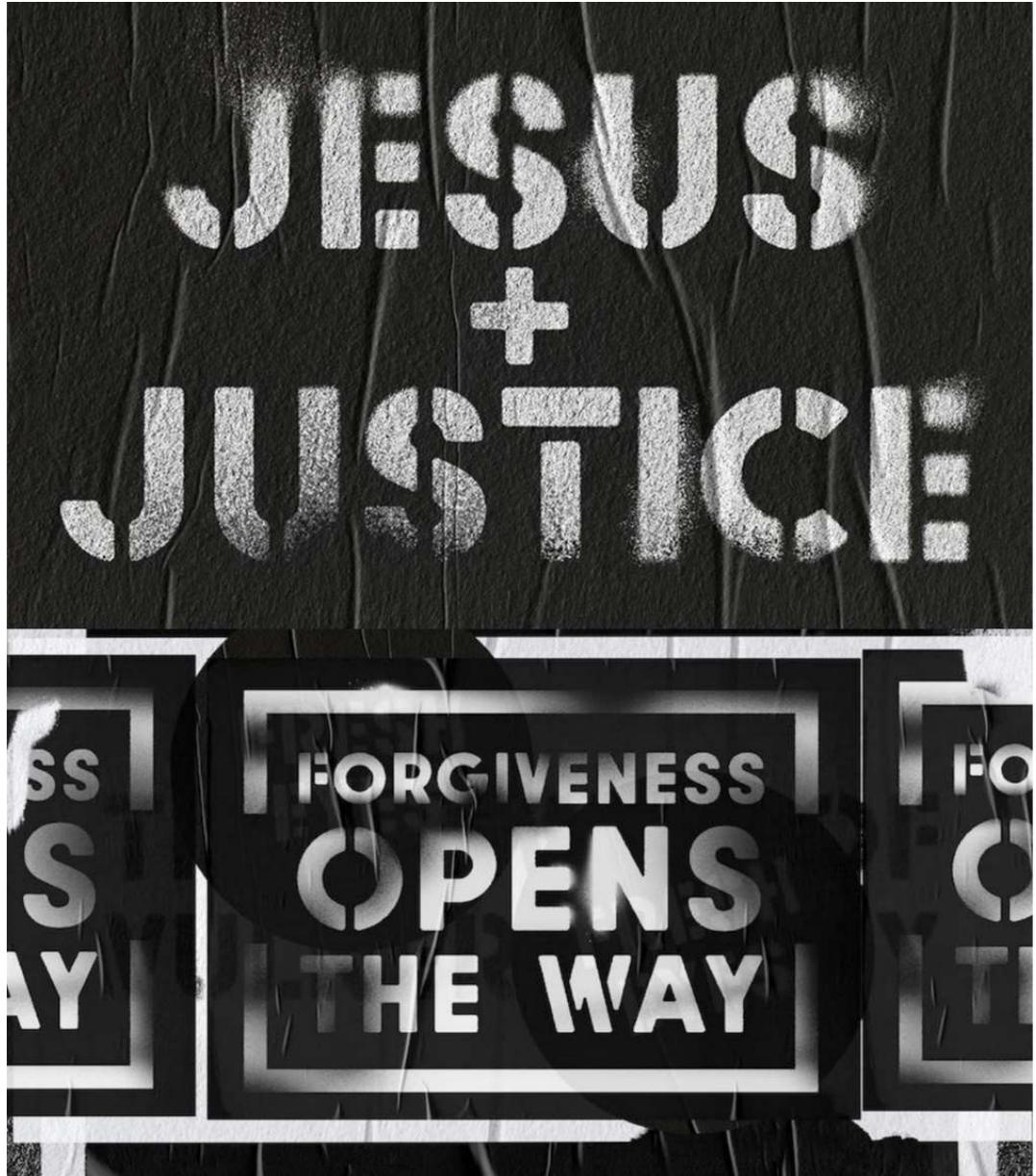


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LENT LECTONARY

This service carries the themes of the Lent Lectionary—the selected readings for this season in the Church Year, as we gather in sorrow over our sin, recognize our need for a Savior, and anticipate His salvation accomplished through the cross and resurrection.

Opening Hymn

Father Most Holy

LSB 504; tune: 439



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der;
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en,
3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea - tures praise Thee;
△ 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry,



Je - sus, our Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing;
Good - ness un - bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en,
All for Thy wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed;
One in three per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed!



Spir - it of com - fort, ad - vo - cate, de -
Light of the an - gels, joy of those for -
Now, as we al - so wor - ship Thee de -
Glo - ry we of - fer, praise Thee and a -



fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;
sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,
vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es.
dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

Text: Latin, c. 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Invocation and Call to Worship

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

Hebrews 12:2

C: the author and perfecter of our faith,

P: who for the joy that was set before him

C: endured the cross, despising the shame,

P: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

C: Now is the time of God's favor; now is the day of salvation.

2Corinthians 6:2b

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

Psalms 85:4, 4:6, 37:6, 113:7

C: that the light of Your face may shine on us.

P: May Your justice shine like the sun;

C: and may the poor be lifted up.

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

1 Peter 5:6-11, 1:3-5

P: Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.

Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful.

Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

C: We humble ourselves before the Lord.

***We confess that we have sinned against heaven and earth,
against the Lord, His Creation, and one another.***

Please come to us, Lord, and forgive. Amen.

P: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

1 John 2:1

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Mark 10:33

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Psalms 32:1

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people. Amen.

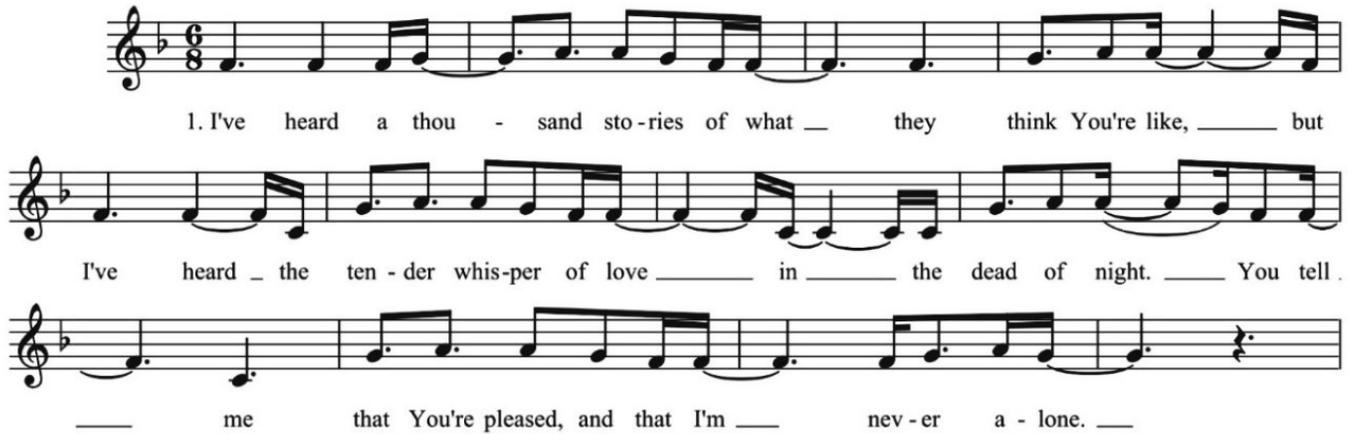
Silence for meditation on our need for Christ's forgiveness.

P: At the command of the Lord, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy God the Father provided a ram as a substitute. We give thanks to the Father that on Calvary He did not spare His only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. The God of all grace has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, and He Himself restores, confirms, strengthens, and establishes you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. According to his great mercy, he has caused you to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Song of Thanksgiving

Good Good Father

VERSE 1



1. I've heard a thou - sand sto - ries of what _ they think You're like, _____ but
I've heard _ the ten - der whis - per of love _____ in _____ the dead of night. _____ You tell
_____ me that You're pleased, and that I'm _____ nev - er a - lone. _____

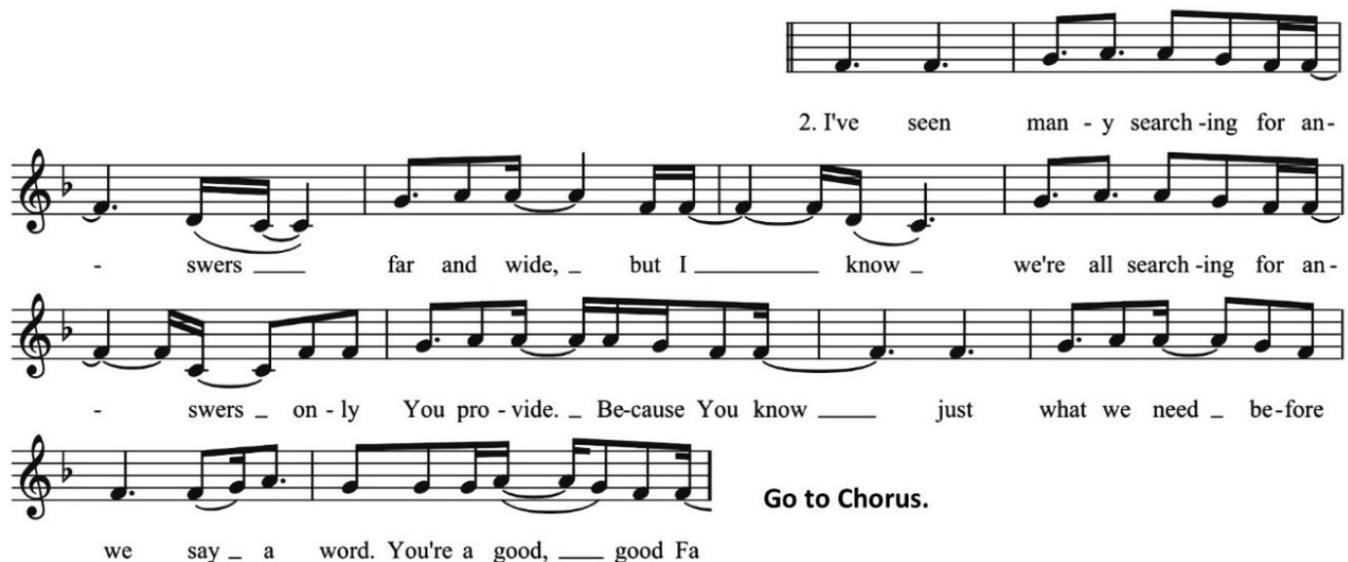
CHORUS



You're a good, _____ good Fa - ther; it's who You are, it's who You are,
it's who You are. _____ And I'm loved _ by You; _____ it's who I am, it's who I am,
it's who I am. _____

1. Go to Verse 2.
2. After verse 2,
Repeat Chorus twice. Go to Bridge.
3. End on Chorus (once).

VERSE 2



2. I've seen man - y search - ing for an -
- swers _____ far and wide, _ but I _____ know _ we're all search - ing for an -
- swers _ on - ly You pro - vide. _ Be - cause You know _____ just what we need _ be - fore
we say _ a word. You're a good, _____ good Fa

Go to Chorus.

BRIDGE

You are per - fect in all ___ of Your ways. ___ You are
 per - fect in all ___ of Your ways. ___ You are per - fect in all ___ of Your ways ___ to
 us. You are us.

Go to Chorus.

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Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You reconciled the world to Yourself and have given to Your Church the ministry of reconciliation. We give You thanks that by Your grace we may forgive others and be at peace. Grant that we may continue to seek to be reconciled to others, with Your forgiveness opening the way to live in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 32 (ESV)

- ¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- ²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.



⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.
¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

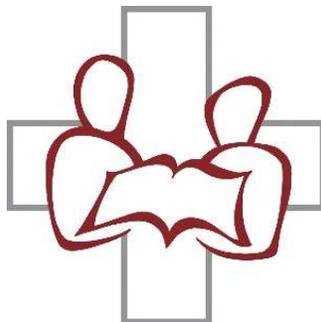
Epistle (New Testament Letter)

2 Corinthians 5:16–21(ESV)

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.
¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Anthem**Sweet Hour of Prayer****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear,
To him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless;
And since he bids me seek his face,
Believe his word and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
May I thy consolation share,
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,
I view my home, and take my flight;
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize;
And shout, while passing through the air,
Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!



Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1–13 (ESV)

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsory

John 4:23a; 3:16

P: The hour is coming, and is now here,

C: when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

P: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

C: that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

LSB 843; tune: 857



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,” You
 2 How can Your par - don reach and bless The
 3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals The
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And



taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
 bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owed to us, How great our debt to You!
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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Sermon

**JESUS + JUSTICE...
FORGIVENESS OPENS THE WAY**

Luke 11:4



Hymn of Response

Create in Me

LSB 192



♩ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

LSB 844; tune: 571

1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace To love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide Thy chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred By love - less
4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak When - ev - er
peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; And in each per - son
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the
may I see My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.
me pur - sue; Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
wrong I do Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.
vic - tim be, Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.

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UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 27

In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

Lent Wednesday, March 30

In-Person Worship*(In Sanctuary) – 6:30PM

Sunday, April 3

In-Person Worship*(In Gym w/Communion) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

Lent Wednesday, April 6

In-Person Worship*(In Sanctuary) – 6:30PM

Palm Sunday, April 10

In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

Maundy Thursday, April 14

In-Person Worship*(In Sanctuary w/Communion) – 6:30PM

Good Friday, April 15

In-Person Worship*(In Sanctuary) – 1:00PM

In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 6:30PM

Easter Sunday, April 17

In-Person Worship*(In Gym w/Communion) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday, April 24

In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 9AM

Fellowship 10-10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30-11:30AM

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