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Sunday
IN **LENT**



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First Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE

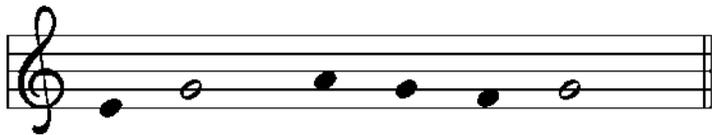
Robert J. Powell

CHEREPONI

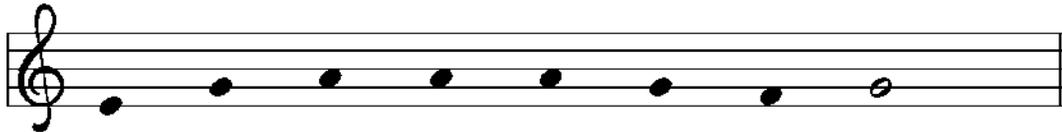
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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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.

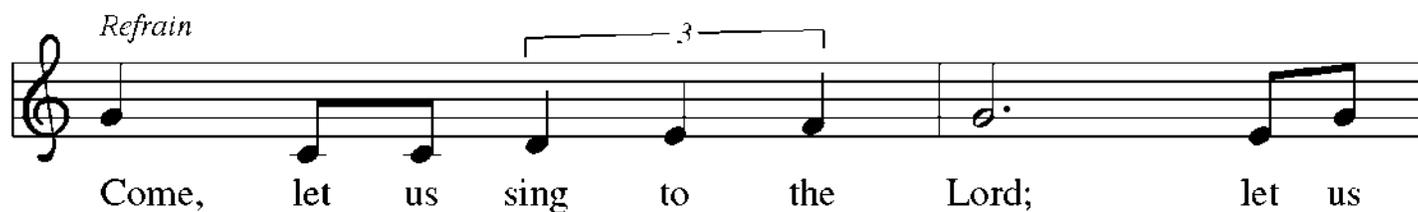
THE PSALMODY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



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



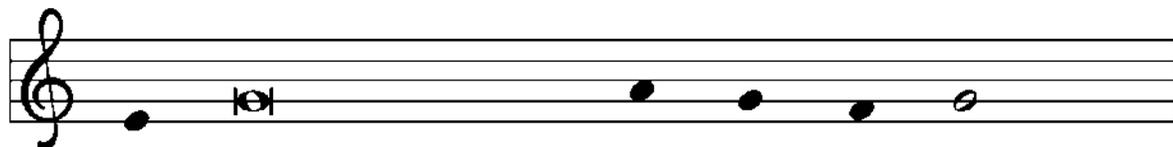
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us



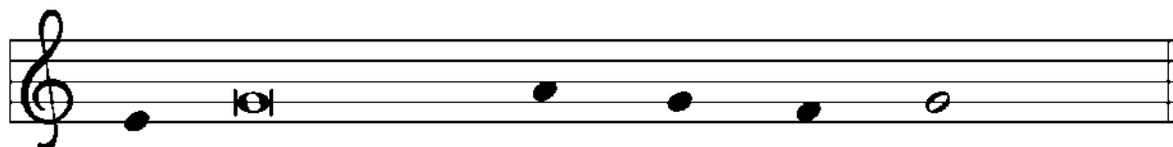
shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

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 ISAIAH 58:6-12

R: A reading from Isaiah the fifty-eighth chapter.

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

THE GOSPEL

MARK 2:1-12

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the second chapter.

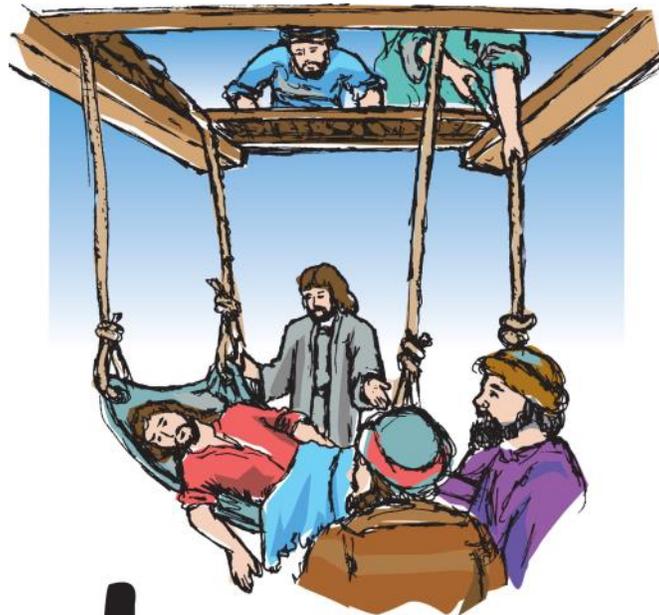
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are

forgiven." ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone? ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the paralytic — ¹¹I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home. ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

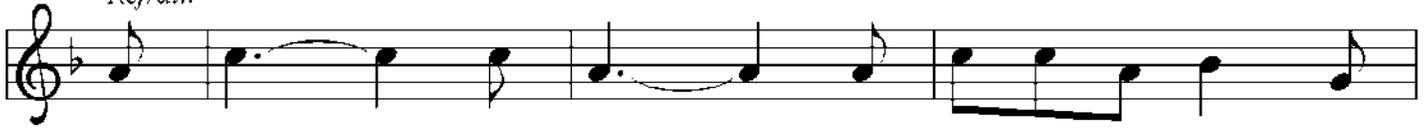
C: Praise to you, O Christ!



Jesus Heals
a Paralyzed Man

JESU, JESU FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

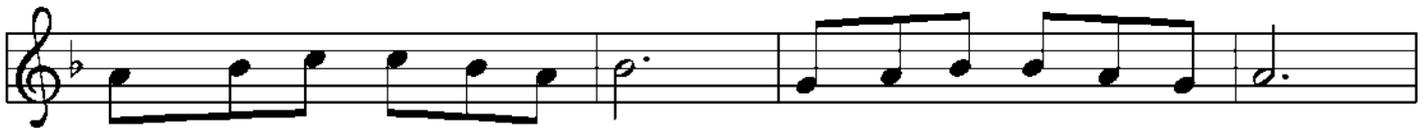
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

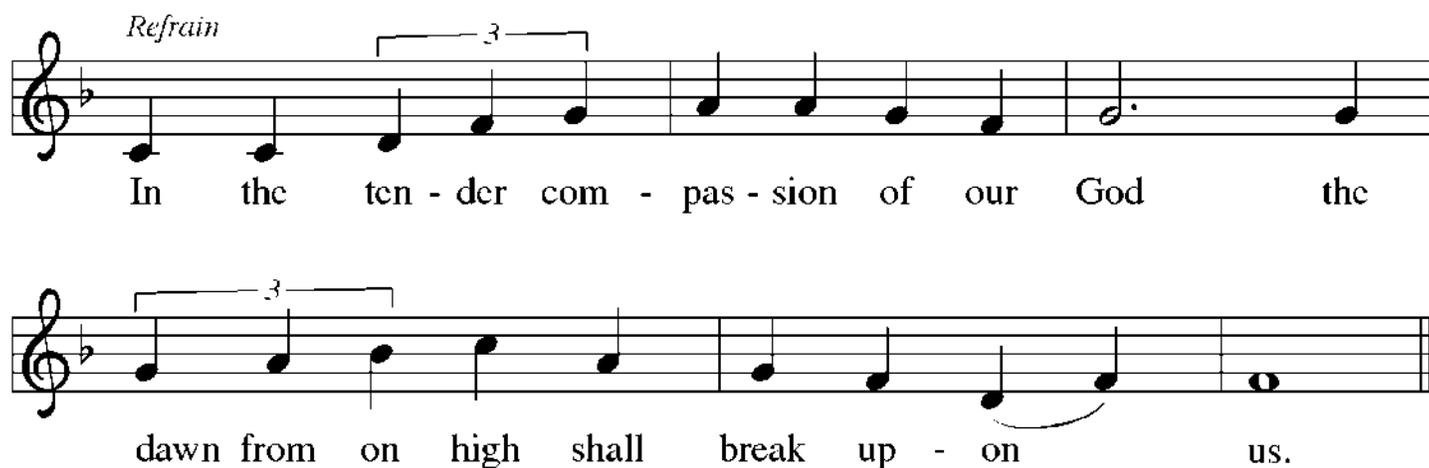
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SERMON

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

Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Trio on JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

II. JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, S. 1107

Christ, the Life of All the Living

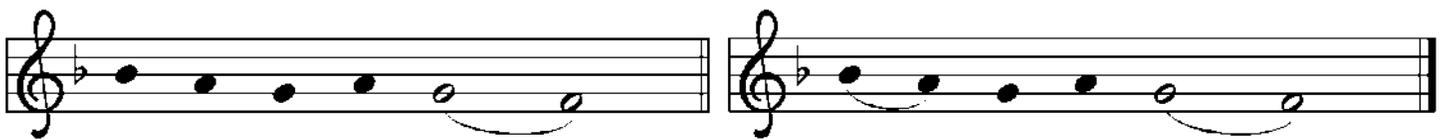
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.



A - men

TREE OF LIFE AND AWESOME MYSTERY



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.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
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

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

Fughette on JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

Today's Worship Leaders

<i>Cantor:</i>	Victor Welsch	<i>Facebook Camera:</i>	Wendy Bailey
<i>Hosts:</i>	Ross Family	<i>SlideShow Creator:</i>	Pastor Bailey
<i>Lector:</i>	Shelley Ross	<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

**Mobile Communion will take place today beginning at 11:30
and continuing for an hour. All are welcome!**



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.

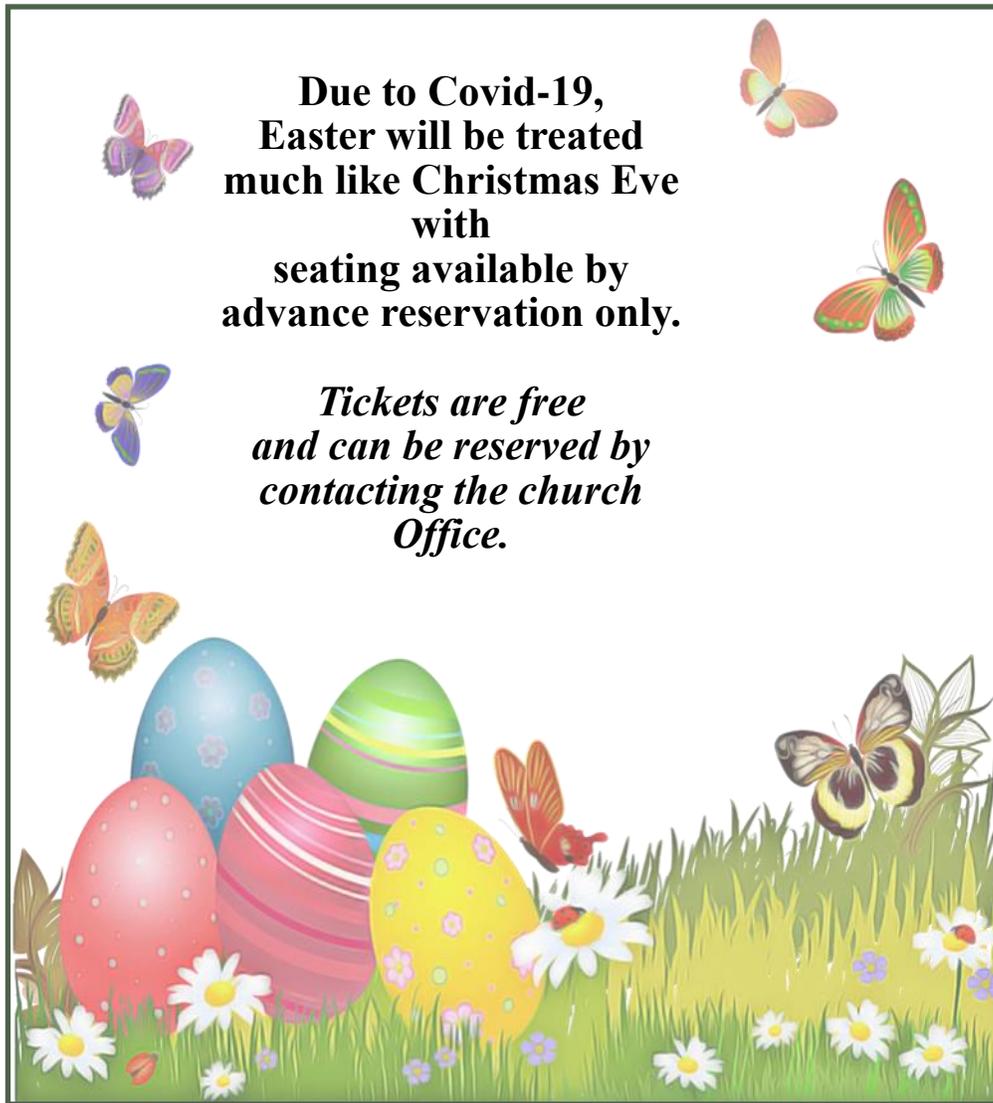
"This is my Body. This is my Blood!" Together all youth who have not yet received their first communion are welcome to join Pastor Bailey following worship as we prepare to gather around the Table of Holy Communion. Classes will take place following worship on Sunday March 14, 21, and 28 in the Dietz 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.



Celebrating Easter

Together we celebrate the glories of the Resurrection on Sunday:

April 4, at 10:00 a.m.



If you would like to order an Easter Lily to help beautify the Nave for Easter, you may do so using the Easter Lily envelopes provided in the lobby area or in the Church Office. Lily envelopes will be available beginning Sunday, March 7th.

Each lily will be \$10.

Completed envelopes may be brought to the Church Office.



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