

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Sunday, March 22, 2026 9:30am



# Fifth Weekend in Lent



*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.*

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**PRELUDE:** “What Wondrous Love” -arr. Dale Wood

## **WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**P:** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

**C: O Lord, hear my voice!**

**P:** If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

**P:** I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

**C: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,  
Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN: ELW #582 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**

### **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.

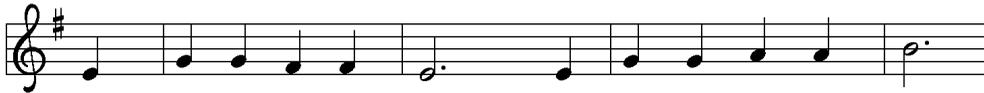
**C: Amen.**

## 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: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *(Please be seated)*

Pastor Brian Hooper

## FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."*

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said

to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.<sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.<sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them.<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”<sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.<sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people.<sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

**L:** The Word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God

## **SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11**

*For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.*

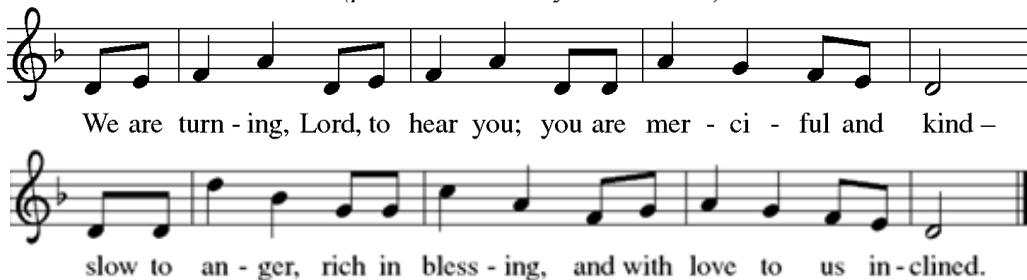
<sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.<sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot,<sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.<sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.<sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**L:** The Word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God

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



### **GOSPEL: John 11:1-45**

*Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your

brother will rise again.”<sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”<sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”<sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him.<sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.<sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep.<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.<sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE:** “One Step at a Time”

Rev. Brian Hooper

**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #452 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death**

**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:** We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name. Breathe into us so that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**L:** We pray for creation. Renew landscapes that have dried up, prosper the work of those who restore homes and habitats after natural disasters, and sustain places where biodiversity thrives. We thank you for our local green spaces and wildlife. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**L:** We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear to act boldly for justice, free all who live in places of war and violence, especially those in Ukraine and all of the countries of the Middle East, and guide refugees and asylum seekers to safety. Protect and sustain soldiers sent into battle. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**L:** We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick, especially those we name before you now (*pause*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**L:** We pray for this assembly. Ready the hearts and spirits of all preparing to be baptized. Deepen our wonder at the mystery of your resurrection and life. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**L:** We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Give us faith to trust in your power to redeem and save, and bring us up from our graves to life in you. 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](http://ssmelca.org) or use the QR codes listed here:*



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*for iPhone*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** “Wondrous Love” -Cooman

## 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

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*Please stand as able*)

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

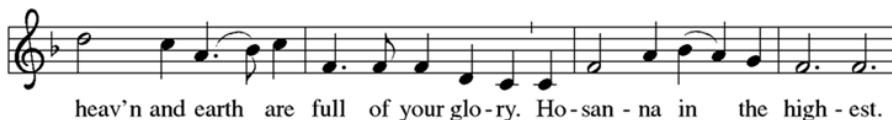
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**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



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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 #629 Abide with Me**

**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 #335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** “Toccatina in F Major” -D. Buxtehude

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***THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP***  
**Ushers:** Dennis Lucchesi, Cheryl & Dan Stefanski  
**Reader:** Regan Kunesh  
**Communion:** Shelly Rosenstock, Julie Starks  
**Streaming Technician: (9:30)** Eric Sanders  
**Coffee Hour:** Don & Caol Manning, Hosts

<b><i>This Week at SSM</i></b>			
<b>Monday, 3/23</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>		Quilting – Layering – until 3pm
<b>Wednesday, 3/25</b>	<b>10:15am</b>		Women’s Bible Study
	<b>12:00pm</b>		Loose Ends Lunch
	<b>5:30pm</b>		Handbell Rehearsal
	<b>6:30pm</b>		Lenten Worship – Holden Evening Prayer
	<b>7:00pm</b>		Choir Rehearsal
<b><i>Passion/Palm Weekend</i></b>			
<b>Saturday, 3/28</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	Worship	Ushers: Patti Nelson
			Communion Set Up: Bonnie Court
			Communion Servers: Patti Nelson
<b>Sunday, 3/22</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Worship	Ushers: Chris Dollar, Diane Moraza, John & Marge Muroi
			Reader: Denise Sanders
			Communion Set Up: Denise Sanders
		Communion Servers: Denisse Sanders, Bonnie Daleness	
		Sunday School	

## **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

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

See the bulletin board between the offices for **Rummage Sale** sign-up sheets and information.

### ***Easter and Holy Week Worship Schedule***

#### ***The Passion of Our Lord/Palm Weekend***

***Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm and Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am***

***Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm***

***The Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm***

***Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunrise Worship at 7:00am and Worship at 9:30am***

***Easter Breakfast at 8:15am***

Rev. Brian Hooper, Pastor  
Tabitha Moldenhauer, Music Director  
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## HYMN ELW #582 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;  
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;  
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;

Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;  
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;  
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;

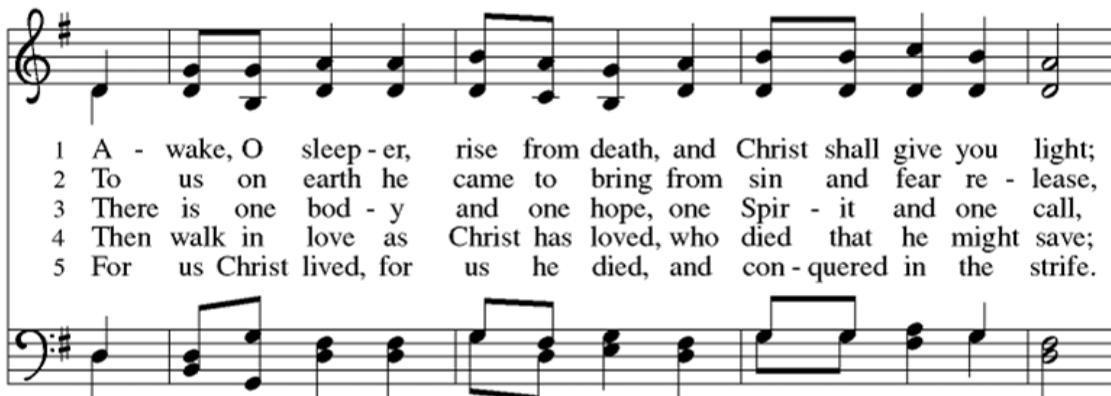
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;  
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ;  
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul

liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.  
 you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.  
 in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

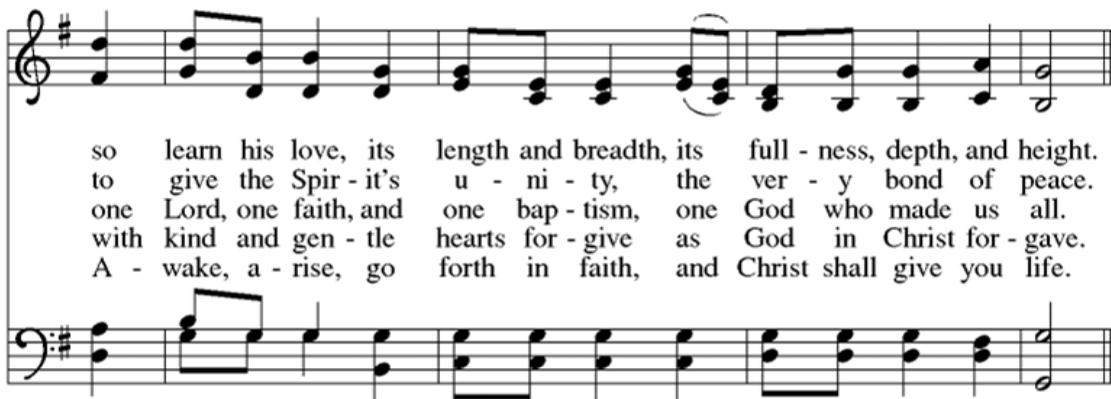
Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

## HYMN ELW #452 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984  
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829  
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## HYMN ELW #629 Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

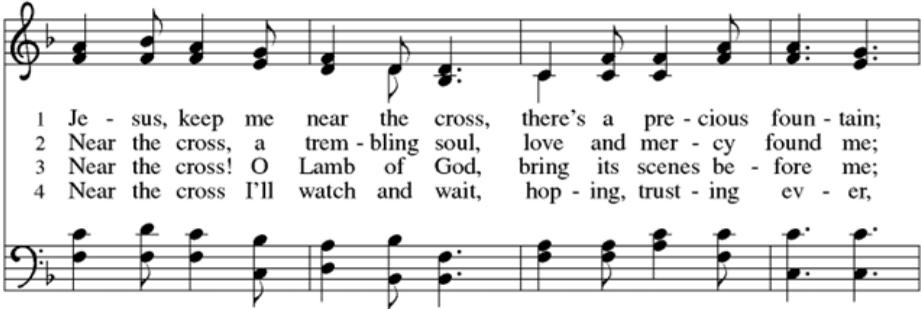
The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness;  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847  
 Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

## HYMN ELW #335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915  
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915