

SECOND  
*Sunday*  
IN **LENT**

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*February 28, 2021*  
*First Lutheran Church*



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### **PRELUDE**

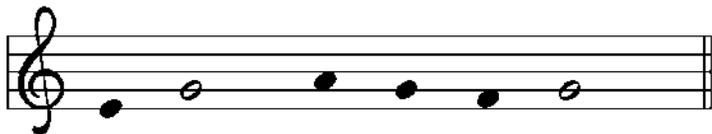
ROBERT A. HOBBY

### Three Hymns of Praise

#### III. LAUDATE DOMINUM

Rejoice in God's Saints

### **THE OPENING**



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

# ***THE CONFESSION***

P: As a community of faith, we celebrate:

**C: God is among us!**

P: Together we are called:

**C: To go out!**

P: We are called:

**C: To care for all!**

P: We are called:

**C: To proclaim the gospel!**

P: We are called:

**C: To forgive and reconcile!**

P: We are called:

**C: To trust God for all that we need!**

P: As a people of faith, we have forgotten our calling. We have forgotten to care for our neighbor. We have failed to proclaim the gospel. We seek forgiveness, and we long to fully trust God for everything. Knowing our brokenness, we turn to God with a repentant heart. Together, let us confess our sins:

*A time of silence and reflection*

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

- P: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For the misuse of human relationships, and for our unwillingness to see the image of God in others:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P: For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:
- C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

# ***CELEBRATING FORGIVENESS***

**P:** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C:** Amen.

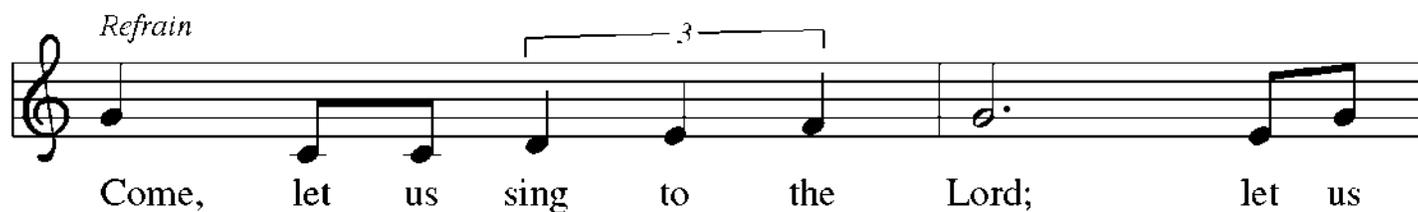
## ***THE PSALMODY***



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.



*Refrain*

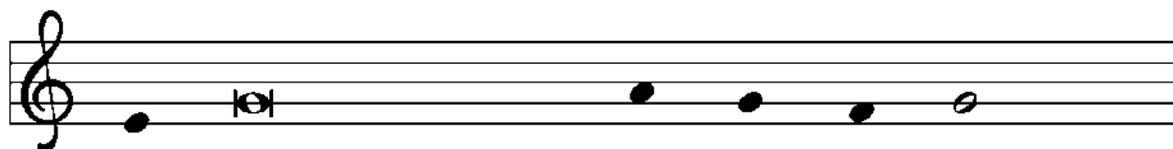
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us



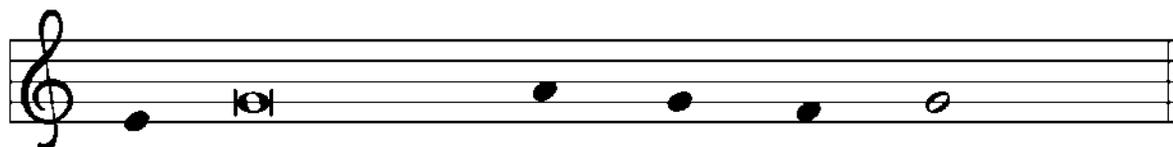
shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

*Verses will be sung by our Cantor.*

*Final response:*



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

## ***READING FROM 2 KINGS 2:8-15***

R: A reading from 2 Kings the second chapter.

<sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup>He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had

struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

<sup>15</sup>When the company of prophets who were at Jericho saw him at a distance, they declared, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." They came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## ***THE GOSPEL***

## ***MARK 9:2-8***

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

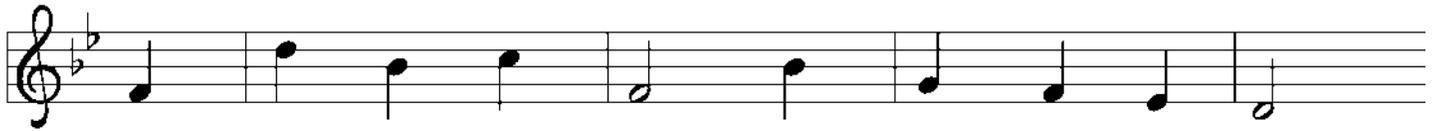
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

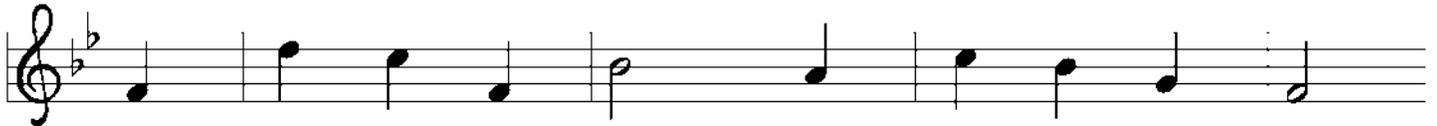
P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

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

# REJOICE IN GOD'S SAINTS



1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!  
2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;  
3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,  
4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.  
some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;  
who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own:  
A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,  
some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:  
they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:  
In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.  
our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.  
what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!  
their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

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## SERMON

REV. CLAYTON J. BAILEY

# *THE GOSPEL CANTICLE*

*Refrain*

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the  
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

*The verses will be sung by our Cantor.*

# *THE APOSTLES' CREED*

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**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.**

# *MEDITATION*

Charles Callahan

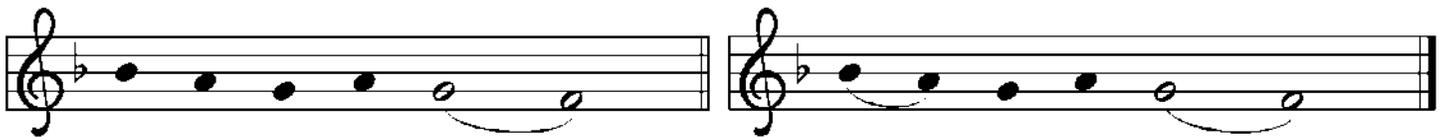
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**LAUDATE DOMINUM**  
Three Trios on Rejoice in God's Saints

## *PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

### *LORD'S PRAYER*

- P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C: **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.**

### *THE BLESSING*



Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

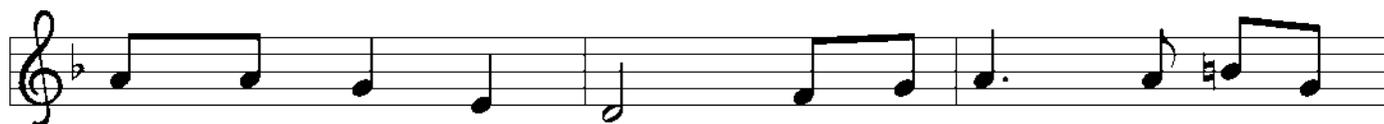
- P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, free to serve your neighbor. May God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you, that you may be a blessing to others.



# *TREE OF LIFE AND AWESOME MYSTERY*



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



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## *DISMISSAL*

**P:** Go in peace. For God is Among Us!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

## *POSTLUDE*

*Charles Callahan*

Partita on  
**LAUDATE DOMINUM**  
VII. Postlude

# Today's Worship Leaders

<i>Cantor:</i>	Victor Welsch	<i>Facebook Camera:</i>	Wendy Bailey
<i>Hosts:</i>	Janet & Joe Zirger	<i>SlideShow Creator:</i>	Pastor Bailey
<i>Lector:</i>	Chet Margraf	<i>SlideShow Operator:</i>	John Bailey
<i>Director of Music:</i>	Curtis L. King	<i>Pastor:</i>	Rev. Clayton J. Bailey

We could not offer multiple platforms for sharing worship  
"Apart...yet Together"  
without an entire crew of people working to make the magic happen.  
THANK YOU!

## Weekly Announcements

On behalf of our Youth, many thanks for your support of our Annual Pancake Brunch. While the weather did not cooperate for our Fat Tuesday meal, we had a good turn out and many pancakes were flipped on the First Sunday in Lent. Together your generosity helped to total just shy of \$750 towards our Youth Ministry, and all of our supplies were donated by Thrivent Financial. Wow, what a success! Thanks for your support!



In place of our traditional Midweek Lenten Service, you and your family are invited to join Pastor Bailey in the chapel for a time of prayer and individual communion. The chapel will be open from 2 – 4 and from 5:30 – 7:30. No appointments are necessary.

"This is my Body. This is my Blood!" Together all youth who have not yet received their first communion are welcome to join Pastor Bailey following worship as we prepare to gather around the Table of Holy Communion. Classes will take place following worship on Sunday March 14, 21, and 28 in the Dietz Room. Our service for First Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m. If you have any questions please contact the church office.



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