



WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

** Indicates a time to stand in body or in spirit*

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together As The People Of God

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION

L Lent has traditionally been a time of repentance and renewal. In the early church, this was a time of preparation and instruction for those to be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday.

Later, this idea of preparation and instruction was applied to baptized Christians as well.

In our Lenten observance on these Wednesday evenings, we will focus on five of the six great themes of Luther's Small Catechism in our homilies.

They are: The Ten Commandments (God's Law), The Apostles' Creed (Faith), The Lord's Prayer (Prayer), The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Grace), The Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion). This year, we are just leaving out Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness).

Tonight, our service order will be centered around the Lord's Prayer as a way of unifying our faith in loving response to the Gospel of our Lord.

[Please stand if you are able.]

*CALL TO GATHER

P We gather in the name of God: Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

*INVITATORY

P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*

C Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
(Psalm 67:4-5)

***Gathering Hymn**

Eternal Lord of Love

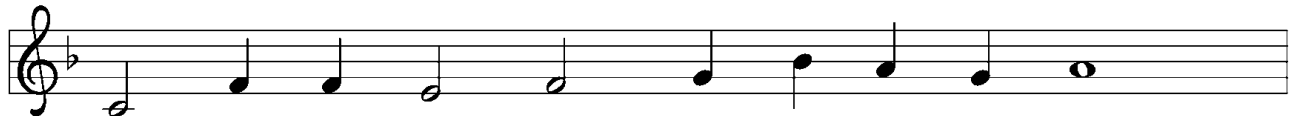
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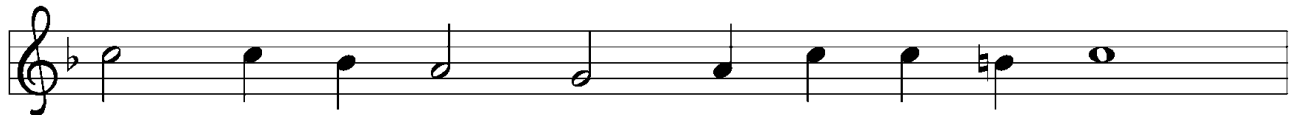
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

[Please, be seated.]

We Are Called To Confess And Repent Of Our Sins.

A BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Psalm 51:1-17

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 alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

P Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

C You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my 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 crushed rejoice.

P Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

P Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

C Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

P Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

C Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

P O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

C For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

P Through faith, the gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of **✝** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

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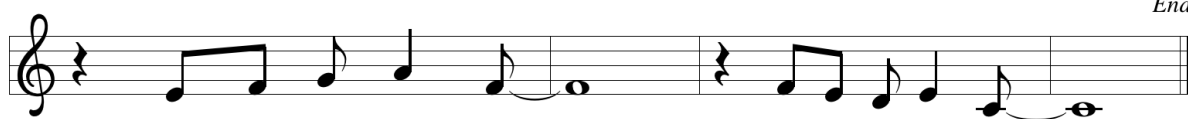
***Hymn of Repentance**

Change My Heart

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Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

[Please, remain standing if you are able.]

In Gratitude We Build the Church of Christ

WE RESPOND TO GOD

***THE GREETING**

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

C And also with you.

P Please give each other the sign of Peace saying, “the Peace of Christ be with you.”

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Together we pray,

C Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[Please, be seated.]

THE OFFERTORY

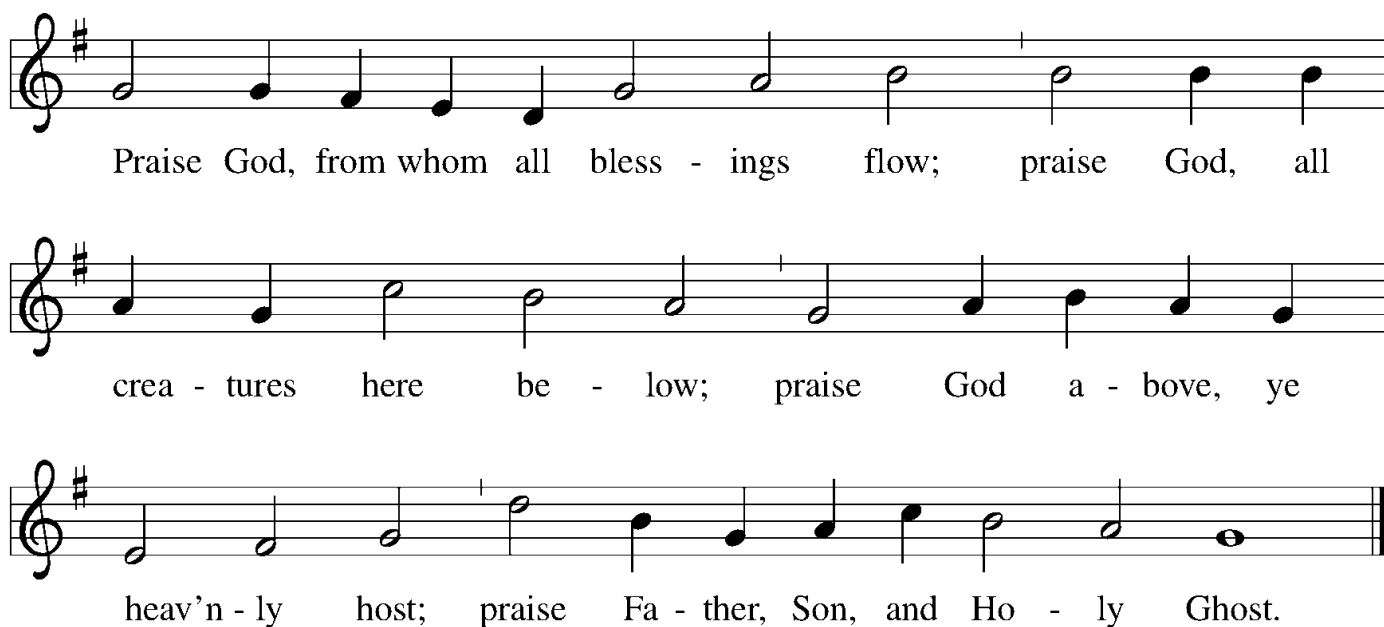
P Let us bring our offerings of Love to the Lord.

[Please, stand if you are able.]

*The Doxology

*Praise God, From Whom All
Blessings Flow*

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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav' n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P Together we pray.

C Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Please, be seated.]

We Thank God For God's Precious Words And Commandments

THE WORD IS READ, PROCLAIMED AND SUNG

EXHORTATION

- L Brothers and sisters: Our Lord Jesus Christ not only revealed the kingdom of God, he also taught us how to pray. In the Lord's Prayer, Christ invites us into the life of communion with our heavenly Father.
- C Though sin often turns our hearts inward and fills our prayers with fear or selfish desire, our Savior calls us to lift our eyes to God's name, God's kingdom, and God's will.**
- L In this prayer we learn to trust the Father for our daily bread, to seek forgiveness and extend it to others, and to depend on God's strength in the midst of temptation and evil. Let us therefore draw near to God with confidence, praying as our Lord has taught us.
- C For in these sacred words Christ gathers all our needs before the throne of grace: the holiness of God's name, the coming of his kingdom, the fulfillment of his will on earth as in heaven. Here we entrust our daily needs to the Father's care, confess our sins and receive mercy, and ask for deliverance from the powers that would lead us astray.**
- L Our Father in heaven, hear the prayers of your children, and shape our hearts according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Please, stand if you are able.]

***Hymn for Illumination *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* ELW 519**

1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;

O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain

To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!
 Hal-le-lu-jah!

To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
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[Please, be seated.]

THE HOMILY

PASTOR ESTEVEZ

[Please, stand if you are able.]

*PRAYER OF RESPONSE

P Together we pray.

C **Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit, you have made us your own. You forgave us all our sins and brought us to newness of life. Continue to strengthen us with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in us your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of**

knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

God Blesses Us And Sends Us On A Mission To The World.

THE SENDING

***THE BENEDICTION**

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and
tuned your heart for praise ✝ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

Through the Night of Doubt

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1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as
4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



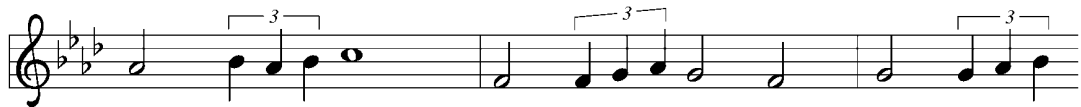
goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the
with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the
per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the
bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -
come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y
of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.
shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

*THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and always remember to pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

C We will, with God's help.

POSTLUDE