

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026 9:30AM



Lord,
I believe

JOHN 9:38

Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

*As a community called by Christ,
we live our faith by loving and serving all creation*

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Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.
Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

...and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

#722

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-sung responsively

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☒ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ☒ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☒ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Prayer of the Day

. . . one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

p. 1067

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem

Jesus Died Upon the Tree

Choir

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter 9.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 9:1-41

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Gospel Response

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pr. Wade Crevier

Silence for Meditation *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song*

Please stand as you are able

Message Response

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

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Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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**

Prayers

Petition response: **Your mercy is great.**

. . . our strength and salvation.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offerings Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thank you for your financial support of our ministry.

Please stand as you are able

Presentation of Gifts

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" v 1-2 #803

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I
sacrifice them to his blood.

Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
**You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.**
**Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.**
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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.

. . . and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Promise

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Please be seated

Communion All are welcome at God's table. Communion is by intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

Communion Hymns

"Be Thou My Vision"

#793

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

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"Here is Bread"

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Please stand as you are able

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

. . . Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✚ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Bell Toll

Sending Hymn

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

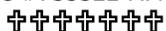
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

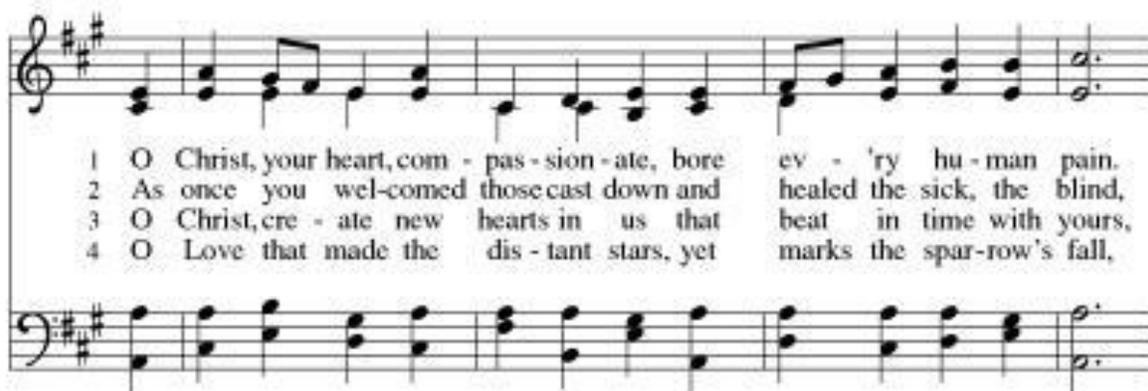
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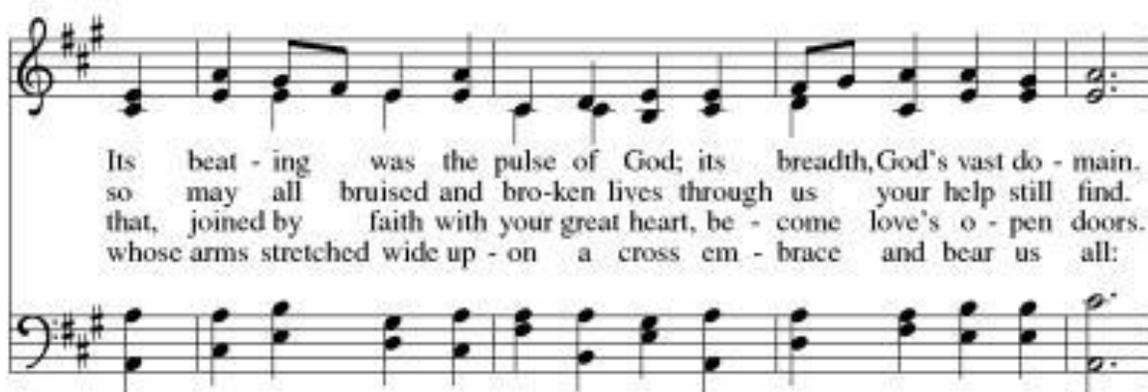
Worship Leaders

Aiden Hill – Livestream Ron & Joyce Splan – Ushers/Greeters Jettie Morelock & Eli Ward – Acolyte
Craig Knutson – Reader Steve Mentele – Choir Director Robin Hoefler – Pianist Wade Crevier – Pastor

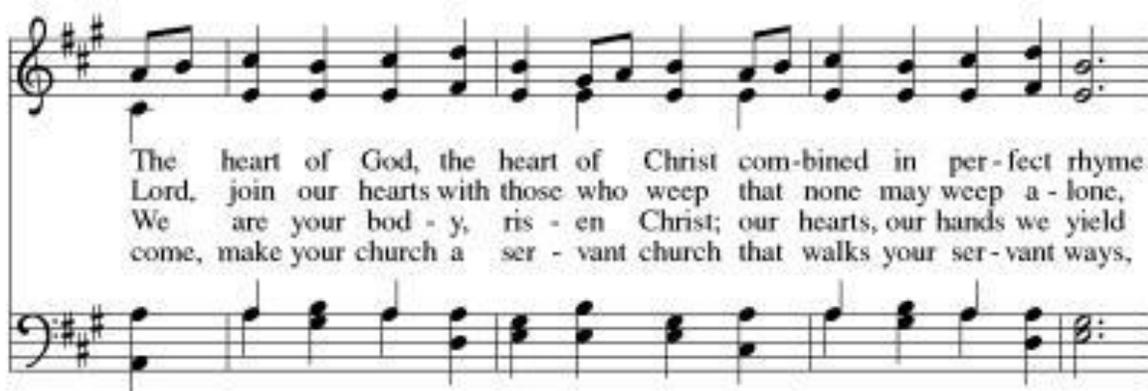
O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



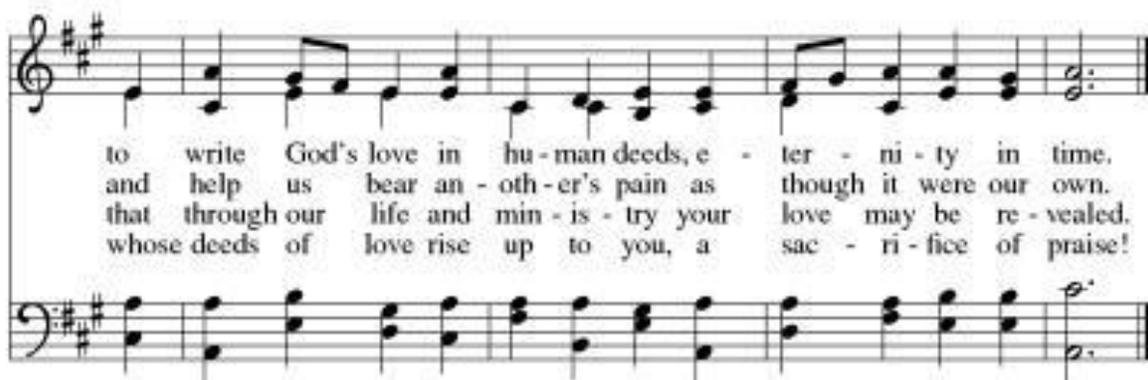
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time,
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed,
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

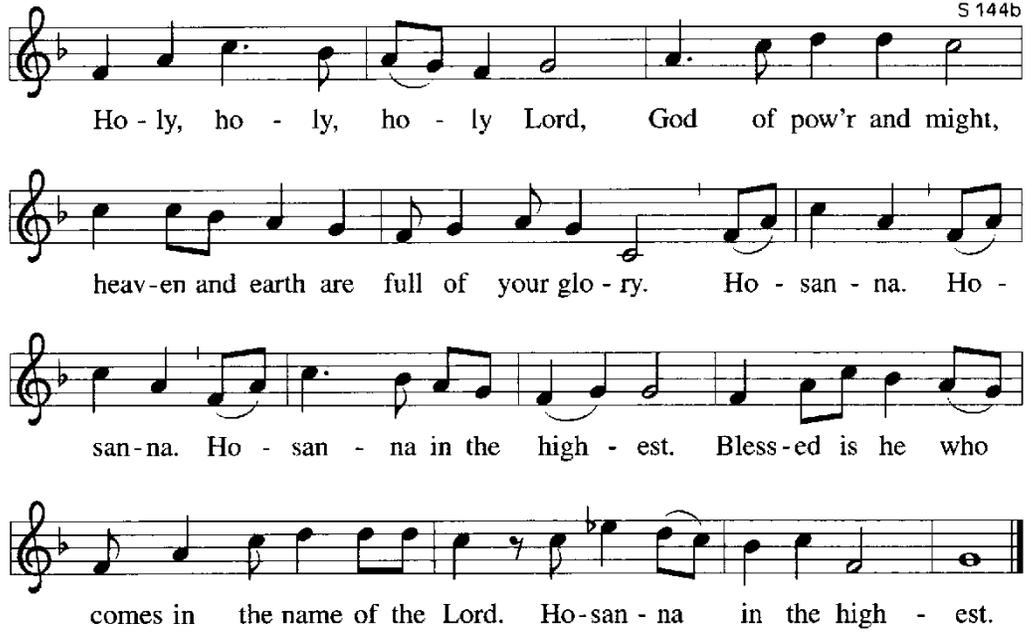
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

HAMBURG
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Alternate tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all - else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

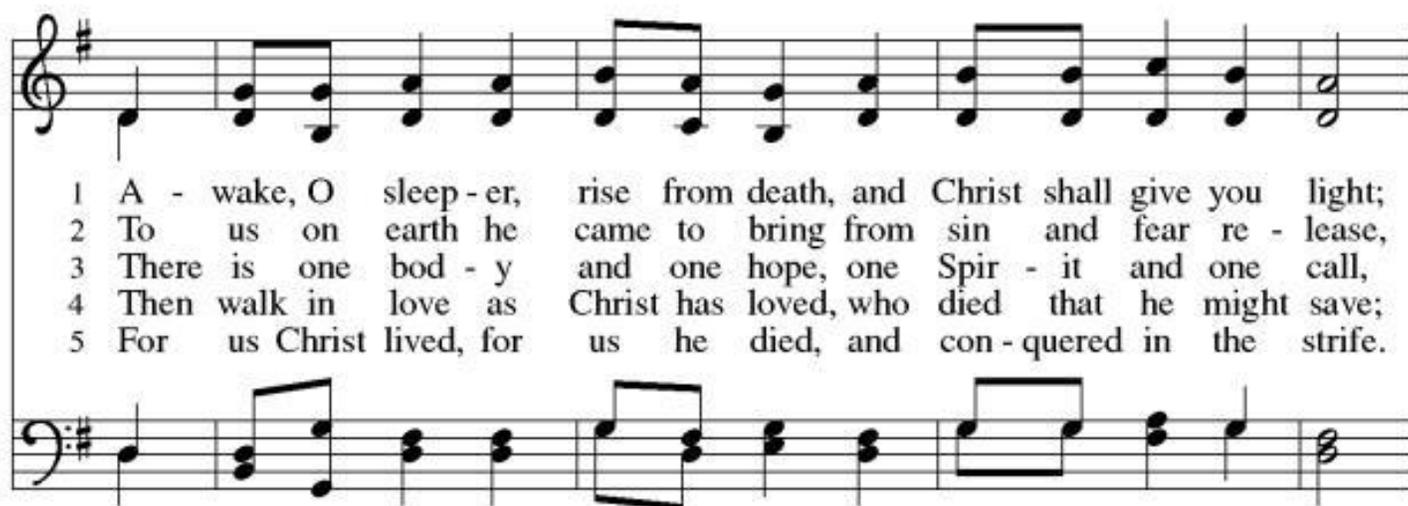


thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

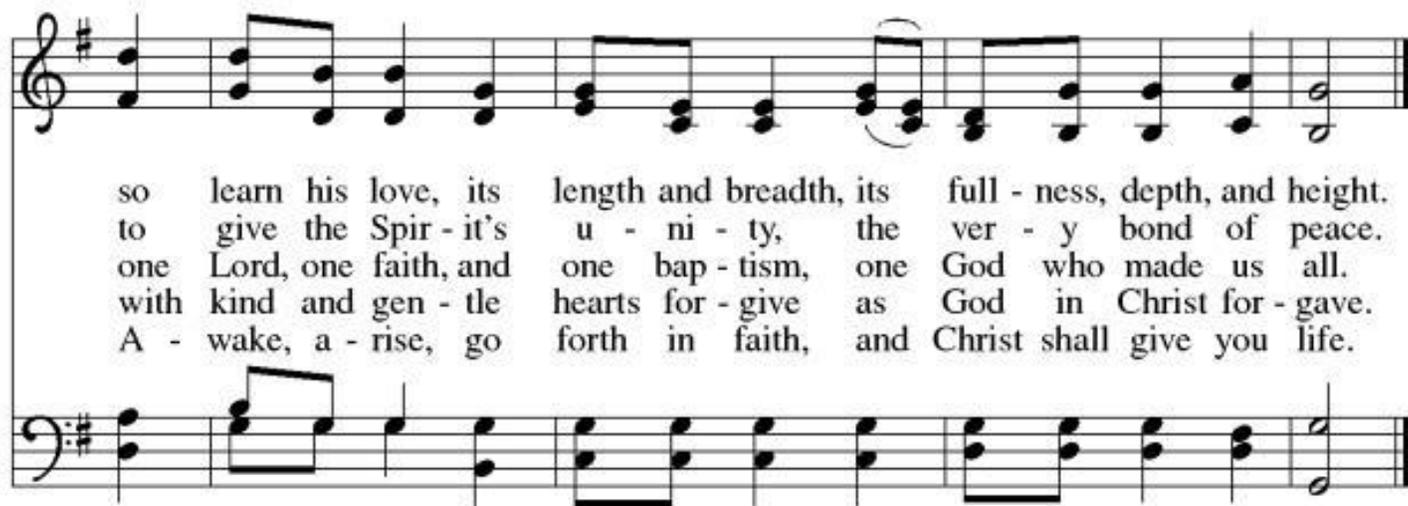


wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829

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1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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HERE IS BREAD

3 3 4 4 3 3 5 and refrain



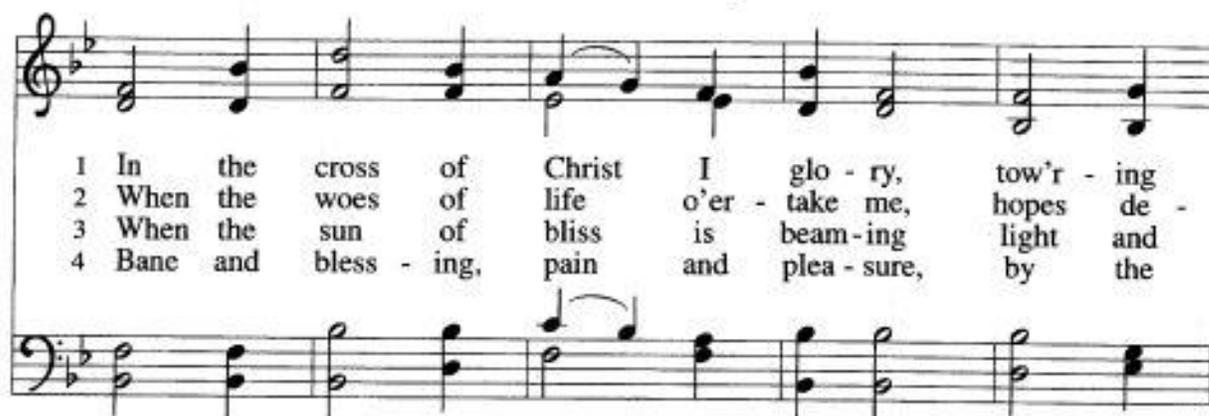
In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



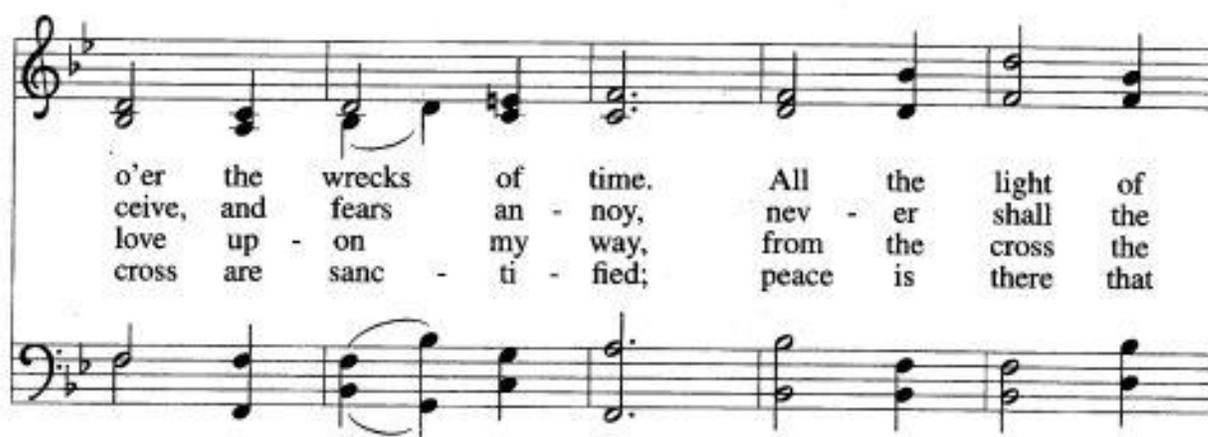
In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

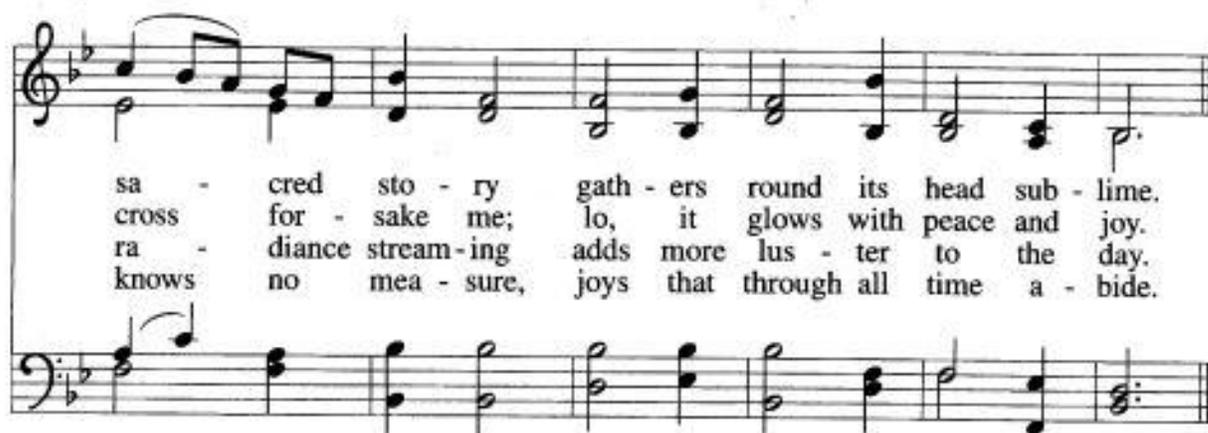
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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Announcements for March 15, 2026

Welcome! We are happy you are here today!

NOTE: This worship service is being livestreamed.

- **Families:** It is our hope that you will find a comfortable way to worship at JP. There are activity bags in the Narthex for young children to use during worship. There is also a large pew area, "Prayground", on the righthand side of the Sanctuary, near the pulpit, that is available for families to use.
- **Large Print Bulletins and Hymns** are available in the narthex in a red binder. Ask the ushers!
- **Visitors: Sign the Visitor's Book** and pick up a visitor's bag located on the table in the Connecting Room.

Keep in prayer: June Bates, Mary Carlson, Judy Clark (sister-in-law of Bill), Dean Erickson (Brett's dad), Jill Fiorenza (Jim Baker's sister), Barb Grenawalt, Hannah Hahn, Derek Lindstrom, Cookie Martinson, Trevor Olson, Cindy Peterson (Ted & Julie's sister-in-law), Brad Pfaff (son-in-law of Mary Jane), Mike Schwark (Brett's friend), Don Seeger, Ron Torkilson, Lynn Tracy, Mary Jane Tracy **Please contact Pastor Wade with any changes in requests.**

Mid-Week Lenten Opportunities at Jefferson Prairie Wednesdays

Bible Study with Pastor Wade 3:00pm Lenten Suppers 5:30pm-6:30pm

3/18 Baked Potato Bar, 3/25 Hot off the Grill

Holden Evening Prayer Service 7:00pm (also livestreamed)

- **Volunteers Needed!** We are seeking to have more volunteers to join our livestreaming ministry for worship services. This is a meaningful way to serve, especially for those who rely on the livestream when they're unable to attend in person. No experience is necessary! If you're interested in helping with **livestreaming**, please contact Mark or Stephanie Schneider. There are also opportunities to serve as **readers** and **ushers**. Sign-up sheets are available in the connecting room. Thank you for the many ways you support and participate in our worship life together!
- Throughout the season of Lent, we are participating in a collection for the **God's Global Barnyard** giving initiative. This is a program through ELCA World Hunger that helps supply funds for livestock, agriculture, and sustainable development projects around the world. These gifts help families in struggling communities gain food security, income, and long-term resilience. There are **piggy-banks** and **barn-banks** you are invited to take around the sanctuary to collect money through Lent to support these families in purchasing livestock. The collection will run until **Easter Sunday** when we will collect the banks as part of our offering. Contact Pastor Wade if you have any questions.
- The **Cemetery Committee** would like to remind you to please remove all old decorations from the east and west cemeteries by March 29th. All new decorations may be put out after April 12th. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- **Easter Flowers**-Yellow order forms are available in the narthex. Please return order form and payment, together, in the offering plate. **ORDERS ARE DUE TODAY, MARCH 15th**
- The latest **CHRIST IN OUR HOME** devotionals are available by the office and in the Narthex.

Sharing Your Offering: Thank you for your generosity that supports God's ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering. ***Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary. ***Give online** at www.jplchurch.org. Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly. ***Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Online worship available at: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonprairie/live/> and www.jplchurch.org homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services. The bulletin is under Sermon Notes.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 15	8:45am 9:30am after	Choir Worship Youth Music/Sunday School/Youth Group Fellowship/Endowment/Parsonage Team
Tuesday, March 17	9:00am 6:00pm	Quilting Council
Wednesday, March 18	3:00pm 5:30pm-6:30pm 7:00pm	Bible Study with Pastor Wade Lenten Supper-Baked Potato Bar Mid-Week Lenten Service
Friday, March 20	3:30pm	Bells
Sunday, March 22	9:00am 9:30am after	Children Rehearse "I Am the Resurrection" Worship Youth Music/Sunday School/Youth Group Fellowship/Sharing the Care