

Ascension Lutheran Church Livestream Worship
February 28 - 9:15am

Welcome! A few pointers to make this worship service meaningful:

- Set the space. Clear a table of everything except the screen, a Bible, and the candle.
 - Join us as for communion this morning. Have your bread and wine or grape juice ready.
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Prelude **“Lord Jesus, Think On Me” arr. J. Bert Carlson** **Organ solo**

Announcements

+ Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who walks with us into sorrow and leads into life.

Amen.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess our sins to you.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your call to love all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we might join the way of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

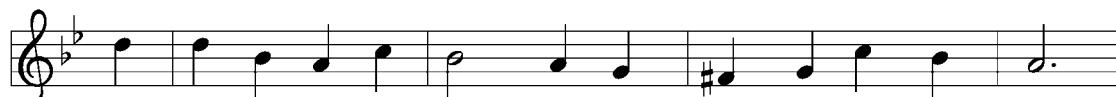
Bless Now, O God, the Journey (326)

A musical staff in G clef and common time. The first measure consists of six eighth notes. The second measure begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note, which is connected by a curved brace to the next eighth note. The third measure contains four quarter notes. The fourth measure contains three quarter notes. The fifth measure contains two quarter notes.

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth-er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Greeting

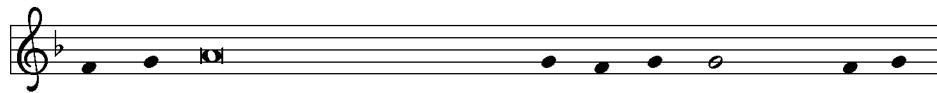
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



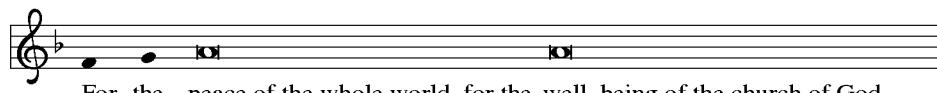
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



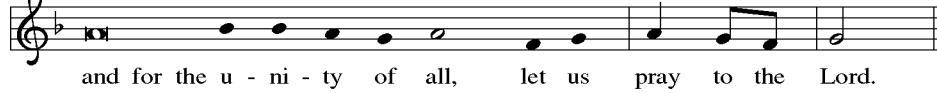
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



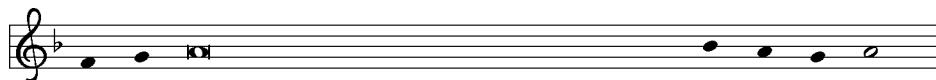
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



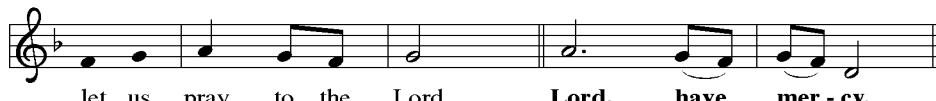
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Prayer of the Day

God our Father;

your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

**"We Shall Overcome" arr. by Megan Pfeiffer Miller
sung by the Chancel Choir, Sandra Hagen and Dan Miller, soloists.**

Reading: Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'
Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
For there the thrones for judgement were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.'
For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, 'Peace be within you.'
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

+ Gospel Acclamation

Let your steady - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Jordan Farrell

Hymn of the Day**Thy Holy Wings (613)**

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down-y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep-ing thy chil-dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with-in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet-ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

+ 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 into hell.

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.

Prayers

Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

(*a brief silence*)

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Those remembered in prayer this week ...

Beth Ayen, Kim Babros-Banks, Debbie Broderick and family at the death of her sister-in-law, Allen Brooks, Brad Buhler, Sonny Campbell, Rose Erickson, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Bev Godec, Steve Hast, Jack Kagarise, Pam Landry, Rick Leiting, Daniela Mannerberg, Michael Noble Jr, Ron Olson, Carlos Quiles, Rick Rogers, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Ilene Steinkruger, Rex Sturm, Jan & Steve Tompkins, Wanda Wade, Lucille Walker, Bruce Yocom, Dee Yocom, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon, and all others we lift up to you at this time.

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.

The Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, who walked the road of suffering, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.
Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, that we might walk in newness of life; and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

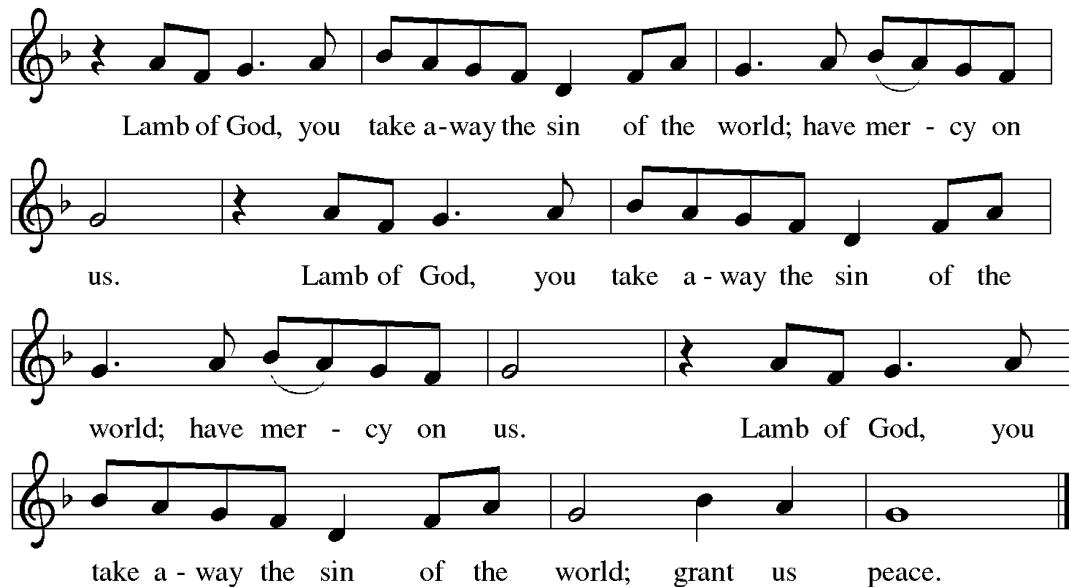
Invitation to Communion

For those worshiping at home, we encourage you to have your bread and wine/grape juice ready. When the pastor says "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you", eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you. If you are worshiping with others, one may give the bread and wine to the rest offering those same words. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

For those worshiping in the sanctuary, come forward to receive bread and wine, following the directions of the pastors and ushers, maintaining 6 feet between families. You will grab a piece of bread and cup of wine from the table, hearing the promise from the pastor. Remove your mask to eat and drink, and then please put your mask back on. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available.

God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your children are not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Blessing

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Tender and merciful one,
you fed us at your feast, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to mend broken hearts, work for justice, and strive for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending Hymn

There Is a Balm in Gilead (614)

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Blessing.

Amen.

Sending

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"All The Way, My Savior Leads Me" arr. Ed Hogan

Trombone: Scott Crump

Thank you Chuck Hatcher for Sunday's altar flowers in celebration of his 93rd birthday.

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Calendar- February 28-March 7

SUNDAY 2/28

9:15 AM	In Person & Online Worship
10:15 AM	ELCA World Hunger Zoom Presentation
10:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal via Zoom
10:30 AM	Bible Study
7:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
9:00 AM	Staff Meeting
7:00 PM	Lent Worship via Zoom
6:00 PM	Women's Handbell Ensemble
9:15 AM	In Person & Online Worship
10:15 AM	Family Promise (IHN) Zoom Presentation
10:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal via Zoom

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

SUNDAY 3/7