

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, March 14, 2026 5:00pm

Sunday, March 15, 2026 9:30am



Fourth Weekend in Lent



Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

Please note: Sunday Service is streamed, recorded and posted on YouTube beginning with the prelude and continuing through the postlude. Be aware that you may be recorded when coming up the center aisle for communion.

ELW is the cranberry red Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship

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PRELUDE: (5:00) “Open Our Eyes, Lord” -arr. P. Bettcher
(9:30) “O Mensch, bewein dein Sunde Gross” -arr. J. S. Bach BWV 622

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God of all creation, out of darkness, light!

C: We worship you.

P: Christ, in our blindness, healing!

C: We thank you.

P: Holy Spirit, from our old ways, new lives!

C: We praise you. We give ourselves to you.

Fill us with your light, that your love may be revealed in us. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW #779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

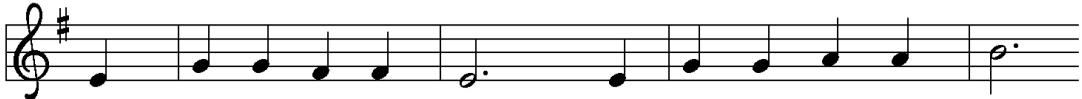
C: Amen.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:30) *(Please be seated)*

Billie Jo Kunesh

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

⁸ Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness;

rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand as you are able*)



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹ He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹² They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also

began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.”¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided.¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”²⁰ His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind,²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.”²⁵ He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: “Out of Focus”

ev. Brian Hooper

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #339 Christ, the Life of All the Living

APOSTLE’S CREED: *(please stand as you are able)*

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

L: Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

L: God, our shepherd, we pray that you guide the church. Lead communities across the globe in right paths for your name’s sake. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God our provider, we cry out for this planet and the life it holds. Rescue endangered animals and plants, preserve threatened ecosystems, and save creatures from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence, and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community organizations who seek goodness and mercy. Protect soldiers and those who live in areas of war, especially in Ukraine and all of the countries of the Middle East. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God our healer, we call to you in our need. Uplift all who are made to feel unimportant, and transform the hearts of all infected by bigotry and prejudice. Care for all who are all or are in special need this day, especially those we lift before you now *(pause)*. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God our friend, we praise you for the diversity of people among us. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God our home, we thank you for all who have died and completed their baptismal journeys. Grant us faith to live until we too dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*please be seated after sharing the peace*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERINGS

Offerings can also be made electronically using the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app. More information can be found on our website ssmelca.org or use the QR codes listed here:



for Google



for iPhone

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love” -Petker

OFFERING PRAYER

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

C: Amen

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

After receiving communion you may receive an anointing with oil as a sign of healing and wholeness.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Please stand as able*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: “In the night...”

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.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #612 Healer of Our Every Ill

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be sure to read the printed announcements.)*

BLESSING

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW #775 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: (5:00) "Postlude in d-minor" -C. Simone

(9:30) "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" -arr. J. S. Bach

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THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers: (5:00) Cheryl & Dan Stefanski
(9:30) Jack Kalman, Jim Palasz, Adam & Andrea Woerpel
Reader: (5:00) Pam Maschke **(9:30)** Julie Starks
Communion: (5:00) Set Up Bonnie Court **Server** Patti Nelson
(9:30) Julie Starks, Faith O’Connell
Streaming Technician: (9:30) Eric Sanders

<i>This Week at SSM</i>		
Monday, 3/16	1:00pm	Quilting – Layering – until 3pm
Wednesday, 3/18	9:30am	Men’s Bible Study
	5:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Lenten Worship – Holden Evening Prayer
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 3/19	6:30pm	Confirmation Class
<i>2nd Weekend in Lent</i>		
	10:00am	Visit to the Black Holocaust Museum
Saturday, 3/21	5:00pm	Worship
		Presentation by Children’s Christian Theatre “Tell Me the Truth”
		Ushers: Herb Leppien, Deb Perl
		Communion Set Up: Betty Kroll
		Communion Servers: Patti Nelson
Sunday, 3/22	9:30am	Worship
		Ushers: Dennis Lucchesi, Cheryl & Dan Stefanski
		Reader: Regan Kunesh
		Communion: Julie Starks, Shelly Rosenstock
		Sunday School
	10:45am	Coffee Hour – Don & Carol Manning Hosts

St. Stephen the Martyr Welcome Statement

St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church is a spiritual community grounded in the belief of Welcoming all, Worshiping God, Serving others.

Recognizing that there are those who have historically experienced rejection within congregational life, we strive to welcome and affirm the participation of all people into our community of faith – people of all ages, races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical and mental abilities, educational backgrounds, family statuses, and economic circumstances.

We are driven to be a welcoming congregation, offer a safe place to worship, and celebrate the diversity of God’s family. We are committed to racial equity and invite all people to join us in our faith journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect.

We proclaim that we are an open and affirming congregation, and you are invited to join us.

KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Sharon Behling, Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins, Diana Gastrau, Sue Jarchow,
Ken & Carolyn Kahl, Joy Kilimann, Sally Kowalewski, Carol Kucharski,
Billie Jo Kunesh, Shirley Lieske, Larry Petricek, Joan Retzlaff,
Stephanie Rodenkirch, Eleanor Salb, Bob Soderstrom, Richard Sontvedt,

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Brent, grandson of Dennis & Geri Lucchesi
Carol, sister of Heidi Hennessy
Cheryl, sister-in-law of Larry & Sue Stasiewski
Helen, mother of Jenny Koeff
Pam Baranowski, friend of Kelly and Greg
Sachse
Irene Bonnert, mother of Deb Perl
Arlene Cich, cousin of Don Manning
Corstan Court, son of Bonnie Court
Jennifer F and her family, friends of Kelly
Sachse
Julie Francis, daughter-in-law of Sally
Kowalewski
Marcia Gabriel, friend of Nancy Mineau &
Marion Walton
Mimi Garcia, former administrative assistant at
SSM
Karen Gastrau, daughter-in-law of Diana Gastrau
Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese
Tim Ingram, grandson of Ron Ropel
Robert Koenen, friend of Don & Carol Manning

Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt
Jon Kowalewski, husband of Sally Kowalewski
John O'Connell, husband of Faith O'Connell
Ted & Ellen P., family of Gail Jakus
Paul R, friend of Shelly Rosenstock
Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt
Deb Rusch, friend of Kelly & Greg Sachse
John Schatzman, nephew of Marion Walton
Sue Seidemann, friend of Karen Hoffman and
former SWO president
Gloria Simley, sister of Dave and Rae Ann
Simley
Richard Sorenson, friend of Jim & Heidi
Hennessy
Barb Starks, mother of Julie Starks
Lynne Turnquist, friend of Carol Manning
David Vento, friend of Al Behling
Billy Waters, Stepdad of Lori Salas
Chrissy White, daughter of Sue Herman
Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski
Cohen Zettle, family of Pam Young

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Announcements March 14 & 15

Food donations for the month of March will go to Faith Santa Fe. Monetary donations are always welcome and allow the pantries to fill in needed items that have not come in otherwise. You can mark your contribution “Food Ministry” or use the Food Ministry envelope found on the giving station board.

Our annual SSM Easter/Youth trip fundraiser will take place on March 24, 2026 at Billy Sims BBQ located at 7358 West Rawson Avenue in Franklin. Billy Simms will donate 10% of **all** sales that day to SSM. Make sure you tell your friends, co-workers and family to come out. Sales include carry-out orders as well as dining in. Join us for some great eats! Hope to see everyone on the 24th and remember to bring your appetites.

Join us for Easter Breakfast, April 5th! Relax and let us make you breakfast with a menu of ham and rolls, pancakes and sausage, and more. Share a time of fellowship with the SSM community between the Easter worship services. Breakfast will be served from 8:15 to 9:15. There is no cost, but donations are encouraged. All proceeds will support the youth mission trip to Montgomery, Alabama. Please sign up on the bulletin board (or email the office) so we have a good estimate.

Easter Breakfast Volunteers Needed. Volunteers are needed to assist with various breakfast responsibilities, including set-up in advance of Easter Sunday. Please see the bulletin board for ways you can help.

2026 SSM Rummage Sale - We are thinking about holding another church rummage/lemonade/brat fry in mid to late April. In order to do so I need to try and get an idea of how many donors and volunteers we might have for the event. At this time, I just need to know if you **might** be interested in volunteering for set-up, sales, or take-down. This would be between Wednesday and Saturday. This is not any sort of commitment at this time, just to see if there may be enough interested volunteers to hold the event and then to set a date. Last year the volunteers were amazing. Look for rummage interest/sign-up sheets on the bulletin board or feel free to email me directly if you are interested. Please sign up if you think you might be able to help out. If it turns out later that you can't that is fine. Thanks for your consideration. Lorin lorinschu@gmail.com

The third Wednesday of every month the **Unity Food Ministry** serves an evening hot meal. Clean-up help is needed between 6 and 7 pm. You are welcome to join the guests at 5:30 pm for food and fellowship. If you are interested in volunteering, please see me in church. Thank you! Shelly Rosenstock

Save the dates for **Vacation Bible School – Weird Animals - Where Jesus' Love is One-of-A-Kind.** Monday, June 22nd to Thursday, June 25th. Bring all of the kiddos you know.

Explore the Journey of Martin Luther in Germany: Plans are coming together for our trip to Germany, scheduled for October 13–23, 2026. This adventure will take us through key locations connected to Martin Luther's ministry in the early 1500s while also showcasing the beauty and culture of Germany.

Highlights include: A scenic cruise on the Rhine; a visit to Nuremberg and Berlin, visiting castles and cathedrals along the way; a stop in Eisenach, where Luther spent his exile translating the New Testament from Greek into German; and a visit to Wittenberg to see the famous Castle Church door

Printed itineraries and brochures are available at the church. For more information, please contact Pastor Brian at pastorbrianhooper@gmail.com or 414-421-3543.

Midweek Lenten Worship - Holden Evening Prayer
Every Wednesday during Lent 6:30pm

Easter and Holy Week Worship Schedule

The Passion of Our Lord/Palm Weekend
Saturday, March 28th at 5:00pm and
Sunday, March 29th at 9:30am

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30pm

Good Friday Cross Walk beginning at St. Luke's at 2:00pm

Ecumenical Worship at St. Lukes in the Village 3:00pm

Good Friday - Friday, April 3rd at 6:30pm

The Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 4th at 5:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th - Sunrise Worship at 7:00am and Worship at 9:30am

Easter Breakfast at 8:15am

HYMN ELW #779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

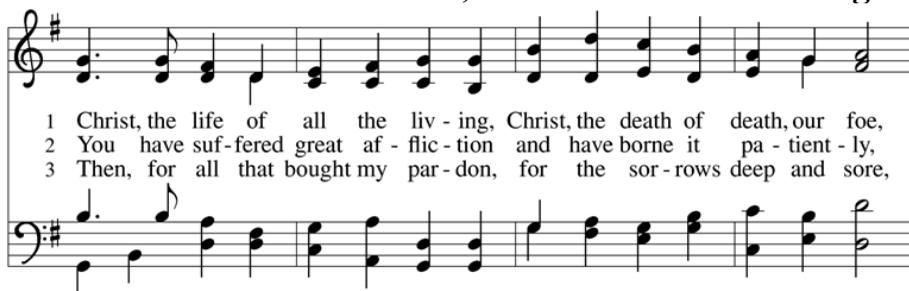
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

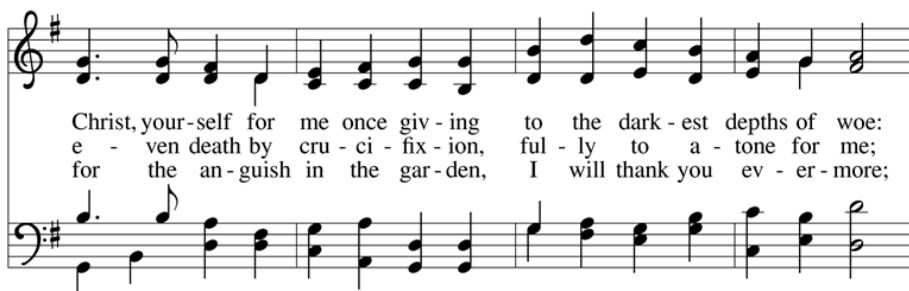
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Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

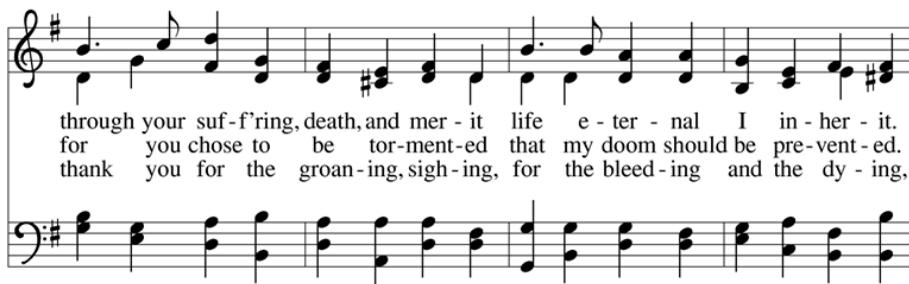
HYMN ELW #339 Christ, the Life of All the Living



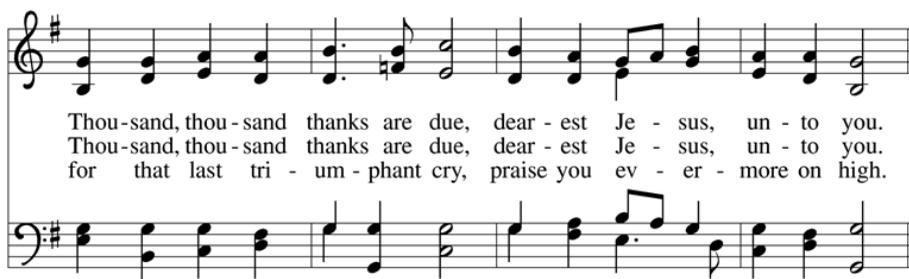
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
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for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

HYMN RLW #612 Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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HYMN ELW #775 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,

tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
 can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
 Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al

faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;
 saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;

no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be-side thee.
 yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662; arr. hymnal version
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