St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

March 1, 2026: The Second Sunday in Lent
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

~~ Everyone is WELCOME here, for everyone is beloved by GOD ~~

Lent is season of preparation for Easter through spiritual self-examination, fasting from harmful practices or substances, giving to the needy, setting aside more time for prayer and Bible study, and generally trying to give Jesus a central place in our lives. Today, our Gospel readings switch from Matthew to John (four weeks of "great conversations with Jesus"). A Pharisee named Nicodemus is curious and wants to ask Jesus some questions. He is left wondering how to be "born again" by the Holy Spirit. Our other lessons focus on Abraham and his family, and the faith it took to follow a God they barely knew.

New to our church? We'd love to get better acquainted. Please leave your name and email or phone number in one of our guestbooks, located at both entrances of the worship space; or by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew.

All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here, no questions asked. Today, we offer home-made Bread that is NOT gluten-free, but rice wafers are available, just ask the priest. Bread may be dipped into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice that follows. Or neither: just cross your arms over your chest. You may also ask a blessing from the priest.

Hymn # These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.
WLP # These hymns are located in the green hymnal books that will be handed out.

Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____

Processional Hymn #488 _____ *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

A Penitential Order, beginning with the Decalogue

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation:

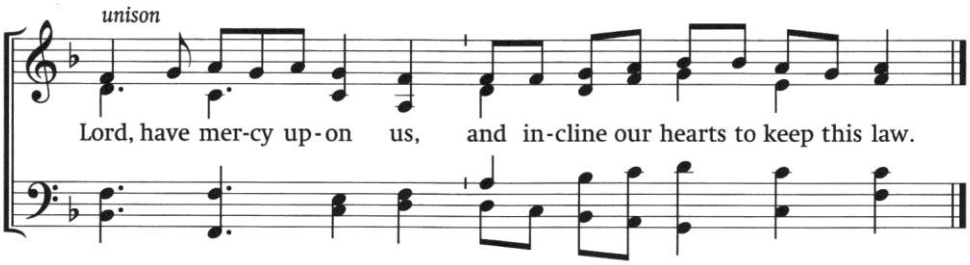
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Presider Hear the commandments of God to his people.

The people may kneel, or remain standing, through the Collect of the Day.

(1) I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Sung response for commandments 1–9



(2) You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(3) You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(4) Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(5) Honor your father and your mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(6) You shall not murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(7) You shall not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

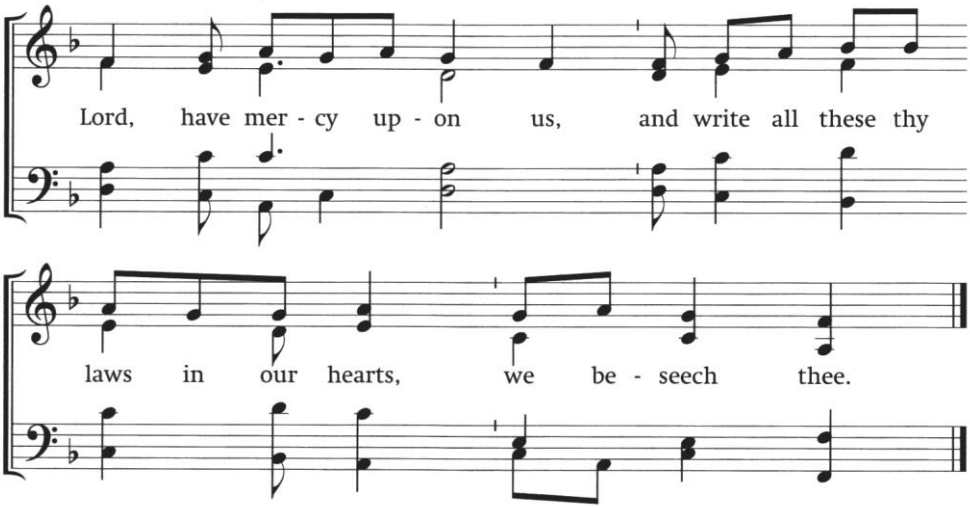
(8) You shall not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

(9) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

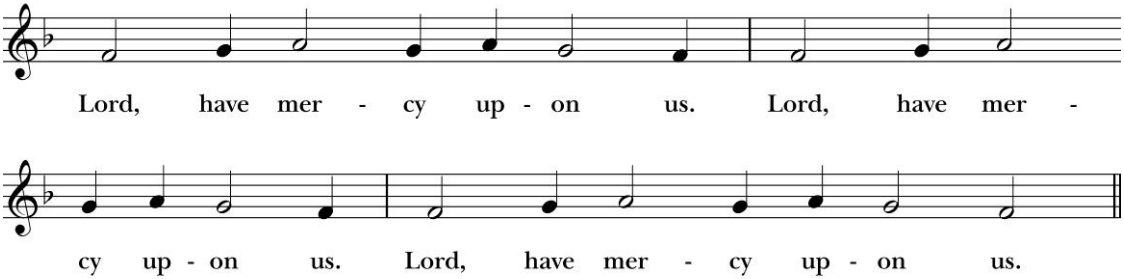
(10) You shall not covet.



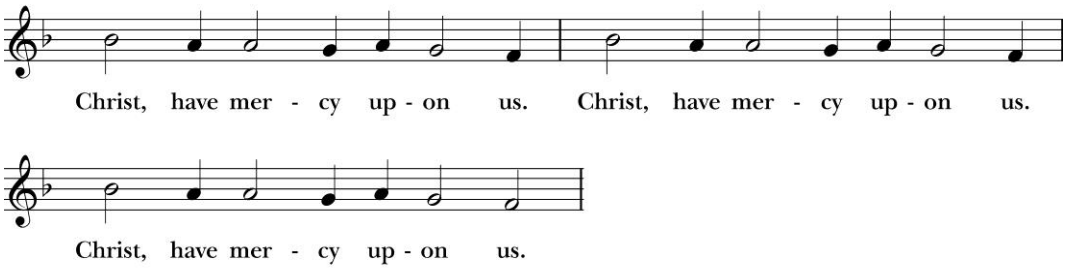
Confession of Sin _____*source: Church of England*

Deacon You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins,
and are in love and charity with your neighbors,
and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God
and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:
draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to almighty God.
Silence

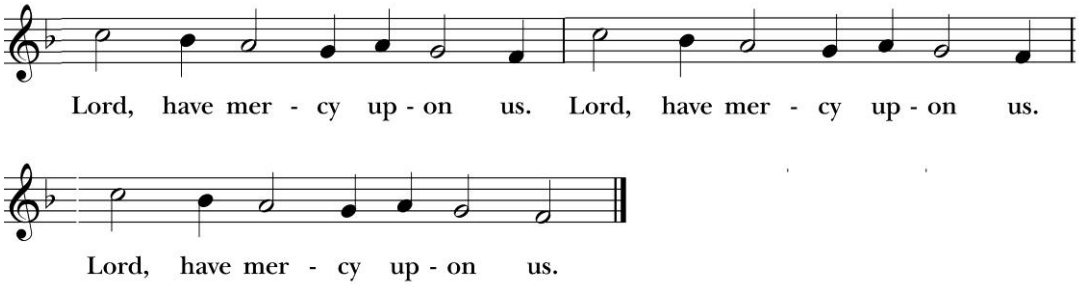
Deacon In the wilderness we find your grace;
Response **You love us with an everlasting love.**



Deacon There is none but you to uphold our cause;
Response **Our sin cries out and our guilt is great.**



Deacon Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;
Response **Restore us and we shall know your joy.**



Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray together.
All **O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated.

The First Reading _____ *Genesis 12:1-4a*

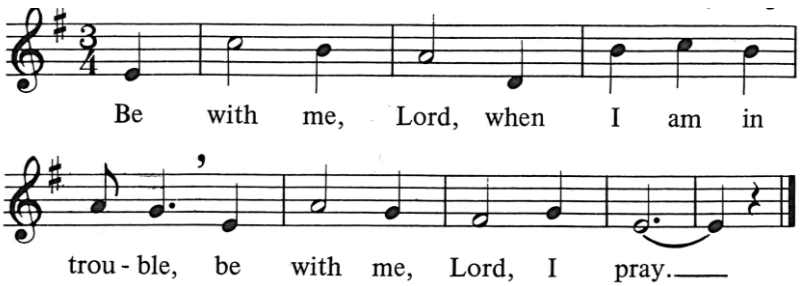
Reader A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 121*

The congregation joins in the Antiphon:



1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep. *ANTIPHON*

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore. *ANTIPHON*

The Second Reading_____ *Romans 5:12-19*

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned~ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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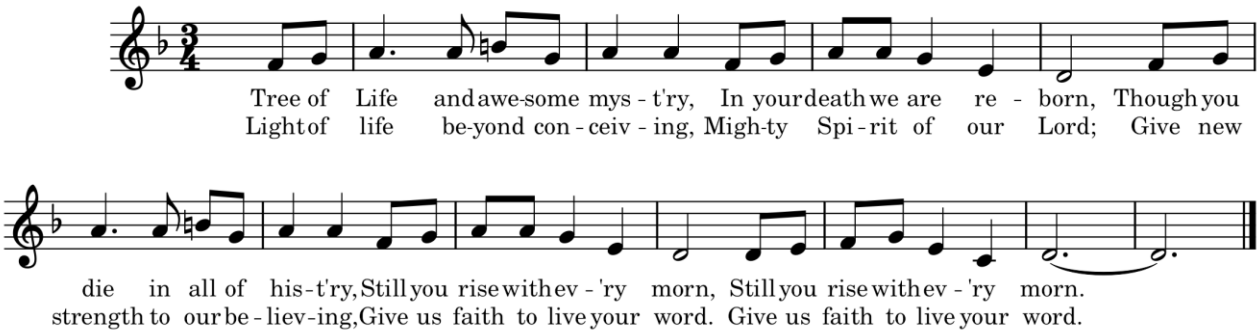
Sequence Hymn, *throughout Lent* _____ *Tree of Life*



The Gospel Reading *Please remain standing* _____ *John 3:1-17*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever

believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn, *third verse of "Tree of Life" (previous page)* _____

In our call to be a blessing, May we be a blessing true;
May we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do,
Christ as Lord of all we do.

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____*Rev. Susan Anslow Williams*

A time of silent reflection follows the Sermon

The Nicene Creed *Please stand, as able* _____

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People in Lent

Deacon With bowed heads and humble hearts, let us make known our hopes and needs to God, who gives us new birth through the Holy Spirit.

Leader We pray for the whole church, that the fasting of these forty days may clear away much that needlessly divides us. Open our eyes to the unity and opportunities we share in Christ Jesus our Lord. Especially we pray for all who are preparing to be born again through baptism at Easter. *Silence*
God of all mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those who lead us in faith, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, Anne our assisting Bishop, the leaders of our diocese and parish, and our ecumenical partners in ministry. *Silence*
God of all mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for all who suffer now because of war, poverty, injustice, or climate change. Turn the hearts of the wealthy and powerful away from selfish goals, and guide them into your ways of peace and equity. *Silence*
God of all mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those who yearn for healing, both physical and spiritual: people who are hurting, weakened, confused, or depressed. Especially we lift up those on our Prayer List, and others we name aloud… *Silence*
God of all mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those near death, those who have died, and all who mourn for

loved ones; especially remembering those we name… That with all the saints, they are at peace in eternal light. *Silence*
God of all mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Presider Lord God, in this world you love, but where goodness and evil continue to clash with each other, instill in us discernment to see what is right, faith to believe what is right, and courage to do what is right, through the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace _____

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you!**
Let us share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.

Milestones and Announcements _____

Stump the Priest! _____ *Answering your questions*

The Offertory _____

If you wish to give online, point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right and tap the webpage that pops up. It will take you to the St. Jude's online giving form.

Offertory Anthem _____ *God So Loved the World*

The Doxology *Please stand & join in singing* _____

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving *Please remain standing, as able* *source: Church of England*

Presider The Lord is with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

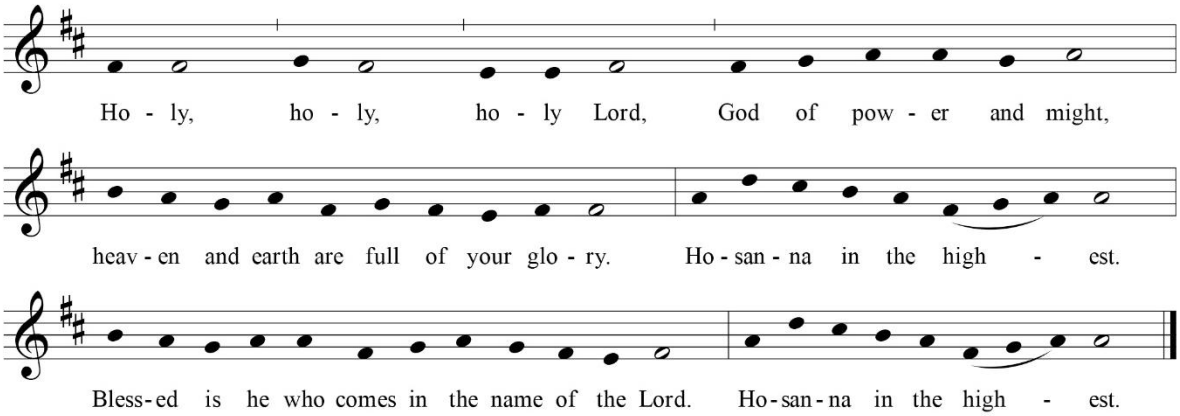
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God our Creator, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world, and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendor of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds, we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus, #S-124 _____ *setting by D. Hurd*



The congregation may kneel or stand as the priest continues

Accept our praises, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit + these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:**
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Presider Accept through Christ, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, + inspire us with your love, and unite us in the body of Christ Jesus.

Through whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen!**

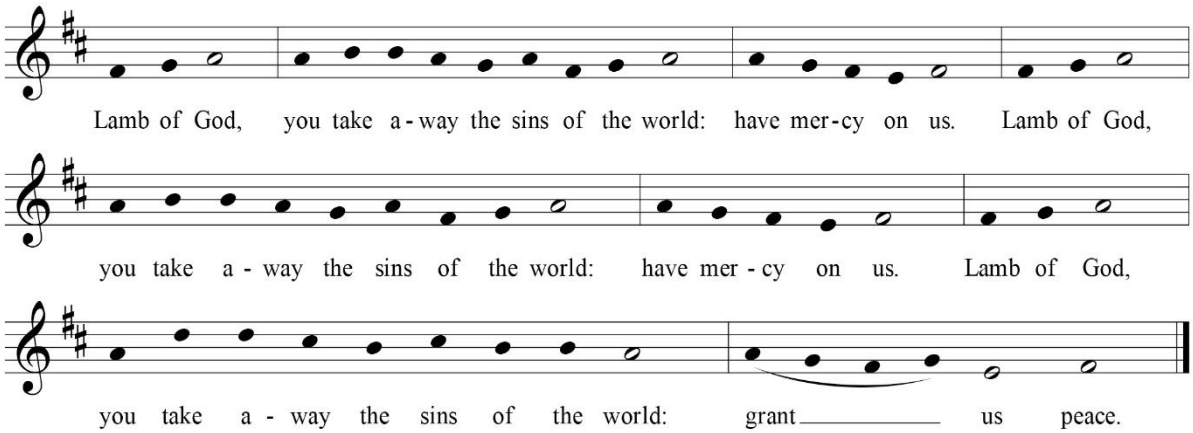
Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lords Prayer

All **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread, *silence follows*

At the Fraction: Agnus Dei _____ *setting by D. Hurd*



Invitation to Communion _____

Priest The feast is prepared, a banquet beyond measure or price.
Christ meets us here in our brokenness so that none may be lost,
and invites all who hunger for God to stretch out their hands to receive him.

Deacon These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

The Communion _____

All are welcome *but no one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, please cross your arms across your chest indicating you would like to receive a blessing instead. Today we are blessing gluten-free bread. The wine may be sipped from the chalice, or wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.*

Communion Hymns

Hymnal #508 _____ *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

WLP #764_____ *As we gather at your table*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand or kneel* _____ *Source: Church of England*

Presider Let us pray.

All **We thank you, loving God,**
that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people.
Empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as faithful disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Solemn Prayer, *in place of the Blessing during Lent* _____

Deacon Let us bow down before the Lord.
Silent prayer

Presider Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go Forth!

Sending Out Hymn: WLP #805 _____ *I want Jesus to walk with me*

Sending Out _____

The Deacon dismisses the congregation, and the people respond: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude _____

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Thursdays during Lent (Feb. 26, March 5, 2, 19, 26) at 6 pm: Simple Suppers We're the hosts this year, as folks from First Presbyterian Church will cross Elizabeth Street and come for soup, salad and bread; and our series watching episodes from Season 5 of "The Chosen. " Don't worry if you haven't watched before – we will provide an overview of the characters, and consider the Bible passages being dramatized. This season is all about Holy Week. We know what's going to happen to Jesus – how will it be scripted and presented on the screen, for a wide range of viewers? Sign up in Vandenbergh Hall to come and to help provide soup, salad or bread (two of each per night, from both churches). A few people are needed to help set up and clean up, too. We'll begin and finish with prayer and be out by 8 pm.

Lenten Well Project

The Outreach Committee has decided to support St. Dunstan's in Davison with their well project in Kenya for Lent this year. This past Sunday, February 22nd, representatives from St. Dunstan's came and presented a power point with an opportunity for Q&;A during coffee hour. Donations may be made in the Wishing Well on the coffee hour table, or online using the QR code throughout the season of Lent.

Spring School Lunch

Our Spring School Lunch Program will take place on Saturday, March 28th. You can help out by bringing in pancake syrup or instant oatmeal. We will need 40 of each item. There will be a box in the library to drop them off. You can also sign up to help distribute food. This will be the 18th year we have provided groceries to families of Fenton and Linden students who are in need of assistance during spring break.

Prayer List

Pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Anne, our Assisting Bishop; for all lay and ordained leaders in the Diocese of the Great Lakes; for Susan, our Priest-in-Charge; for Judy, our Deacon; for the Vestry.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Francis of Assisi, Shelbyville - Steve Shoemaker, Senior Warden; All non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors serving in our congregations

Our prayers for healing and comfort are asked for: Donald, Chuck, Molly, Evelyn, Marcia, Matt, Jenny, Jerry, Harvey, Melissa, Brian, Abby, Marilyn, Jeri, Pam, Ron, Tim, Tony, Emily Jane, Bobby, Gay, Mary Ellen, Wayne, Francine.

Serving at the Liturgy	Today	Next Sunday
Presider	Rev. Susan A. Williams	Rev. Susan A. Williams
Assisting	Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco	Rev Dcn Judy Marinco
Choir Director	Katie Young	Katie Young
Eucharistic Minister	Dee Grossmann	Clay Putnam
Intinction Cup	Clay Putnam	Dave Rayner
Reader	Dave James	Amy Freeman
Prayers	Deb James	Rev. H. Wayne Knotts
Ushers	Lynne R., Nancy Day	Dave & Denise Rayner
Live-streamer	Lynn Hopper	Paul Dolza
Vestry of the Day	Dave James	Sue Premo
Altar Guild	Sarah D., Lisa Cronk	Mary Louise S., Diane H.
Coffee Hour	Johnstons	Heather Ludwig

This Week at St. Jude's

Tuesday, 3/3	1 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry	Library
Wednesday, 3/4	6 pm: Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, 3/5	6 pm: Lenten Supper w/1st Pres	Vandenbergh Hall
Saturday, 3/7	9 am – Noon: Basic Needs Pantry	Elizabeth St. Entrance

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