



☒ **We im-plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



☐ To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,  
and to reconcile us to them;  
to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures  
of the earth, the sea, and the air;  
and graciously to . . . . . hear our prayers:



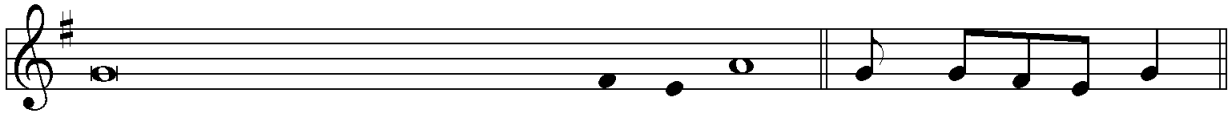
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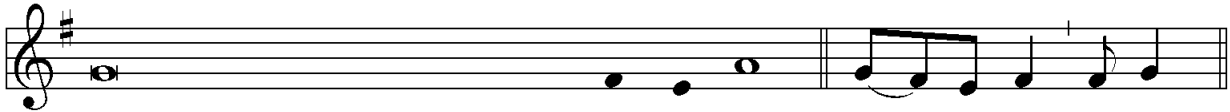
☐ Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, ☒ **we im - plore you to hear us.**



☐ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; ☒ **have mer - cy on us.**



☐ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; ☒ **have mer - cy on us.**



☐ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; ☒ **give us peace. A-men.**



☐ O Christ, hear us. ☒ **In mer - cy hear us.**



☐ Lord, have mercy. ☒ **Lord, have mer - cy.**



☐ Christ, have mercy. ☒ **Christ, have mer - cy.**



☐ Lord, have mer - cy. ☒ **Lord, have mer - cy.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

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

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

*Children come forward as we sing:*

**This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine**

## **FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11**

A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>1</sup>“When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the Lord your God:

“ ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’

“You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16**

<sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

<sup>2</sup> **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup> **no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> **Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> **I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> **With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>8b</sup> *“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”*

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands.*

1 *Canon*



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

## GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written,

*‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”*

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

*‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’*

<sup>11</sup> and

*‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”*

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Lord Throughout These Forty Days*

ELW 319

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days  
you prayed and kept the fast;  
inspire repentance for our sin,  
and free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and you won;  
your faithfulness endured;  
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust  
in God's eternal word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you  
prayed  
and fixed your mind above;  
so teach us to deny ourselves  
that we may know God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,  
and all our earthly days,  
that when the final Easter dawns,  
we join in heaven's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930  
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## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### OFFERING

Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: our selves, our time, and  
our possessions, signs of God's gracious love.

*An offering is received for the work of the church.*

### OFFERTORY SONG

ELW 186

*We rise to sing*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead the following prayer.*

Let us pray together.

**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.**

## DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

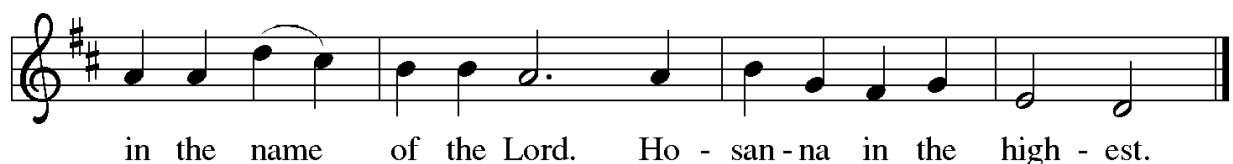
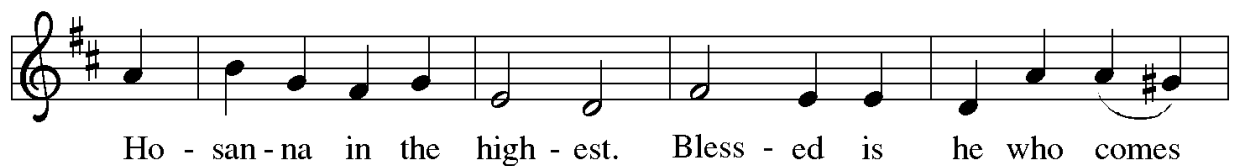
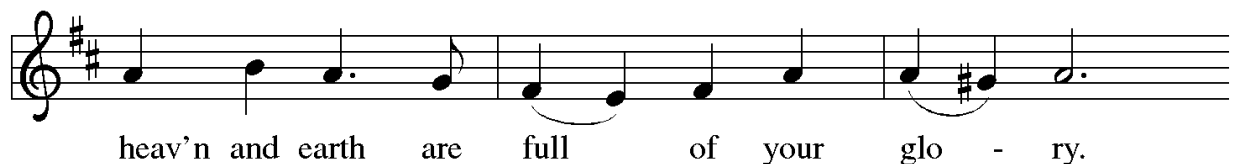
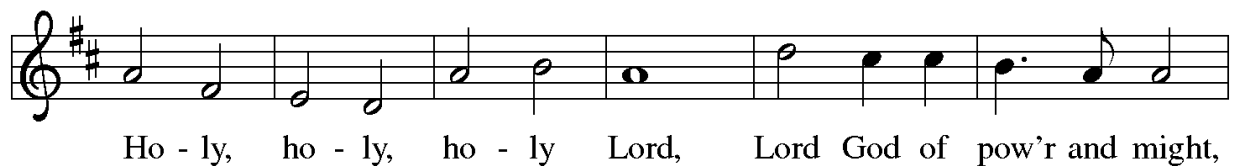
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty 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 joy for the paschal feast, 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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The presiding minister offers a sacrifice of praise and thanks.*

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.

**Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in the words of Matthew 4:4.*

One does not live by bread alone,  
**but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

## 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

*We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are invited to his table. To learn about baptism, speak to a pastor.*

*You may eat the bread and drink from the cup, or dip the bread into the cup and receive both elements together. If you prefer to receive Communion in your pew, notify an usher.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister leads the following prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

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

### BLESSING

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG                      *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*                      *ELW 774*

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms;  
    what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### *Refrain*

    Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
    safe and secure from all alarms;  
    leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
    leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms;  
    oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms?  
    I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

*Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929*

### DISMISSAL

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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# Lent and Easter

*at Our Saviour*

## Every Weekend

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. – Casual Service

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School for ALL Ages

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion

## Wednesdays

*March 12, 19, 26 & April 2*

6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. – Holden Evening Prayer

## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday

*April 16 & 17, usual weekend times*

### Maundy Thursday

*April 17, 7:00 p.m.*

### Good Friday

*April 18, Noon & 7:00 p.m.*

### Great Vigil

*April 19, 5:30 p.m.*

## Easter Sunday

*April 20*

### Sunrise Matins

*at 6:30 a.m.*

*No 8:00 a.m. service*

### Festive Communion

*at 10:30 a.m.*