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***Our mission is to share the Good  
News of grace and love with all  
through worship, service, and  
fellowship.***

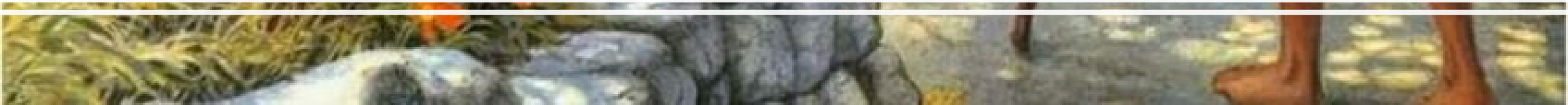


***Our Vision:***

***Joy is a spiritual community  
sharing the love of Christ in a  
challenging world.***



***Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ March 30, 2025***



**PRELUDE:**

Who You Say I Am

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the  
assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



**P** Compassionate One,

**C** you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.





**C** We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.  
Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.

**Amen.**

**P** Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide



**P** to welcome the wandering ones home.  
In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.  
You have a place in God's house forever.

**C** Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN: *ELW # 807-"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"***

**1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.**



**2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
"Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.**



**3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.**

# GREETING

**P** The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**KYRIE:**

***“In Peace, let us pray to the Lord”- ELW page 138***

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.



**P** 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.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and  
praise, let us pray to the Lord.





**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us Pray.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

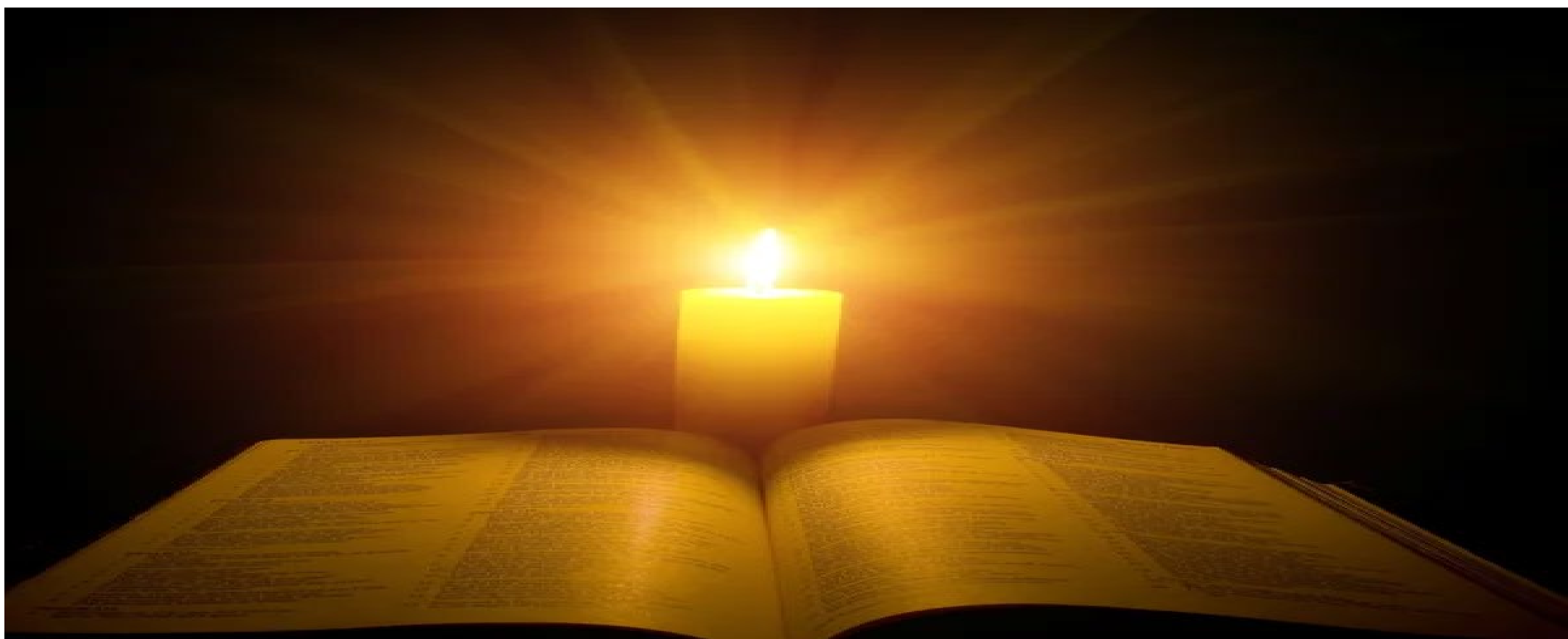
**C** God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Joshua**

**5:9-12**

***Israel eats  
bread and  
grain, the  
produce of  
the land***





**P** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM 32-*"How Blessed Is He"***

- 1. How blessed is he whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n,  
whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.  
Blessed he to whom Jehovah will not impute his sin,  
who has a guileless spirit whose heart is true within.**



**2. While I kept guilty silence, my strength was spent  
with grief;  
your hand was heavy on me, my soul found no  
relief.  
But when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not  
from you,  
when I confessed transgression, then you forgavest  
me.**



**3. So let the godly seek you in times where you are  
near;  
no whelming floods shall reach them, nor cause  
their hearts to fear.  
In you, O Lord, I hide me, you savest me from ill,  
and songs of your salvation my heart with rapture  
thrill.**



**4. "I graciously will teach you the way that you shall go,  
and with my eye upon you my counsel make you know.  
But do not be unruly or slow to understand;  
be not perverse, but willing to heed my wise command."**





**5. The sorrows of the wicked in number shall abound, but those that trust Jehovah, his mercy shall surround.**

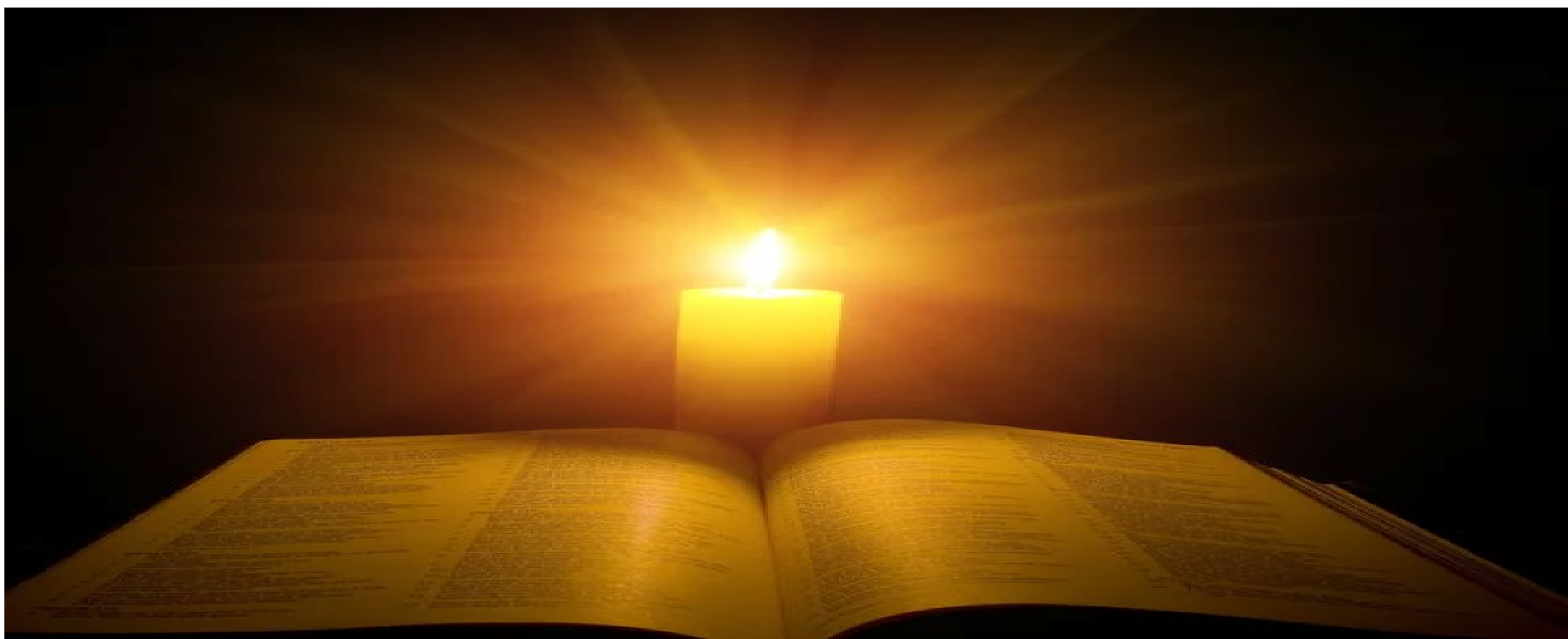
**Then in the LORD be joyful, in song lift up your voice;**

**be glad in God, you righteous; rejoice, you saints, rejoice.**

**2 Corinthians  
5:16-21**

***The mystery  
and ministry  
of  
reconciliation***





**P** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# **SPECIAL MUSIC: 8:15 AM**



***“Deep Were His Wounds” -- Arr. Thomas Keesecker***

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**11:00 AM**



"Alas, and Did  
My Savior Bleed"

**JOY Choir**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:– “Return to the Lord, Your God”**  
***ELW Page 142***

**Return to the Lord, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast  
love,  
and abounding in steadfast love.**



**P** The Holy  
Gospel  
according to  
  
Luke  
15:1-3, 11b-32

**C** Glory to  
you O Lord.

*(Gospel is Read)*



**P**

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

**C**

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.



***TODAY'S  
MESSAGE  
GIVEN BY***

***PASTOR  
ART WUERTZ***



**SILENCE FOR  
REFLECTION**



*Hymn of the Day: ELW # 606-“Our Father, We Have Wandered”*

**1 Our Father, we have wandered  
and hidden from your face;  
in foolishness have squandered  
your legacy of grace.**

**But now, in exile dwelling,  
we rise with fear and shame,  
as, distant but compelling,  
we hear you call our name.**



**2 And now at length discerning  
the evil that we do,  
behold us, Lord, returning  
with hope and trust to you.  
In haste you come to meet us  
and home rejoicing bring,  
in gladness there to greet us  
with calf and robe and ring.**



**3 O Lord of all the living,  
both banished and restored,  
compassionate, forgiving,  
and ever-caring Lord,  
grant now that our transgressing,  
our faithlessness may cease.  
Stretch out your hand in blessing,  
in pardon, and in peace.**

# NICENE CREED

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and  
the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**



**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,**



**who 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**



# Passing of the Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*(Share the sign of peace in the manner you feel most comfortable.)*



# OFFERTORY:



***John Ireland***

**CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY:**

***ELW # 811-"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"***

**On my heart imprint your image,  
blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
that life's troubles nor its pleasures  
ever may your work erase.**

**Let the clear inscription be:**

**Jesus, crucified for me,  
is my life, my hope's foundation,  
all my glory and salvation!**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**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.**



**“It is indeed right...”**

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**SANCTUS: “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” – ELW Page 144**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow’r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

# **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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** All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.
- C** AMEN.

***ALL baptized Christians are welcome to  
receive the Lord's Supper.***

***Gluten-free wafers (distributed by Assistant Minister) and grape juice (Clear juice in  
center of tray) are also offered, if desired.***

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

# DISTRIBUTION MEDLEY: 11:00 AM



***“Deep Were His Wounds” arr. Thomas Keesecker***



# ***ELW # 712-"Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service"***

**1 Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift which you impart.**



**2 Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.**



**3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.**



**4    Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.**

# ***ELW # 770-"Give Me Jesus"***

**1 In the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
give me Jesus.**

## ***Refrain***

**Give me Jesus,  
give me Jesus.  
You may have all the rest,  
give me Jesus.**



**2 Dark midnight was my cry,  
dark midnight was my cry,  
dark midnight was my cry,  
give me Jesus.**

***Refrain***

**Give me Jesus,  
give me Jesus.**

**You may have all the rest,  
give me Jesus.**



**3 Just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day,  
give me Jesus.**

***Refrain***

**Give me Jesus,  
give me Jesus.**

**You may have all the rest,  
give me Jesus.**



**4 Oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
give me Jesus.**

***Refrain***

**Give me Jesus,  
give me Jesus.  
You may have all the rest,  
give me Jesus.**





**5 And when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing,  
give me Jesus.**

***Refrain***

**Give me Jesus,  
give me Jesus.  
You may have all the rest,  
give me Jesus.**

# ***ACS # 1040-"Love Has Brought Us Here Together"***

**1 Love has brought us here together;  
love of fam'ly, love of friends;  
love, our vow till death should part us;  
love, God's gift, that never ends.  
From our birth, throughout our lifetime,  
love's insistence calls our name.  
Floods of waters cannot drown it  
or put out its dancing flame.**



**2 Love is gentle, love is patient,  
soft in words and kind in deeds.  
Love is strong and never pompous;  
love puts first the other's needs.  
Not quick-tempered or resentful,  
prone to take offense or brood,  
love excels in grace and mercy,  
never jealous, never rude.**



**3 Love does not rejoice at evil;  
love rejoices in the right.  
Keen in giving and forgiving,  
spreading love is love's delight.  
When two people pledge their union,  
all who witness are renewed,  
feasting at love's earthly banquet,  
tasting heav'n's beatitude.**

**COMMUNION BLESSING:** *(Please Stand)*

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

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us  
new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace  
in our communities, that your liberating love  
might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

**C** Amen.

# BLESSING:

**P** God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✝ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

***“Who You Say I Am”***

**SENDING HYMN:**

**1 Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me**





# **Chorus 1**

**Who the Son sets free**

**Oh is free indeed**

**I'm a child of God**

**Yes I am**



**2 Free at last**

**He has ransomed me**

**His grace runs deep**

**While I was a slave to sin**

**Jesus died for me**

**Yes He died for me**



# **Chorus 1**

**Who the Son sets free**

**Oh is free indeed**

**I'm a child of God**

**Yes I am**



## **Chorus 2**

**In my Father's house**

**There's a place for me**

**I'm a child of God**

**Yes I am**



# **Bridge**

**I am chosen not forsaken**

**I am who You say I am**

**You are for me not against me**

**I am who You say I am**



## **Bridge**

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## **Tag**

**(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am**



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## **Chorus 2**

**In my Father's house**

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**Yes I am**



# SENDING:

- A** Go in peace.  
Care for others as God cares for you.
  
- C** Thanks be to God.

***“Praise to the Lord Our God”- com. Lani Smith***



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