



March 16-17, 2024
Lent 5

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

FELLOWSHIP PADS: We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

OFFERING: No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving. Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.



Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*HYMN "Restore in Us, O God"

#328



- 1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
- 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
- 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
- 4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

*GREETING

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

And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "God So Loved the World"

Senior Choir

8 am

READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL VERSE

Gospel Verses for Lent

Return To The Lord | Glory To You Oh Lord | Praise To You Oh Christ

Jonathan Rundman

♩ - 100

Bm D A E Bm D A E

Re-turn to the Lord, re-turn to the Lord, re-turn to the Lord your God for he is

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Bm D A E Bm D A E Bm

gra-tious and mer-ci-ful slow to an-ger and a-bounding in stead-fast love.

9

Bm D A E Bm D A E

Glo-ry to you Praise to you glo-ry to you praise to you glo-ry to you oh Lord Christ

13

Bm D A E Bm D A E Bm

Glo-ry to you Praise to you glo-ry to you praise to you glo-ry to you oh Lord Christ

***GOSPEL**

John 12:20-33

The Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON*****HYMN**

"Beautiful Things"

ACS #925

1 All this pain; I won - der if I'll
 2 All this earth; . . . could all that is
 3 All a - round, . . . hope is spring - ing

ev - er find my way. I won - der if my
 lost ev - er be found? . . . Could a gar - den
 up from this old ground. . . . Out of cha - os,

life could real - ly change at all.
 come up from this ground at all?
 life is be - ing found in you.

Refrain

You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti - ful things out of the dust.

You make beau - ti - ful things, you make beau-ti -

ful things out of us.

***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.

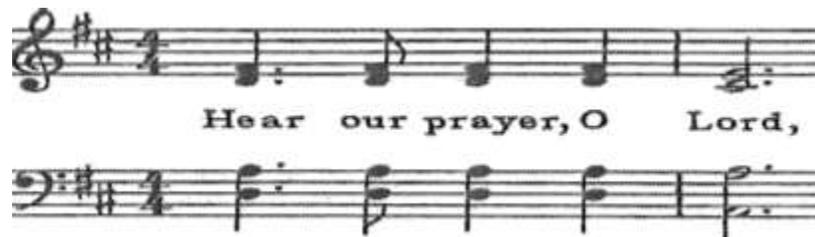
Amen.

***PRAYERS**

P: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

(sing refrain)



God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

(sing refrain)

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

(sing refrain)

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

(sing refrain)

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation and the congregation of our living faith partners at Bethany Mauston. Move us to reach out to any who are grieving, in treatment, or ill, and those who are isolated, alone, or homebound, especially Diane. Hear us, O God.

(sing refrain)

God of discipleship, you make your servants to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Layla, Brooklyn, and Drew as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. Hear us, O God.

(sing refrain)

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

(sing refrain)

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

MISSION MOMENT

*GREAT THANKSGIVING/HOLY HOLY HOLY

intro to The Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you. [C:] And also with you. [L:] Lift up your hearts. [C:] We

6 G D Em Bm⁷ G D
lift them to the Lord. [L:] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [C:] It is

9 Em Bm⁷ G D Em Bm⁷ G D
right to give God thanks and praise. [Proper Preface: repeat chord progression beneath prayer]

13 Holy Holy Holy
Em Bm⁷ G D Em Bm⁷ G D Em Bm⁷
[C:] Ho-ly ho-ly ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, hea-ven and earth are

18 G D Em Bm⁷ G D G A D G
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

23 G A G D Em Bm⁷ G D Em Bm⁷
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name

28 G D G A D G G A G D
of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

It is indeed our 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - ven, hal-low-ed be Thy name...

Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heav - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for-give us our

debts as we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp - ta-tion, but de - liv-er us from

e - vil, for Thine is the King-dom and the power and the

Glo - ry for - ev - er. A - - men.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

HOLY COMMUNION *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Both wine and grape juice is available – grape juice glasses are purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.

LAMB OF GOD

♩=100

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world.

5 Have mer - cy, mer - cy on us

9 Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world.

13 Oh grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN "As The Grains of Wheat" #465

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION

*BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace.

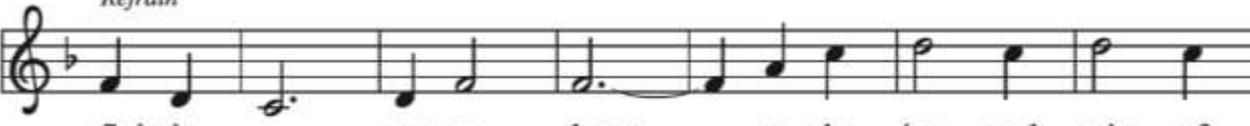
Amen.

*HYMN

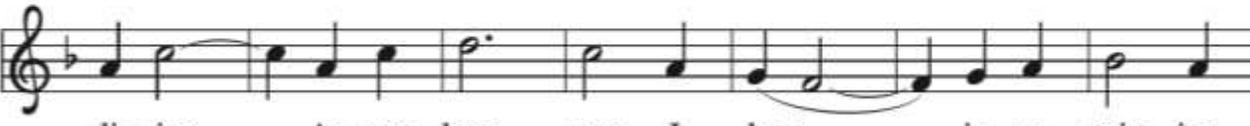
"Spirit, Open My Heart"

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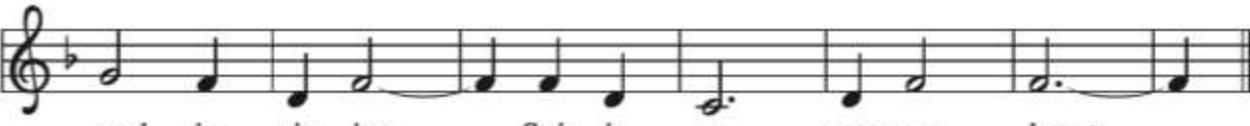
Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

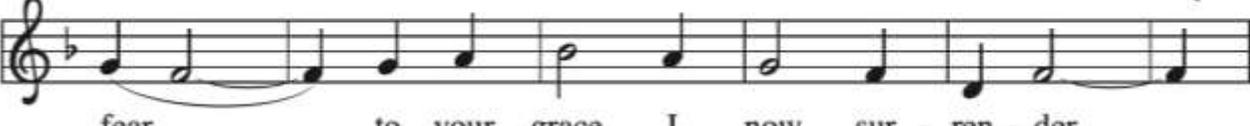


1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

***DISMISSAL** (*Done from the back of the church*)

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM

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Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

CARD MINISTRY - Please be sure to sign the card for this week's shut-in, Diane McClintock. The card is on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays! Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

6 p.m.

Ethan Quackenbush
Chad Vick
Vick Family

Worship Assistant
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

8 a.m.

Anya Tenner
Bill Jensen

Worship Assistant
Reader
Communion Assistant
Welcoming Team

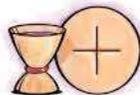
10:30 a.m.

Anna Witte
Melissa Haldeman
Jaime Fortier
Brian & Jen Linse

Home Communion
Altar Guild for March

Carol & Scott Thompson
Susan Giblin / Jill Iliff

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION **Sunday, March 17 - 1:30-3PM**



Learn about the Sacrament, finish your communion cup, and bake some “unleavened” bread. **Parents** are asked to **join us!** For more information see Pastor Jean or Pastor Jon. Our students will receive communion for the first time during worship on Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7 PM.

HUNGRY JAR OFFERING FOR MARCH **Feed Our Children – Summer Lunch Program**

It’s hard to believe, but we are already thinking ahead to summer and getting ready to serve lunch to the children in the community. Our March Hungry Jar offerings will help support this ministry to feed the children nutritious meals.



Last year (with lots of community help and support), we fed around 175 kids twice a week. That’s close to 4,000 meals over the summer!

Watch for more information as it gets closer to see how you, too, can be a part of this important ministry by sharing of your time and resources to help prepare and serve the lunches, and provide specific items that will be included in the meals.

WEEKLY WATER FACT - Americans use 5.7 billion gallons per day from toilet flushes. If everyone in the U.S. flushed just one less time per day, we could save a lake of water about one mile long, one mile wide, and four feet deep.

Lenten Worship – "It's "Round Robin" Season! **Wednesday- March 20 @ 6:15 PM**

Worship featuring Holden Evening Prayer, with a message focusing on the “wandering heart” of the Apostle Peter.

An added treat this year is different voices! We are joining several congregations in a “round robin,” as Pastor Jon travels...and other pastors join us to share the message!

March 20 – “Teach me”

(Pr Kary Jonas, Prince of Peace, La Crescent)



We will have a simple meal, along with dessert, prior to the service each week at 5:30 PM.

Check out the March newsletter (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) to find out more.



Palm Sunday

Saturday/6 PM & Sunday/8 + 10:30 AM

Holy Communion worship

Hearing the story of passion, sacrifice, and death ...

Maundy Thursday

7 PM Holy Communion with the
Stripping of the Altar as all is barren ...

Good Friday

1:30 PM Service of the Word
Pondering the Seven Last Words ...

8 PM Service of Tenebrae
The story ... as light descends into darkness ...

Holy Week evening services will be livestreamed and recorded.

Easter Sunday

Festive Celebration of Holy Communion
6:30 + 8:30 + 10:30 AM
(NO Saturday worship)

Easter breakfast 7:30-8:30 AM

Surprise! New life in absolute abundance!



Come and join us...

Easter Breakfast!

7:30-8:30 AM

Coffee & Juice
Sausages + Fruit
Sweet rolls



A light breakfast as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and give thanks to God for the many gifts of life, including a simple meal, gathered together! Donation baskets to cover the expenses will be on each table.