

8:30 Service, March 13, 2022 - First Sunday in Lent

**THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**Prelude** *Andantino* by Cesar Franck

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: We worship in the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and give us new hearts.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we fail to live for your Word. We turn away from you and towards the influencers of our world that would have us place our trust in them. We fall into temptation and seek to self-justify our thoughts and actions. We do not see clearly the need of our neighbors. When we seek need our actions or inactive often contribute to their pain rather than free them from suffering. We do not want to rely on you. In your compassion forgive our sin and uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. By the authority of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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**

*WL: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

*WL: For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*WL: For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*WL: Help, save, and defend us, O God.*

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

*WL: Let us Pray,*

**C: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share 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.**

***GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG***

**FIRST READING**      **Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18**

**SECOND READING**   **Psalm 27**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**            ***Return To God***

**Return to God with  
all your heart, the Source  
of grace and mercy;  
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

**GOSPEL**                      **Luke 13: 31-35**  
After the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**   **Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth (ELW #727)**

- 1**   **Lord Christ, when first you came to earth,  
upon a cross they bound you,  
and mocked your saving kingship's worth  
by thorns with which they crowned you.  
And still our wrongs may fashion now  
new thorns to pierce that steady brow,  
and robe of sorrow round you.**
- 2**   **O awesome Love, which finds no room  
in life where sin denies you,  
and, doomed to death, shall bring to doom  
the pow'r that crucifies you,  
till not a stone is left on stone,  
and then the nations' pride, o'erthrown,  
will nevermore defy you!**
- 3**   **New advent of the love of Christ,  
will we again refuse you,  
till in the night of hate and war  
we perish as we lose you?  
From ancient doubts our minds release**

to seek the kingdom of your peace,  
by which alone we choose you.

4 O wounded hands of Jesus, build  
in us your new creation;  
our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled;  
we wait your revelation.  
O Love that triumphs over loss,  
we bring our hearts before your cross;  
come, finish your salvation.

#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

*WL: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:*

**C:** 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 into hell.

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.

**THE PRAYERS** *WL: Lord in your mercy,*  
**C:** Hear our prayer.

#### **SHARING A SIGN OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C:** And also with you!

#### **GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST**

**OFFERING** Ministry Team Update - Fellowship Team

**OFFERATORY** *Chorale* by Cesar Franck

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** Merciful God,

**C:** as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, ho let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#### **SANCTUS**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Lamb of God*

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin  
of the world:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us,  
mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin  
of the world:  
grant us peace,  
grant us peace,  
grant us peace.

*On Eagle's Wings* (ELW #787)

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

- 4 For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

*Final refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand;  
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

### BLESSING

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you God's peace. Amen.

### CLOSING SONG      *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (ELW #553)

- 1    **Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true and only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.**
  
- 2    **Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**
  
- 3    **Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.**

### SENDING

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER with a member of the Creator Cares team

POSTLUDE *Allegretto* by Cesar Franck

*Music by Nancy Betz*

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