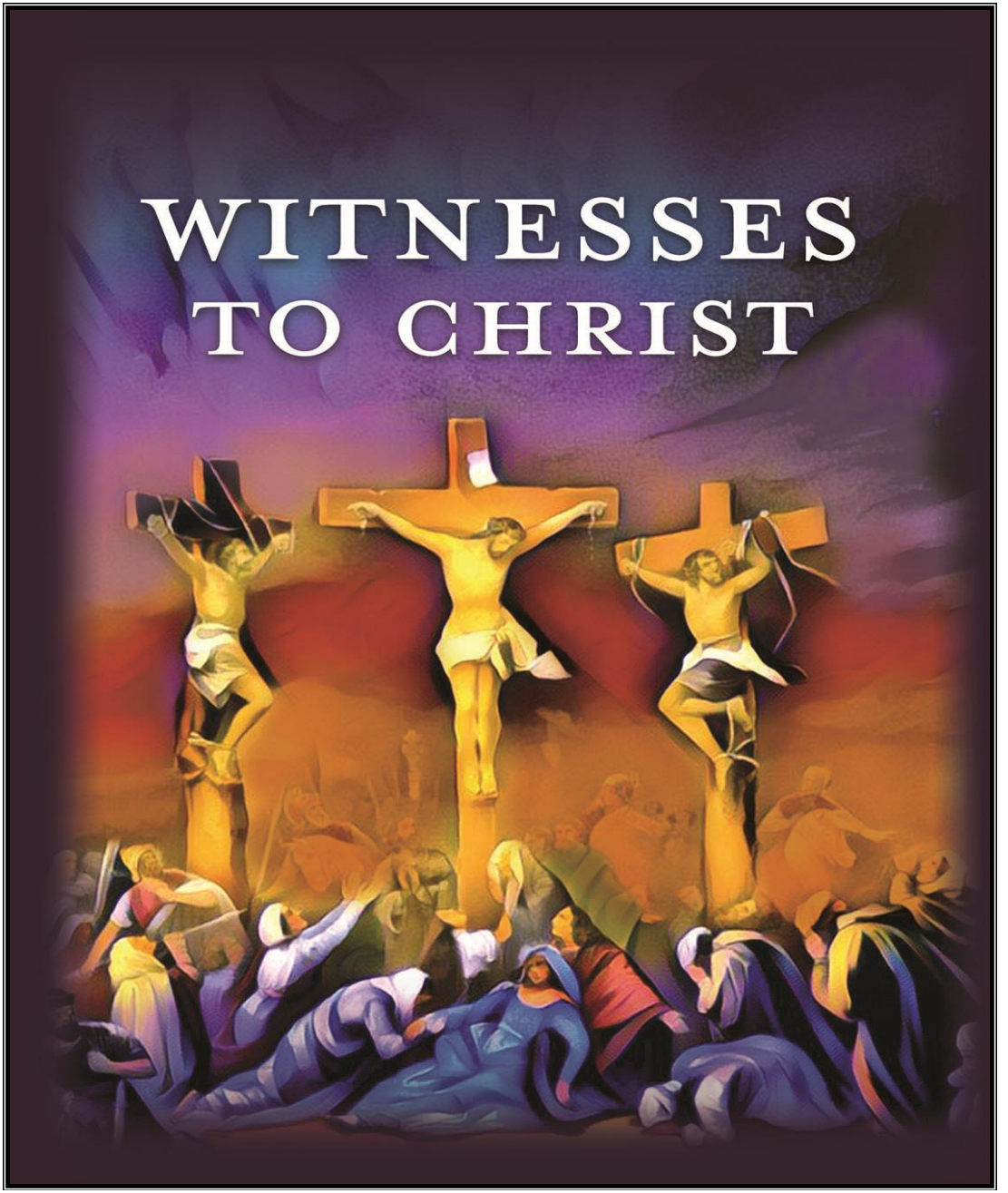


Ash Wednesday
March 2, 2022
6:30 p.m.

As We Gather

As we begin our Lenten journey, we focus our attention on various witnesses to Christ in John's Gospel. We begin with John the Baptist, a man on a mission. "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him" (John 1:6–7). John the Baptist's mission is "to bear witness about the light." In fact, fourteen times in John's Gospel, the word *witness* is connected with John the Baptist. "He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world" (John 1:8–9). John points us to Jesus, who takes away our sin, our guilt, and our shame at the cross.

Preservice Music

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Please stand

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry *LSB 344*



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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

P: Today we begin our Lenten journey, recognizing the witnesses who point us to Christ,
C: testifying to His words and actions for us.
P: John the Baptist directs us to Jesus, proclaiming:
C: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Confession and Absolution

P: John's words remind us that we need forgiveness. We cannot escape our sin, guilt, or shame on our own. Though we may try to hide our sin, our heavenly Father knows all things. He invites us to turn to Him so that our sin, guilt, and shame might be taken away. Together we confess:
C: Lord, we come before You filled with regrets of things we should not have done, words we wish we could take back, and thoughts we cannot bear to remember. Our sins have infected our relationships with others and our relationship with You, Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so the joy of Your salvation might be restored to us.
P: John's words remind us that forgiveness comes to us from Jesus. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world by His death and resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, the Lamb of God, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes

P: We are indeed forgiven in Christ. Still, in this world, we suffer the wages of sin, which is death. We endure pain, disease, and grief. Today we receive the mark of the cross upon us in the form of ashes. These ashes remind us that we are merely dust and ashes, and that when we die, our bodies will return to dust and ashes. But the sign of the cross reminds us that dust and ashes are not the end for us. When Jesus returns, He will raise us from the dead, and we will live forever with Him in the new creation.
C: Amen. We will be free from sin, death, and Satan when Jesus returns.

Please be seated

As each person comes forward, the pastor makes the sign of the cross on his or her forehead with ashes, saying:

P: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Please join in singing during the imposition of ashes:

Savior, When in Dust to Thee *LSB 419*



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Chief of Sinners Though I Be *LSB 611*



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Please stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy.
C: Christ, have mercy.
P: Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P Let us pray.
Dear heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Embolden us to follow Him on the journey to the cross, learning as we go from those witnesses who point us to Jesus, our forgiveness and life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Psalmody *Psalm 51:1–12*

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
C: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
C: Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
C: Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

P: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
C: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

P: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
C: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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.

Please be seated

Old Testament — *Joel 2:12–19*

L: The Old Testament Reading is from Joel, the second chapter.

12 "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to Me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
13 and rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and He relents over disaster.
14 Who knows whether He will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind Him,
a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?
15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
16 gather the people.
Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders;
gather the children, even nursing infants.
Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.
17 Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep
and say, "Spare Your people, O LORD,
and make not Your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations.
Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' "
18 Then the LORD became jealous for His land and had pity on His people.
19 The LORD answered and said to His people,
"Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil,
and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you
a reproach among the nations."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.



Epistle *2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10*

L: The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, the fifth and sixth chapters.

[20b]We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21]For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

[1]Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. [2]For He says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. [3]We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, [4]but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, [5]beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; [6]by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; [7]by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; [8]through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; [9]as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; [10]as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel *John 1:29–34*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[29]The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

[30]"This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.' [31]I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." [32]And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. [33]I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' [34]And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

"Behold! The Lamb of God," John Said

Stephen P. Starke

REALITY
John L. Bell



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Sermon

Please stand

Prayers of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, we pray for all those who struggle with past sins and the guilt and regret that remain from those sins. Open their ears to hear and believe Your Word that they are indeed forgiven by You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we pray for all those who have suffered shame, concealing the evil that has been done to them. Encourage them that even if they cannot bring themselves to reveal their pain, You have suffered with them. You have removed their shame. Your light conquers even the deepest darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, energize all pastors, educators, musicians, and leaders in Your Church through this season. Grant that their service and work proclaim faithfully Your forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, bring back those who have wandered from the faith. Remind them of Your grace. Help Your Church to be a place that welcomes others just as You welcome others. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, restore all those who are sick, injured, recovering, or preparing for surgery within our Zion family. We ask Your healing and patience for these, Your servants. Remind them that You have walked the road of pain and suffering and will raise them out of all their suffering when You return. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, comfort all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Uphold them in the days ahead, knowing that You, too, walked the road of grief, but that You are the resurrection and the life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sacrament of the Altar

Preface

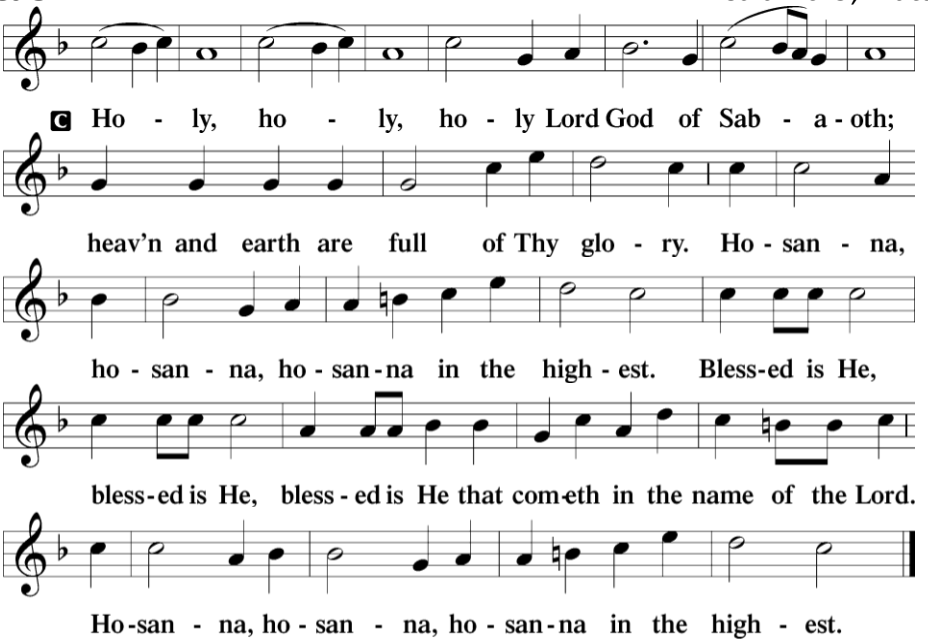
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P: So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray

**C: 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

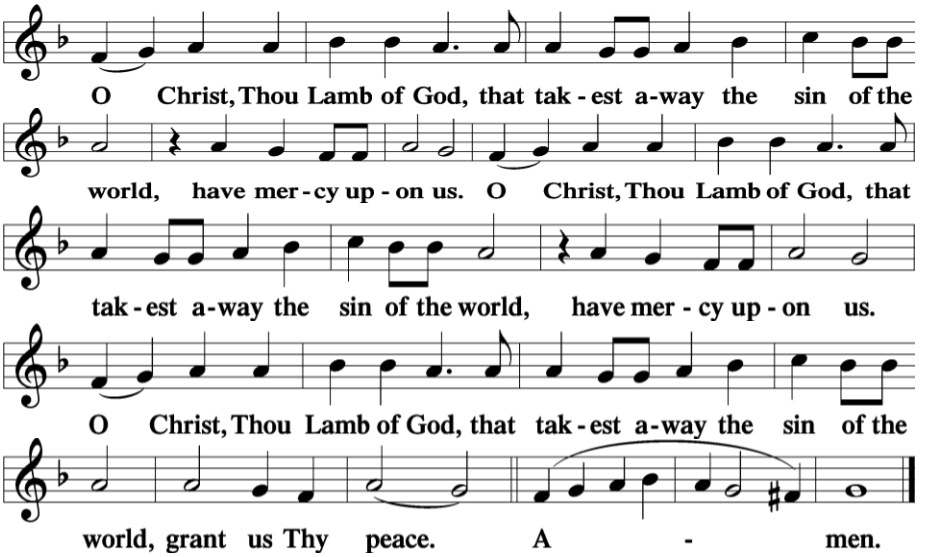
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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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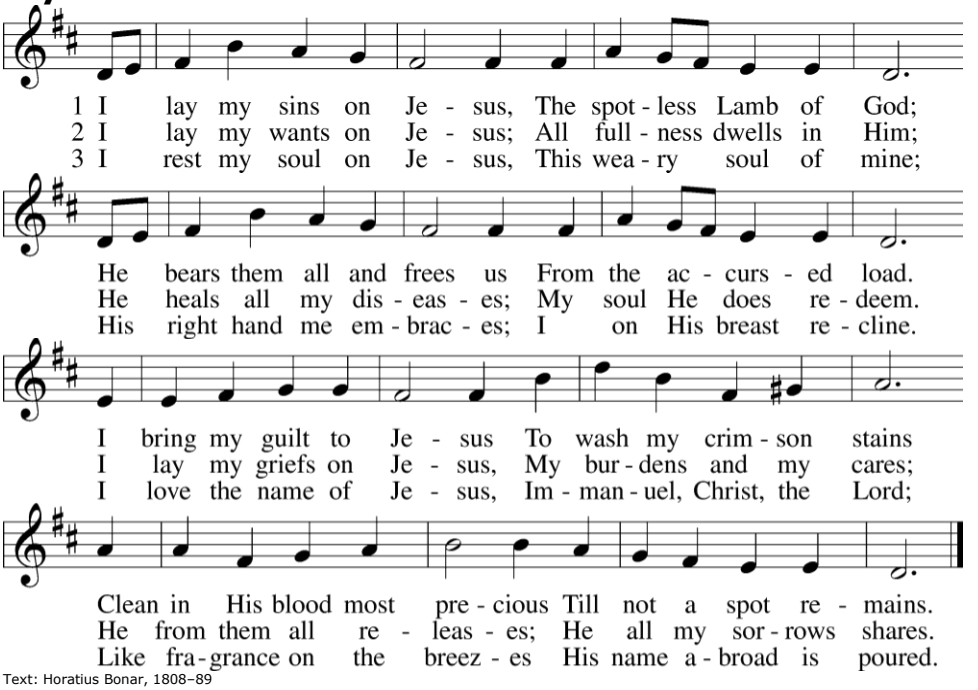
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Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing *LSB 421*



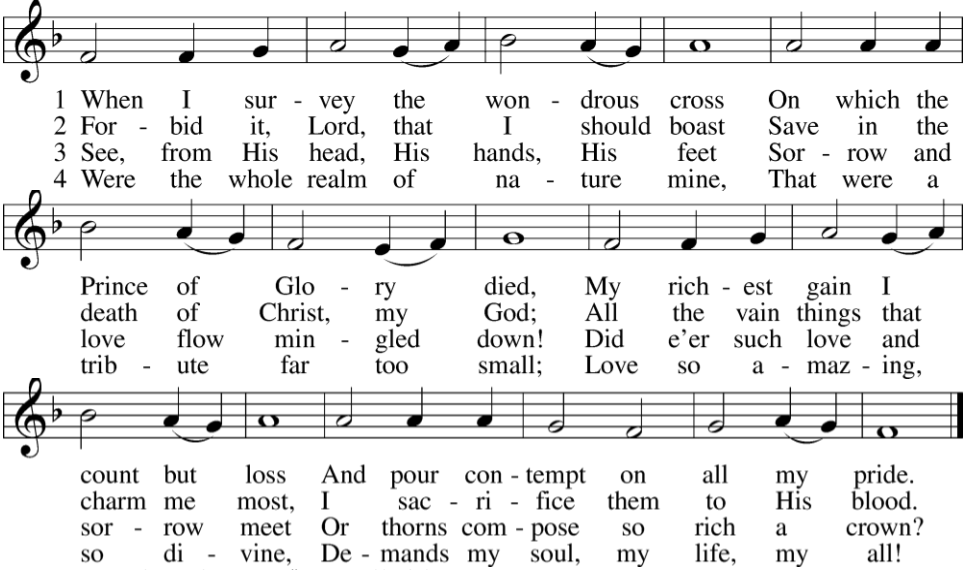
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Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



Benedicamus

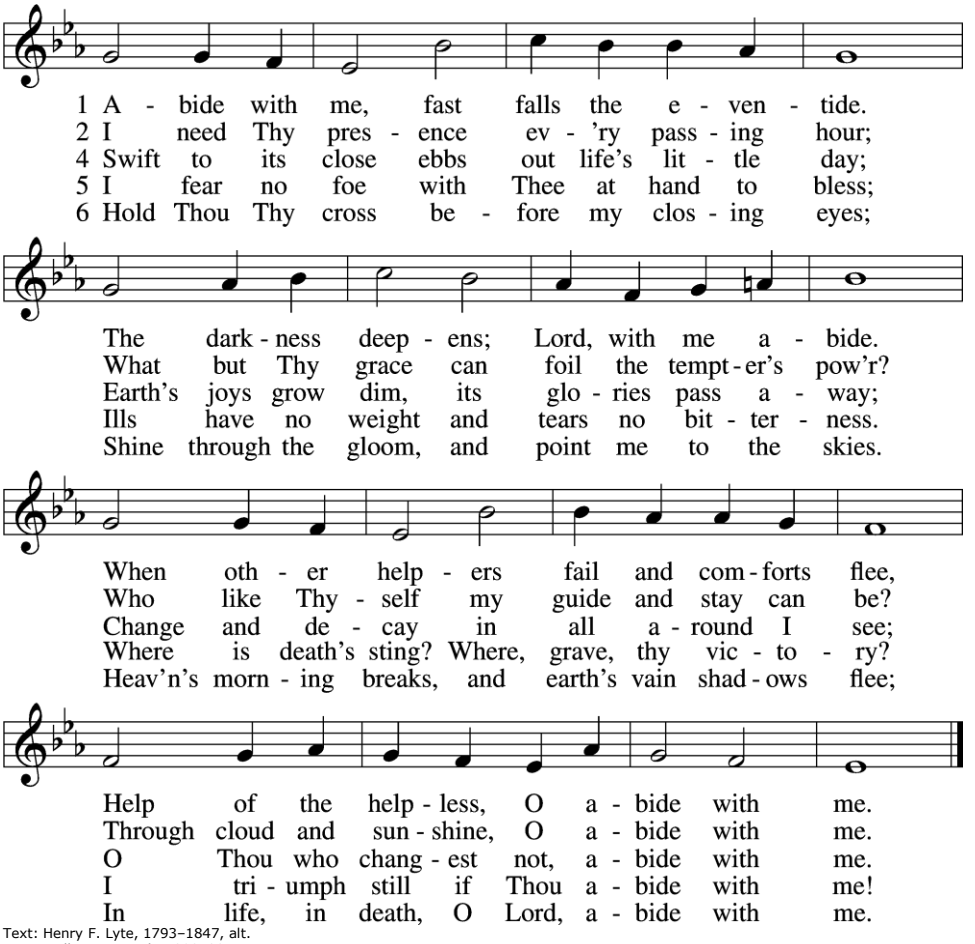
P: Let us bless the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Abide with Me

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WITNESSES TO CHRIST: PEOPLE FROM HIS PASSION

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John's Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we'll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).

Please join us for worship as we hear the witness of these people in John's Gospel:

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m.
with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion:
John the Baptist, John 1:29–34

Lent 1: Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.
Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha, John 12:1–11

Lent 2: Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.
Malchus, John 18:1–11

Lent 3: Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m.
Peter, John 18:12–27

Lent 4: Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 p.m.
Barabbas, John 18:33–40

Lent 5: Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.
Pontius Pilate, John 19:1–16

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7 pm:
Judas Iscariot, John 13:21–30

Good Friday April 15, 12 noon with communion
and Tenebrae, 7 p.m.
John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25–37

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Sunday, April 17, 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Mary Magdalene, John 20:1–18

Worship Leader:	Pastor Chris A. Spelbring
Scripture Reader:	Fred Hasstedt
Elder on Duty:	Dan Schnitzius
Organist:	Dawn E. Tayon, Director of Music
Sound/Video/Camera:	Norm Hayward/Chris Spear/Rick Scaiefe
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Communion

Those baptized and confirmed Christians who share our Lutheran confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of our unity in faith and love, those Christians of a different confession of faith who desire to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with a Pastor before worship. All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing. The desire to receive a blessing can be indicated by crossing arms over the chest and keeping hands folded. For further discussion and a guide to self-examination before communion, see the Holy Communion Guide in the pew pocket.

Communion in the Pew

Please notify an usher if you would like to be served communion in the pew.

Care Needed During Worship

Should you or anyone with you today experience a health-related problem, look for someone wearing a yellow lanyard/nametag (seated on the center aisle left side as you exit sanctuary). They have specialized training to assist you.

Nursery Available

Children are welcome in worship here at Zion but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break, the church lobby is available for walking and comforting. The nursery is located to the left as you exit the sanctuary if you should need a quiet space. Diaper changing stations are located in the handicapped stalls of the restrooms.