



A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.  
GROWING. CARING. SERVING.



MARCH 29/30, 2025  
4TH SUNDAY IN LENT



## Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag.

**PREACHING:**

Pastor Connie Tiede

**ASSISTING:**

8 AM Pastor Sue Wallager

9 AM Pastor Mike Pancoast

**READER:**

5 PM Judy Bendiske

8 AM Marcia Wilson

9 AM Linda Peterson

**ORGANISTS:**

5 PM KT Thompson

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 AM Shari Albrecht

### ***Unbroken: A Living Faith***

*When so many people identify themselves as Christian how can we spend some time thinking deeply about what we really believe? What is the what? What are the foundational beliefs and how are they living and moving with us as we change and grow?*

*Faith is passed down from generation to generation - it's an unbroken line of ancestry that connects us all the way back to Jesus. The powers of the world wanted to break Jesus and yet this faith that we rest on is strong enough that they couldn't do it. We are a part of this great tradition that will not and cannot be broken.*

*Using the seven teachings from the emerging work of A Living Catechism, through worship and practice, this Lent we will explore how we are and always have been God's people:*

- 1. God becomes human for us in Jesus Christ.*
- 2. God meets us in bread, wine & water.*
- 3. God feels our pain & suffering*
- 4. God delights in our goodness and judges sin.*
- 5. God speaks to us through Scripture and Spirit.*
- 6. God compels creation toward mercy.*
- 7. God loves us eternally.*

## PRELUDE

# GATHERING

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

God of all grace, be near in the midst of our brokenness, turning us from the things that keep us from a right relationship with you, ourselves, and one another. Compel us toward compassion as we confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and are strengthened to serve in your name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*A moment of silent reflection*

**God of mercy, you delight in goodness and judge sin. Give us open and honest hearts to recognize the ways we have turned from you, from our own belovedness, and from one another. We see the world through the lens of scarcity instead of your lens of abundance. We see people as "us" and "them", instead of one body in you. We participate in the brokenness of the world, caught in webs beyond individual choices of right and wrong. Quiet our inner and outer strife, O God, and draw us into your forgiveness and wholeness. Through your divine love, transform all that threatens to destroy the good that you have created.**

Beloved people of God: At a table that Jesus sets, God forgives us and feeds us with eternal love. In water and promise, God brings us to new life and breathes into us gifts to serve the world. You are forgiven, in the name of Christ †, who calls us into the coming of God's reign where all are supported, nourished, and loved.

**Amen.**



1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,  
 2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,  
 3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,  
 4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,  
 O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark-ness as in light,  
 O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,  
 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

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**GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE**



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of grace, you compel your whole creation toward mercy. Help us embody your unconditional grace and love to all living things, participating in the coming of your reign, where all are supported, nourished, welcomed, and loved. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM)

LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

THE SERMON TEXT

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON: *"God Compels Creation Toward Mercy"* by Pastor Connie Tiede

1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
 com-pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,

But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
 in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006  
 Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750  
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THE APOSTLES' CREED:

**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 to the dead. 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 OF THE CHURCH:

*After each petition*

Lord of the Cross...

**Hear us we pray, your mercy is great.**

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)*

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MEAL

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SPECIAL MUSIC (5 PM):

“When Twilight Comes” ..... arr. Campbell

Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

*When twilight comes and the sun sets, mother hen prepares for night's rest. As her brood shelters under her wings, she gives the love of God to her nest. Oh! what joy to feel her warm heartbeat and be near her all night long; so the young can find repose, then renew tomorrow's song.*

*One day the Rabbi, Lord Jesus, called the twelve to share his last meal. As the hen tends her young, so for them he spent himself to seek and to heal. Oh! what joy to be with Christ Jesus, hear his voice, oh! sheer delight, and receive his servant care: all before the coming night.*

*So gather round once again, friends, touched by fading glow of sun's gold, and recount all our frail human hopes: the dreams of young and stories of old. Oh! what joy to pray close together, kneeling as one family, by a mother's love embraced in the blessed Trinity.*

SPECIAL MUSIC ( 8 & 9 AM):

“Lumen Fidei” ..... by Compton Ringmasters; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Terry Elliot, violin; Rich Goldman, clarinet

OFFERTORY: When it Seems the Day Will End, vs 1 ..... ACS 1034



When it seems the day will end, and all



light gives way to fear, we will speak your name a -



gain to re - mind us you are here.

*Refrain*



New life ris - ing, New life ris - ing, ash - es fall - ing, ash - es fall - ing,



joy and weep-ing, joy and weep-ing, in your call-ing. in your call - ing.

Text: Justin Rimbo, b. 1980

Music: HUMBLE WALK, Justin Rimbo

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OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Generous God, you have blessed us with gifts of abundance and joy. Open our hearts so that we may share your goodness with all who hunger for bread, for safety, and for belonging. In Christ's name we pray.

**Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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.**

DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC (8 & 9 AM):

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"..... arr. Sherman Ringmasters; Jonathan Campbell, dir.



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the abundance of your steadfast love. As we are filled with your grace and mercy, send us out into the world to participate in your reign of peace. In the name of Christ, the holy one, we pray.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

May the God who delights in your goodness bless you, keep you, and hold you in the depths of love and mercy. In the name of the Triune God (Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit).

**Amen.**

**WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP**

Hearing Assistance Units Available

*Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.*

**Mobility Concerns**

*We have areas in the Sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.*

**Children Welcome**

*Activity bags are available outside the Sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the Sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the Sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.*

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1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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**DISMISSAL:**

Go in peace, know you are loved.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**