

"When the Lord Jesus brought Lazarus back from the dead, He used one line: 'Lazarus, come forth.' He said nothing aside from this—what do these words represent?

**They represent that God can accomplish anything through speaking, including resurrecting a dead man."**



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Setting Ten

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 will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

## Prelude



### Confession and forgiveness

**P.** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. .

**C. Amen.**

**P.** Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection. You may sit, stand or kneel for the Confession.*

Holy God,

**C. we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen**

**P.** Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**C. Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

ELW 858

### The Greeting

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

**C. And also with you.**

# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



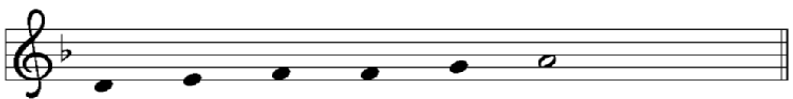
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

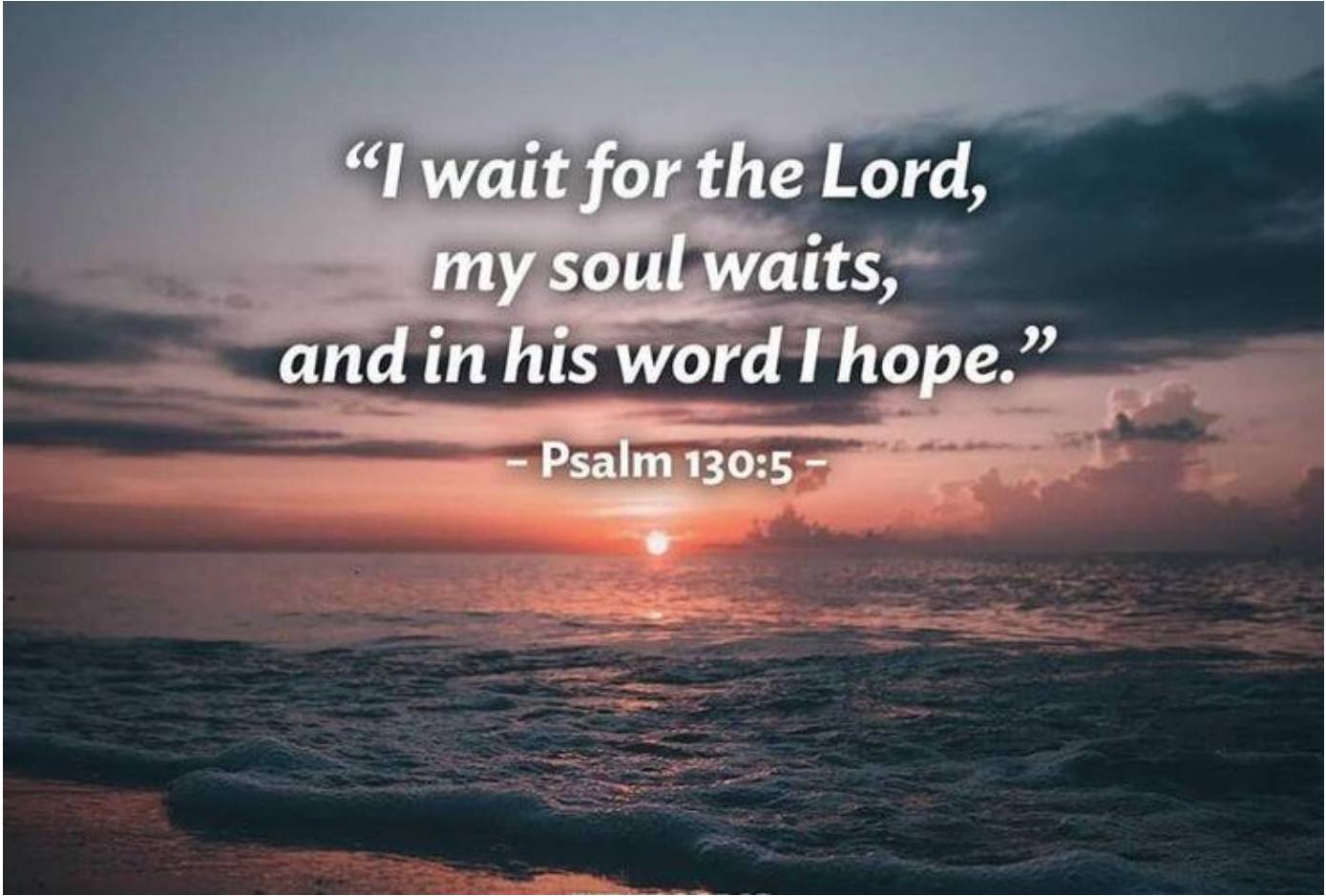


A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

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.



***“I wait for the Lord,  
my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope.”***

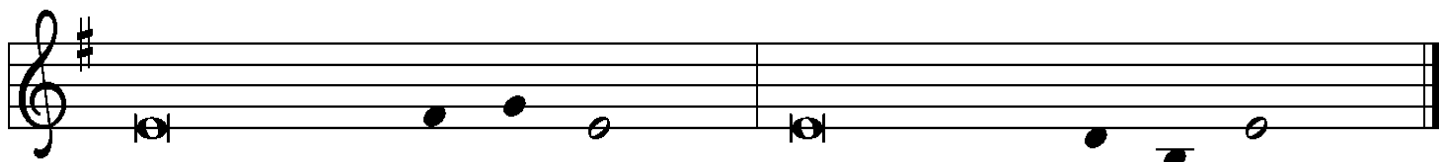
**– Psalm 130:5 –**

**Psalmody**

**Psalm 130**

**(ELW Tone 8)**

**chanted responsively**



Out <sup>↑</sup> of the depths  
I cry to <sup>↑</sup> you, O LORD;

**O LORD, <sup>↑</sup> hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my <sup>↑</sup> supplication.**

If you were to keep watch<sup>1</sup> over sins,  
O LORD, <sup>1</sup> who could stand?

**Yet with you<sup>1</sup> is forgiveness,  
in order that you<sup>1</sup> may be feared.**

I wait for you, O LORD; <sup>1</sup> my soul waits;  
in your word <sup>1</sup> is my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch<sup>1</sup> for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch<sup>1</sup> for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is <sup>1</sup> steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plen- <sup>1</sup> teous redemption.

**For the LORD shall <sup>1</sup> redeem Israel  
from <sup>1</sup> all their sins.**

#### Lenten Acclamation (2x)



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.

**P.** The holy gospel according to John, chapter eleven.

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

#### John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 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." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" 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. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen

asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

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.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 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. 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.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 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.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 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.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 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.”

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.**



## *Affirmation of Faith* (Inspired by the words of Isaiah 58)

We believe in a God who chooses freedom,  
 who unties every rope and carries our burdens.  
 We believe in a God who ushers in the poor and the hungry,  
 who has a seat saved for all of us.  
 We believe in a God whose love is like the sun,  
 who says, "I'm here, I'm here!" every time we cry.  
 We believe in a God who walks before us in the parched places,  
 who rescues our bones, who tends to us like a gardener.  
 And because we believe,  
 we strive to choose love.  
 Because we believe,  
 we strive to pursue justice.  
 Because we believe . . .

*Amen*

### Prayers of Intercession

**A.** Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe, and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them.

Merciful God,

**C. receive our prayer**

**P.** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C. Amen.**

## The Peace

P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
May His peace be with you always.

C. And also with you.



## The Offering

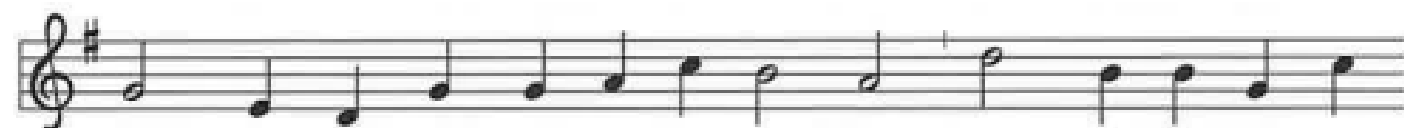
Anthem

*When Jesus Wept* ~ W. Billings

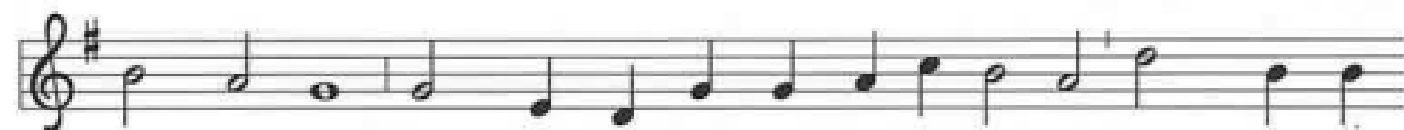
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## Offertory

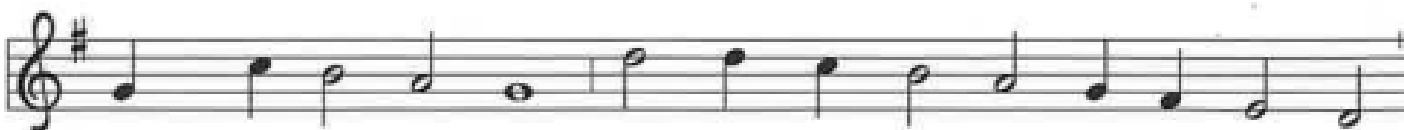
### *Father, We Thank You*



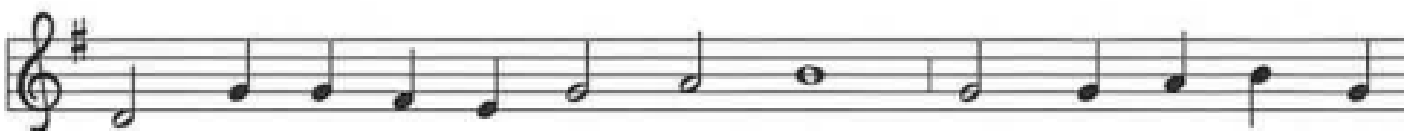
1 Fa - ther, we thank you that you plant - ed your ho - ly name with -  
2 Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,



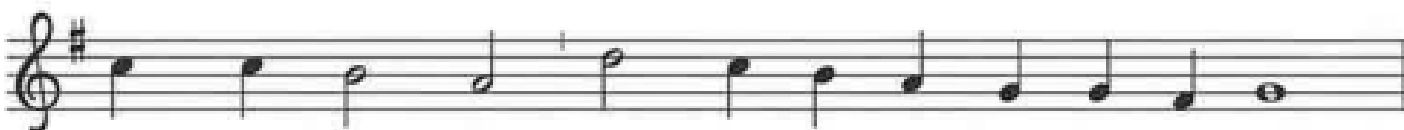
in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus your  
guard it still; per - fect it in your love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -



Son to us im - parts. Lord, you have made all for your plea - sure,  
formed un - to your will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,



and giv'n us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands your



bread e - ter - nal; yours is the pow'r, yours be the praise.  
church be gath - ered in - to your king - dom by your Son.



## Offertory Prayer

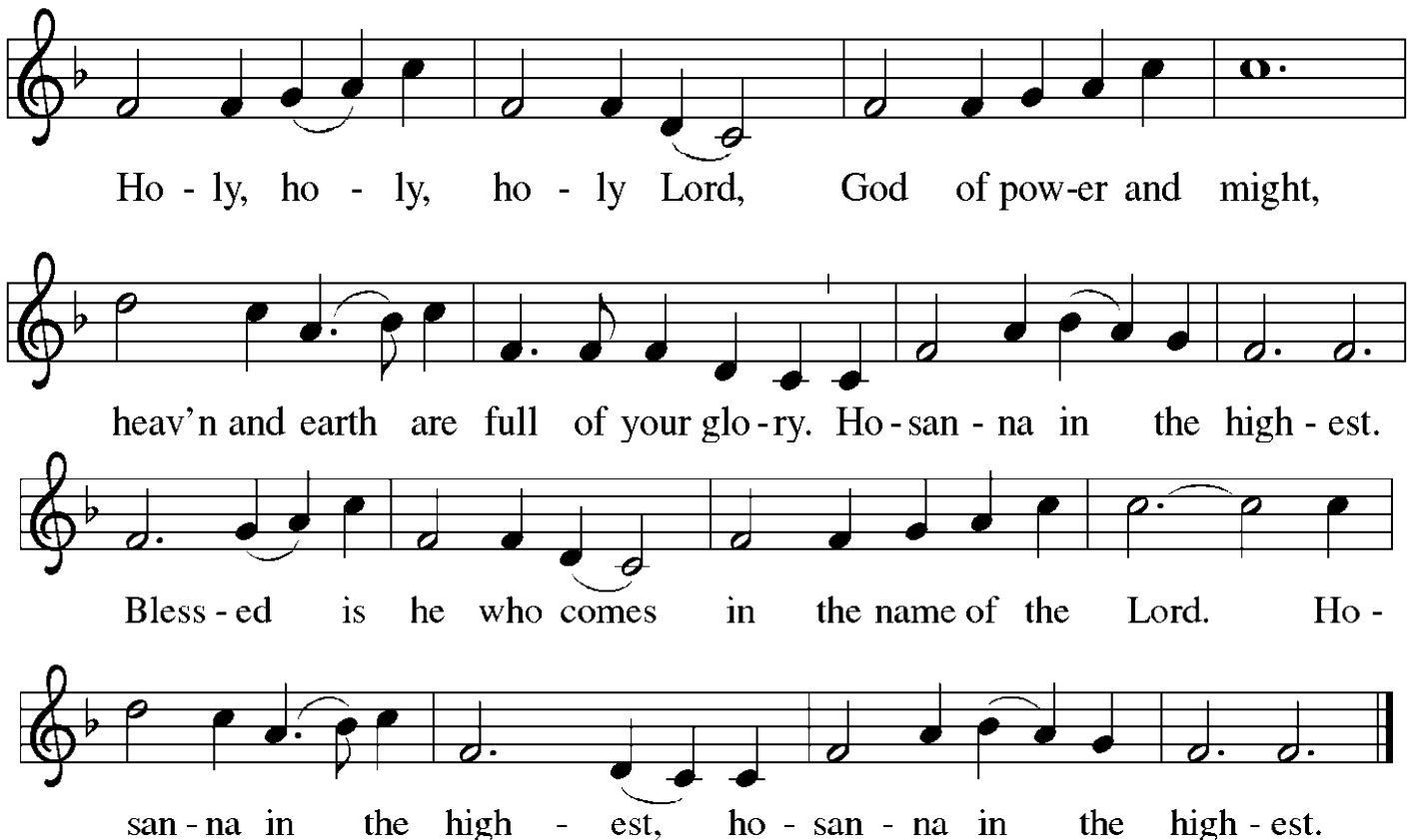
- A. God of good gifts, receive these all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
- C. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

- 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 . . .

GIVE  
Thanks  
with a  
GRATEFUL  
heart

## The 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.



## Lenten Eucharistic Prayer

(We Sing)

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

## Invitation to Communion

P. Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

C. Amen.

## Lamb of God



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 Hymns

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death* ELW 452

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ELW 338

*We Who Once Were Dead* ELW 495



## Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

**P.** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C.** Amen.

## Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

**Post Communion Prayer**

- A. Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.
- C. Amen.

**The Blessing**

- P. God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.
- C. Amen.

**Sending Hymn** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* ELW 324

**Dismissal**

- A. Go in peace. Serve in love.
- C. Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Brad Hunnicutt

After Worship Fellowship Today  
Delicious Ole Time Barbecue Plates.

Donations to American Cancer Society Graciously Accepted



**Candles** for the month of March  
are given by Sheryll Albert  
in honor of Harry Albert  
and his family.



*Servers for Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>*

- Assisting Minister..... Sylvia Lambert
- Altar Guild ..... Grace Barnes
- Greeters / Counters ..... Tim Clark / Shannon Thomsen
- Acolyte ..... Antonio Smith



# Upcoming Events

## Mar 26 **Relay for Life Fundraiser** – in Fellowship Hall

- Silent Auction - Start looking for your treasures to donate NOW
- Reverse Raffle - 75 cards will be available for a \$5 donation; numbers will be called one at a time, the last 2 cards on the board will be a \$10 prize for second to last, and \$50 prize for the last card on the board
- Delicious Ole Time Barbecue Plates – Donations to the American Cancer Society accepted



Mar 29      6:00 pm      Simple Supper  
                  7:00 pm      Lenten Worship  
                  7:30 pm      Choir Practice



Apr 2            9:00 am      Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
                  10:00 am      Worship Service –



Apr 6            7:00 pm

Apr 7            7:00 pm

