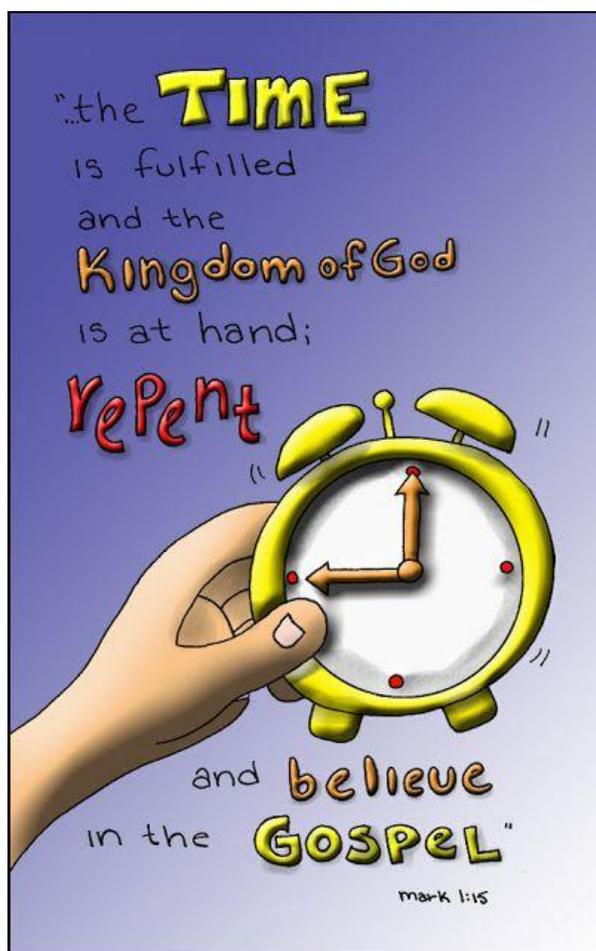




Listening • Caring • Serving

Come as you are. All are welcome.



WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

GATHERING

Prelude

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C **Amen.**

P God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Together we pray,

C **Fountain of living water, pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

P Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C **Amen.**



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C And also with you.

P Together we pray,

C **Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

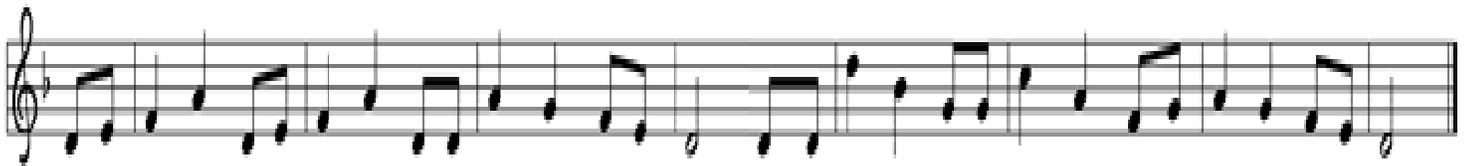
¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L The word of God.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind - slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

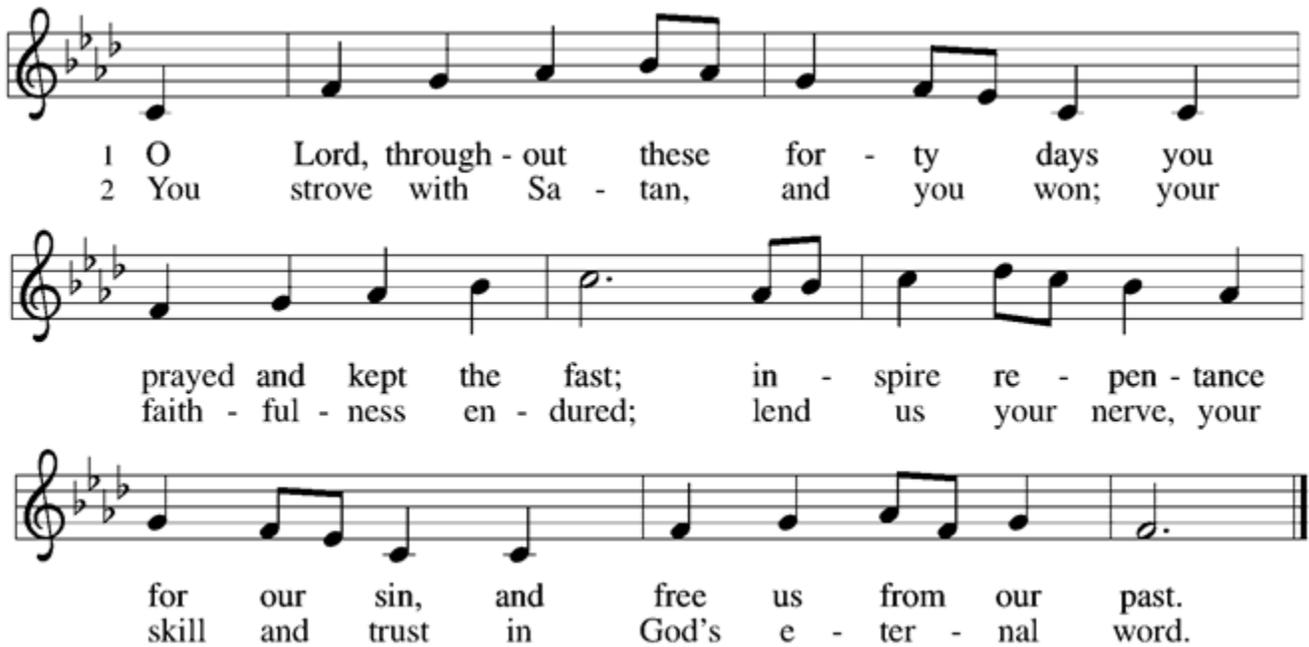
L The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

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1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 for skill our sin, and free us from our past.
 and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A Together we confess our faith,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 OF INTERCESSION

A Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

In thanksgiving for God's blessing, we respond with our tithe and offering

OFFERING IS RECEIVED

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A Together we pray,

C Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD'S TABLE OF GRACE

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

A Together we 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.**

*Instruction for coming to the table.
After communion, worship continues*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A Together we pray,

C **God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ✠ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C **Amen.**

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Journey with Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Faith's Weekly Announcements

***Welcome to all of you attending in person this morning!
Disposable face masks are required and available from
an usher.***

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week were given by Tom Bakker in celebration of Adrienne's birthday.

We Need Some Seasonal Help

If you are willing to serve as an usher for one or more of the Lenten Wednesday or Holy Week worship services, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. This is a one-time opportunity, no long-term commitment!

Food Pantry

We have placed a plastic storage container on the ramp by the back door for your donations to the local food bank, or you can leave them in the box in the narthex. The food bank especially needs cereal.

"Campers" Need Some Things

Our local homeless folks (campers) who live in tents in the area need a few special items. Can you help? Requested items include duct tape, men's wallets (can be used) and bug spray (not wipes). If you can provide any of these, please leave the items in the blue "Campers" tub in the narthex.

Note

The new *Daily Bread* devotionals are available in the narthex this morning.

Attendance last week: 93

WE PRAY FOR...

Larry Bennett
Marcia Wilkins
Beck family

Elaine Claussen
Rick Luckow

Barb Neilson
Jackie Magee

[Please note, when someone has a long-term issue, we keep them on this list for a time, but move them to the newsletter's long-term prayer list for more daily prayer.]

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every week day morning	6:30 am	AA meets at church
Monday	8:00 pm	AA meets at church
Tuesday	8:00 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks
	11:00 am	Council
Thursday	11:00 am	Worship & Music

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Margaret Murphy & Debby Porter

First Service:

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Toni Newton

Usher: Jim Hughs

Second Service:

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Brian Lindhurst

Ushers: Tom Bakker & Debby Porter

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As we WORSHIP Jesus as our Lord and Savior
As we LOVE one another, welcoming everyone
As we SERVE, inspired by the Holy Spirit
As a deep FAITH is taught and caught
As we make WITNESS and MISSION our life*