



everything  
[in] between  
a Lenten series in Luke's gospel

Art, reflections, &  
poetry for the  
season of Lent



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### LENT PROPHETS

This service draws from Old Testament prophets, often part of our Lenten meditations, who call God's people to repent of their sins and seek His forgiveness.

#### Entrance Words and Invocation

based on Joel 2:12-13,15-17

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

C: **Amen!**

P: Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children.

C: **We are gathered.**

**Where is our God?**

P: The LORD declares to you,  
"Yet even now, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments."

C: **Will He spare us?**

P: Return to the LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

C: **He has sent this blessing upon us. Amen.**

#### Opening Hymn

#### O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

LSB 693



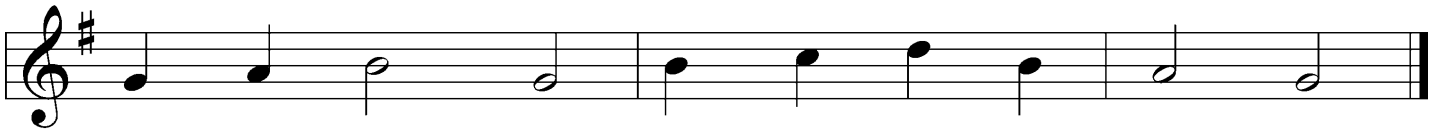
1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior  
2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;  
3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.  
Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure.  
Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,



The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel - tered  
O make us die to ev - 'ry sin, Each day cre - ate new  
Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our



by the cross That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.  
life with - in, That fruits of faith may flour - ish.  
Sav - ior's hand, The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*based on Ezekiel 33:7,10-11,14,16 and Isaiah 12:1-2*

P: The LORD said to His servant Ezekiel,

“I have made a watchman for the house of Israel.

Whenever you hear a word from my mouth,  
you shall give them warning from me.”

Hear now today, you people of God,

His word of warning that still comes to us:

“I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die.’”

**C: Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us,  
and we rot away because of them.**

**How then can we live?**

P: It is true what you have said, but the Lord GOD declares to you:

“As I live, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked,  
but that the wicked turn from his way and live.”

Turn back, repent, return to the Lord your God,

for with Him there is forgiveness and mercy and grace evermore.

**C: We turn back to You, O Lord;  
we repent; we have returned to You, Our God. Amen.**

P: And the LORD declares,

“None of the sins that you have committed shall be remembered against you.

You have done what is just and right; you shall surely live.”

For the Lord grants you His righteousness; His new life is yours.

Therefore, as His called and ordained servant in Jesus Christ,

I forgive you all your sin

in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**I give thanks to You, O LORD,**

**because even though You were angry with me,**

**Your anger turned away, so that You might comfort me.**

**Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;**

**for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.**

Song of Praise

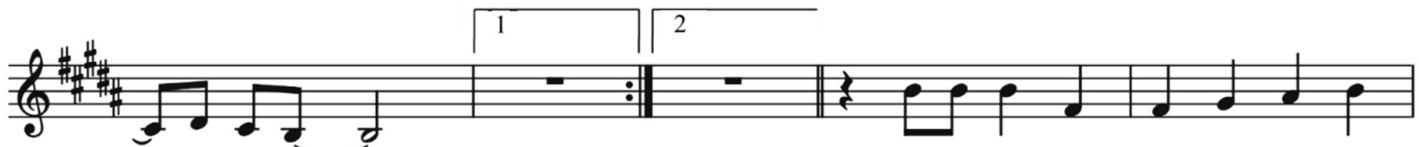
Blessed Be Your Name



1. Bless - ed be \_\_\_ Your name \_ in the land that \_\_\_ is plen -  
2. Bless - ed be \_\_\_ Your name \_ when I'm found in \_\_\_ the des -



- ti - ful, \_\_\_ where Your streams of \_\_\_ a - bun - dance flow, \_ bless-ed \_  
- ert place, \_ though I walk through \_ the wil - der - ness, \_ bless-ed \_



\_ be Your name. \_ Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll  
\_ be Your name. \_



turn back to praise. When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord,



still I will say, "Bless-ed be the name of \_\_\_ the \_ Lord, \_\_\_ bless-ed be Your



name. Bless - ed be the name of \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ Lord, \_



\_ bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name." \_ **End 2nd Time**



You give and take a - way, You



give and take a - way. My heart will choose to say, "Lord,



Bless - ed be Your name." \_ You name." \_ Bless - ed be the

**Greeting and Collect (Prayer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent)**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**Anthem**

***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

**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.

*My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!*

*While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread, Be thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrows's tears away,  
Nor let me every stray From Thee aside. Amen.*

**Verse**

Hebrews 12:2

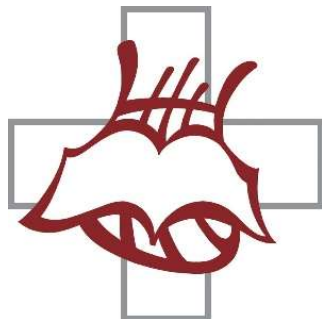
P: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

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.



**Today's Narrative Lectionary Reading**

**Luke 13:1-9,31-35 (NET)**

Now there were some present on that occasion who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> He answered them,

**Jesus:** Do you think these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered these things? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you! But unless you repent, you will all perish as well! <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them, do you think they were worse offenders than all the others who live in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you! But unless you repent you will all perish as well!

<sup>6</sup> Then Jesus told this parable:

**Jesus:** A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the worker who tended the vineyard, 'For three years now, I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and each time I inspect it I find none. Cut it down! Why should it continue to deplete the soil?' <sup>8</sup> But the worker answered him, 'Sir, leave it alone this year too, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. <sup>9</sup> Then if it bears fruit next year, very well, but if not, you can cut it down.'

<sup>31</sup> At that time, some Pharisees came up and said to Jesus,

**Pharisees:** Get away from here, because Herod wants to kill you.

<sup>32</sup> But Jesus said to them,

**Jesus:** Go and tell that fox, 'Look, I am casting out demons and performing healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will complete my work. <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the next day, because it is impossible that a prophet should be killed outside Jerusalem.'

<sup>34</sup> O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often I have longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you would have none of it! <sup>35</sup> Look, your house is forsaken! And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Collect (Prayer for the Reading)**

P: Let us pray. Lord our God, blessed is the One who comes in Your name! Gather us in Your gentle presence as a hen shelters her brood beneath her wings. Finish the work You have begun in us so that we may show Your glory; through Jesus Christ, our peace.

C: **Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day**

**Just as I Am, without One Plea**

LSB 570 sts. 1, 4-6



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,  
 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,  
 6 Just as I am; Thy love un-known Has bro - ken



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to  
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise I be -  
 ev - 'ry bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine a -



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Sermon**

**Confession of Faith**

*based on the Apostles' Creed and Ezekiel 33:12-14*

P: In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Apostles' Creed, we declare:

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: Hear this promise from the Lord:

“Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people.

And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves,  
and raise you from your graves, O my people.

And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD;

I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

**C: Amen, amen. Yes, yes, it shall be so.**

## Offering & 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.

## Offertory (Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar) LSB 920; tune: 616



2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings; King - ship with  
5 We are the Church: Christ bids us show That in His



Him His ser - vants gain; With Christ the Ser - vant  
Church all na - tions find Their hearth and home where



- Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.  
Christ re - stores True peace, true love to all man - kind.

## Prayers

### **The Lord's Supper: What We Believe**

All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed

are invited to receive Communion with us

if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ,

and the wine is the blood of Christ,

truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

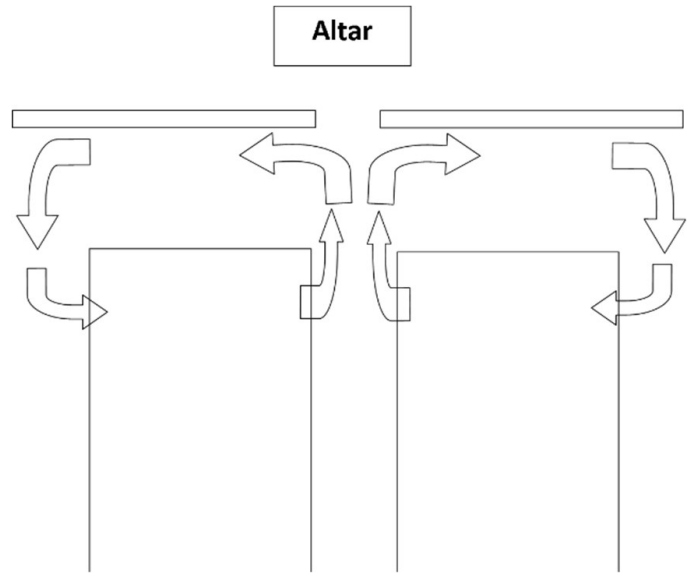
If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe,

we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



## **Communion Distribution**

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



## **Preparation for the Lord's Supper**

### **Preface**

*Jeremiah 26:11,14-15*

- P: The prophet Jeremiah, around 600 years before Christ, heard the same condemnation which our Lord Himself would face. The priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man [Jeremiah] deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city."
- C: Just as they condemned Jeremiah,  
So they condemned Jesus Christ our Lord.  
But we are the ones deserving the sentence of death.**
- P: Jeremiah said to them, "Behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves."
- C: Just as Jeremiah gave himself into their hands,  
So Jesus let Himself be arrested and put to death.  
But Jesus is the innocent One—  
And He covers us with His innocent blood.**
- P: So that you have received His innocence and righteousness,  
Granting you eternal life, and welcoming you into His throne room,  
Where we will sing with the prophet Isaiah:

**Sanctus ("Holy, Holy Holy") God Himself Is Present** based on Isaiah 6:1-7

LSB 907 st. 2



2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;



See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and



an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:



Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)**

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

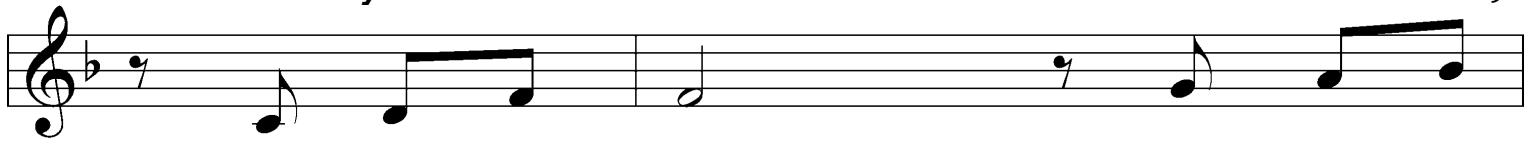
**C: And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

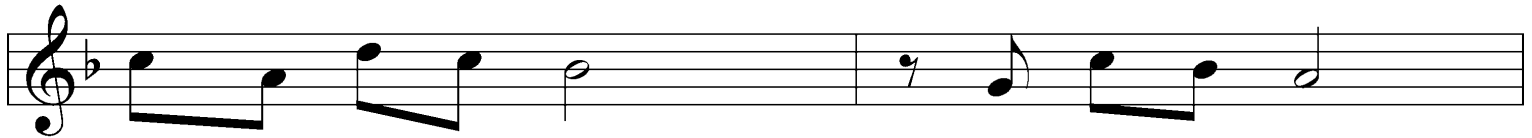
**First Distribution Hymn**

**What Is This Bread**

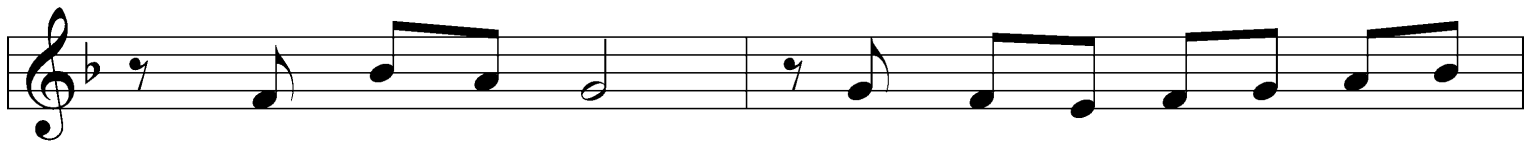
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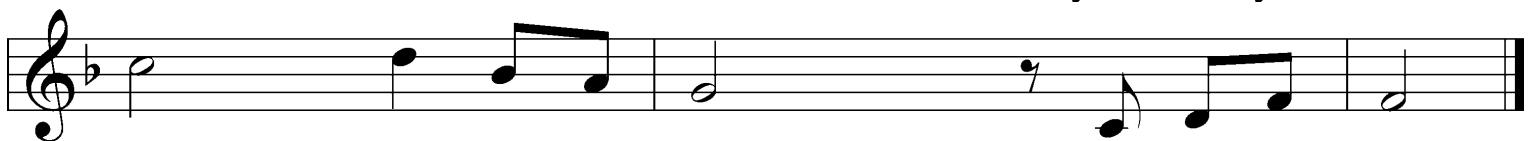
1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of
live	and	He	should	die	Un -	der
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear,	In	mouth
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be -
				lieve		



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His

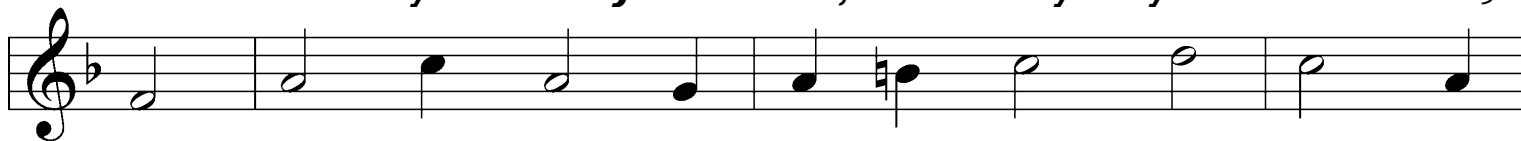


lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

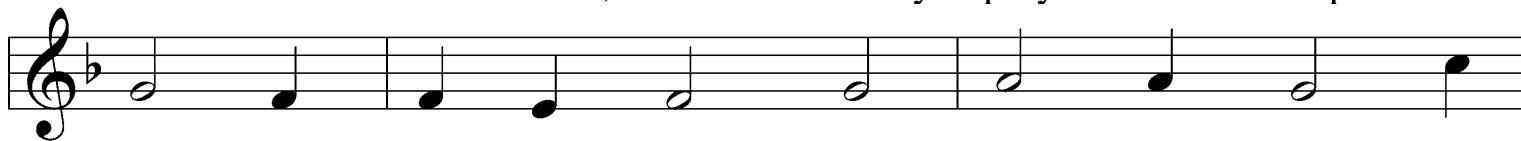


**Second Distribution Hymn Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray**

LSB 623



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

**Common Dismissal**

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord... C: Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

LSB 1115

P: Most High God, we owe You great thanks that in the sacred mystery of the Supper You feed us with the body and blood of Your Son. May we recall this heavenly meal with true faith, firmly convinced that this body we have received is the one given into death for us and that the blood we received is the blood shed for our sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.



## ***Benedicamus Domino ("Let us bless, the Lord") & Benediction (Blessing)***

P: With joy you have drawn water from the wells of salvation, so say: based on Isaiah 12:3-6

C: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name be exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

### ***Closing Hymn***

### ***This Is the Day the Lord Has Made***

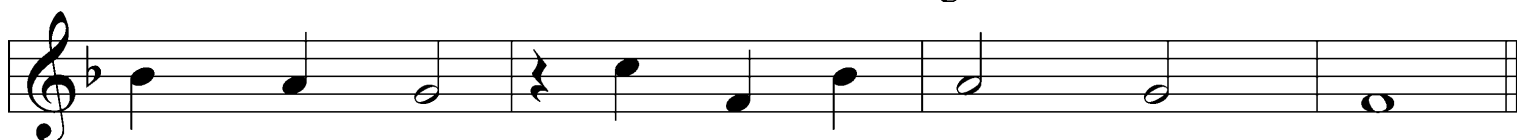
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1 This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the  
4 Bless - ed is He who comes to us With mes - sag -  
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The Church on



hours His own. Let heav'n re - jice, let  
es of grace; He, in the Lord's name,  
earth can raise. The high - est heav'ns, in



earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.  
comes to us To save our fall - en race.  
which He reigns, Shall give Him no - bler praise.

### ***Announcements***

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We will contemplate readings from the Gospel of Luke through the series, "Everything In Between", drawing our attention to God's Word through poetry and art. The series resources are from [www.sanctifiedart.org](http://www.sanctifiedart.org).

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# UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



## SUNDAY, MARCH 16

WORSHIP (IN GYM W/ COMMUNION) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

## MIDWEEK LENT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

## SUNDAY, MARCH 23

WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

## MIDWEEK LENT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

## SUNDAY, MARCH 30

WORSHIP (IN GYM W/ COMMUNION) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

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**Order Deadline:  
Monday, March 31**



As a donation to Bethel Lutheran Church I would like \_\_\_\_\_ Easter lily plant(s) at \$14.00 each to be placed in our worship areas for Easter services on **April 20**.

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Name and telephone number [please print]

Total amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Checks can be written to “Bethel Lutheran Church” and place check (or cash) with the form in an envelope, marked “Easter lilies” and place in the offering plate or turn in at the church office. **\*\*\*Please include your donation when you submit your form.**

**Remember to take your lily plant(s)  
Easter Sunday after the service  
or later in the week if you would like to keep it.**