Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

"A family where Christ is Head and the entire congregation are ministers."

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Good Morning and a Special Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. The receiving of communion will not be recorded to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament. During this time, the recording will be directed to the stained-glass window above the altar so communion hymns can still be shared. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR – Flo and Richard Ball, Talma Butcher, Sandi Cullop, Gregg Dyakon, Helen Everett, Pat Gregory, Jeanne Greif, Terry Ingmire, Paul Lass, Julie and Sam Locklear, Pastor Jonathan Meraz, Patrick Mick, Brenda Pendry, Helena Pett, Scott and Natasha Thieman, Marc Vernick, Sarah Von Moll, Leslie Waller.

HOLY COMMUNION – In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **His very body and blood** to eat and to drink **for the forgiveness of sins** and **to strengthen our union with Him and with one another**. He invites to His table those who trust His words, **repent of all their sin** and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because **Holy Communion is a confession of the faith** which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to **speak with the Pastor before communing**.
For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:17-34

Other Christians and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. For those who prefer it for any reason, the cups in **the center of the tray contain a grape juice option**. Please let the pastor know if you need a **Gluten Free wafer**.

(Before communing, we ask that first time guests and visitors please speak with the Pastor.)

Today's Worship Participants

Lector	*Anna Carter*
Communion Assistant	*Dave Petri*

Areas of church to be open to congregation during Phase 3 –

Parking lot entrance only - Hallway inside parking lot doors - Sanctuary - Two Restrooms on parking lot side of building

Bible Study and Church Service –

1. Services will be livestreamed for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person.
2. There will be Worship at 10 AM on Sundays. (during Phase 3 there will no fellowship in the Welcome Center or Sunday School).
3. Bulletins will not be handed to you but will be in the pews when you come in. **Please sit in these pews only. Singles may sit on the opposite ends of a pew.**
4. The content of the service will be under the discretion of the Pastor and the Director of Music.

Offering - An offering plate has been placed by the entrance/exit door so that you may leave your tithe.

Fifth Sunday in Lent — March 21, 2021

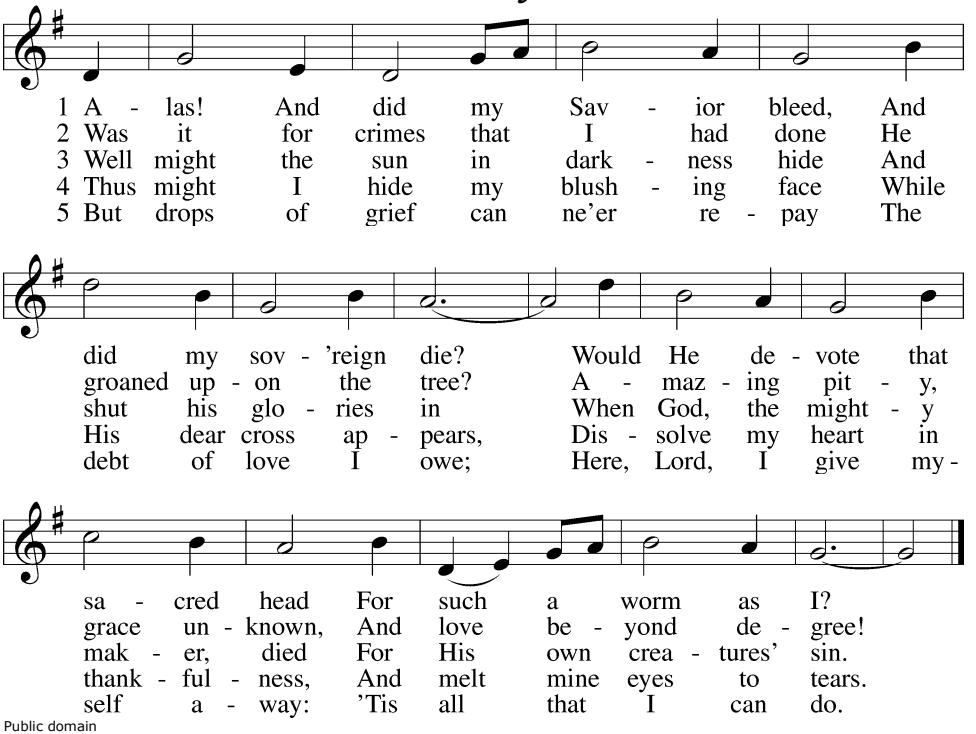
The congregation sits quietly. Please be aware that some people use the time prior to the service for reflection and meditation in the sanctuary. Please respect this time of silence.

Organ Chorale *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Georg Philipp Telemann

Welcome and Announcements

Stand (as you are able)

Opening Hymn *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*



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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

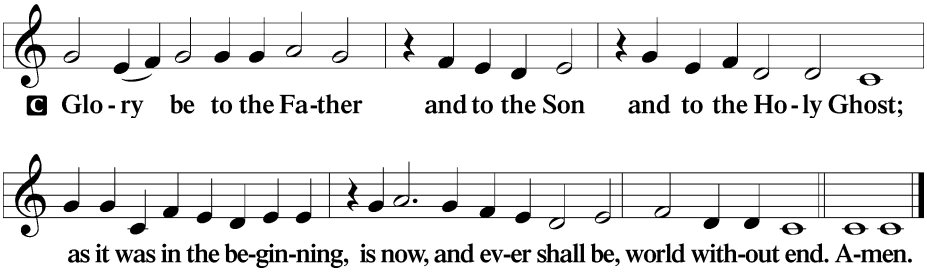
P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

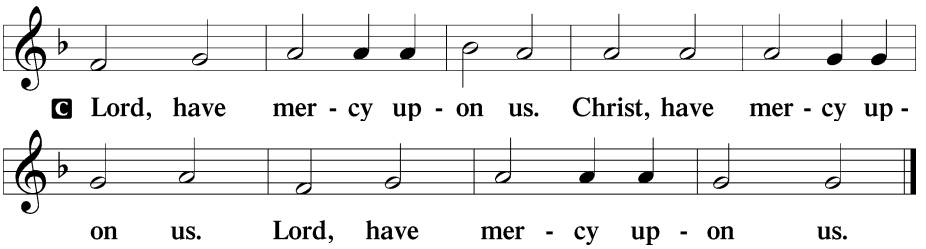
Service of the Word

Introit

C **Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,**
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.


C Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31–34

31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the
house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on
the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that
they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will
make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no
longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they
shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive
their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

C [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

Hebrews 5:1–10

1 Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to
God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward,
since he himself is beset with weakness. 3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his
own sins just as he does for those of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but
only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

6as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

7In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, 10being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Music for Meditation

To You, O Lord — Marty Haugen

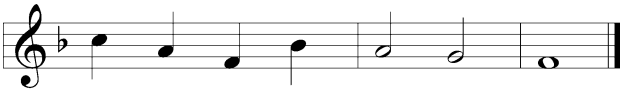
Lynn Hubert, soprano

Stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:32–45

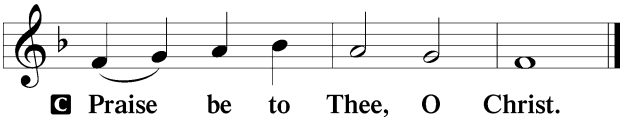
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.



32And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, 33saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. 34And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

35And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" 37And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" 39And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, 40but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. 42And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

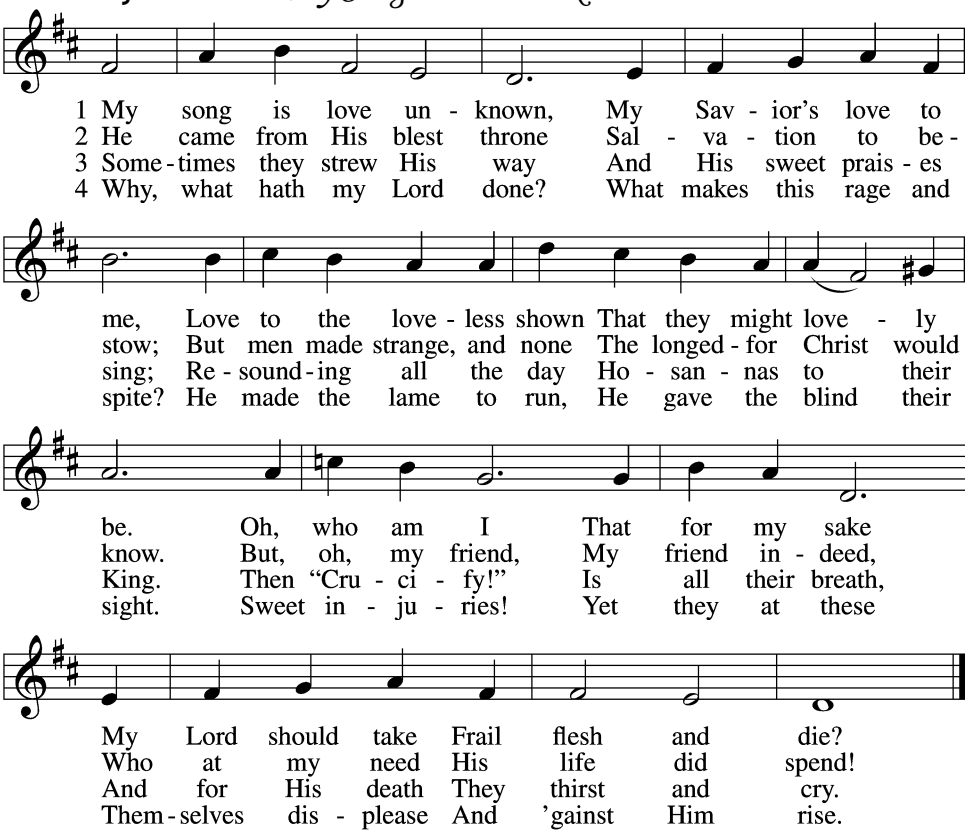
℃ **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day *My Song Is Love Unknown*



5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Music for Meditation *Your Love Is Finer Than Life* Marty Haugen

Lynn Hubert, Soprano

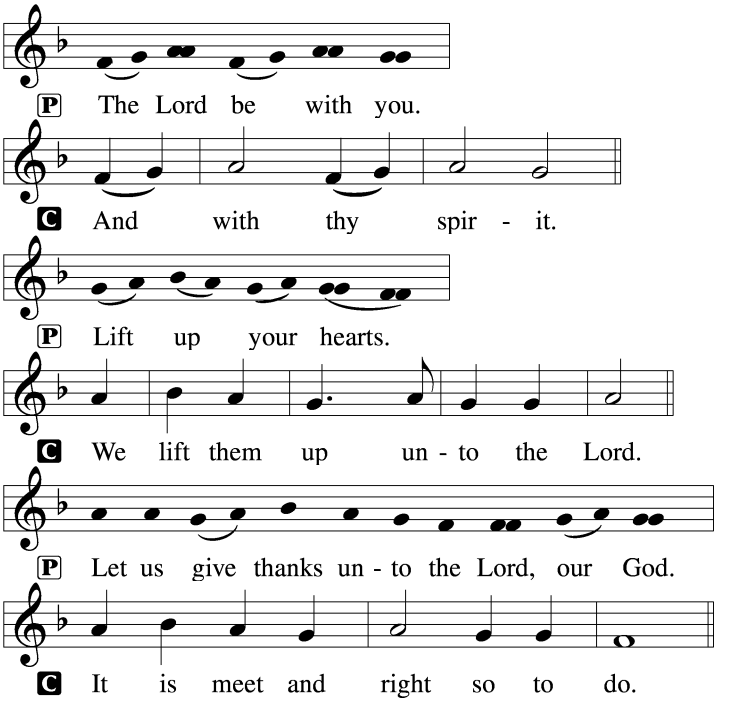
Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in your mercy...

C **….hear our prayer.**

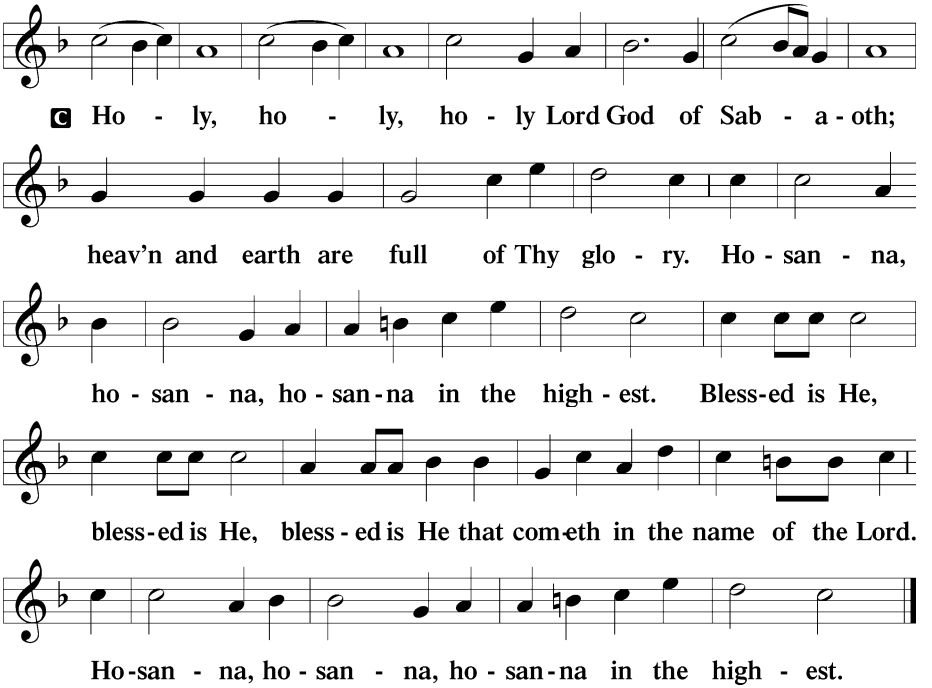
Service of the Sacrament

Preface



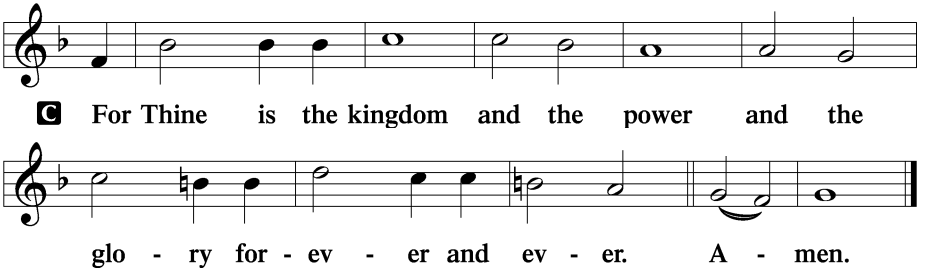
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared 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



Lord's Prayer

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.

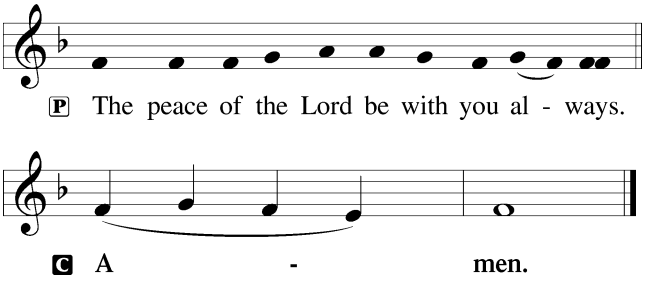


The Words of Our Lord

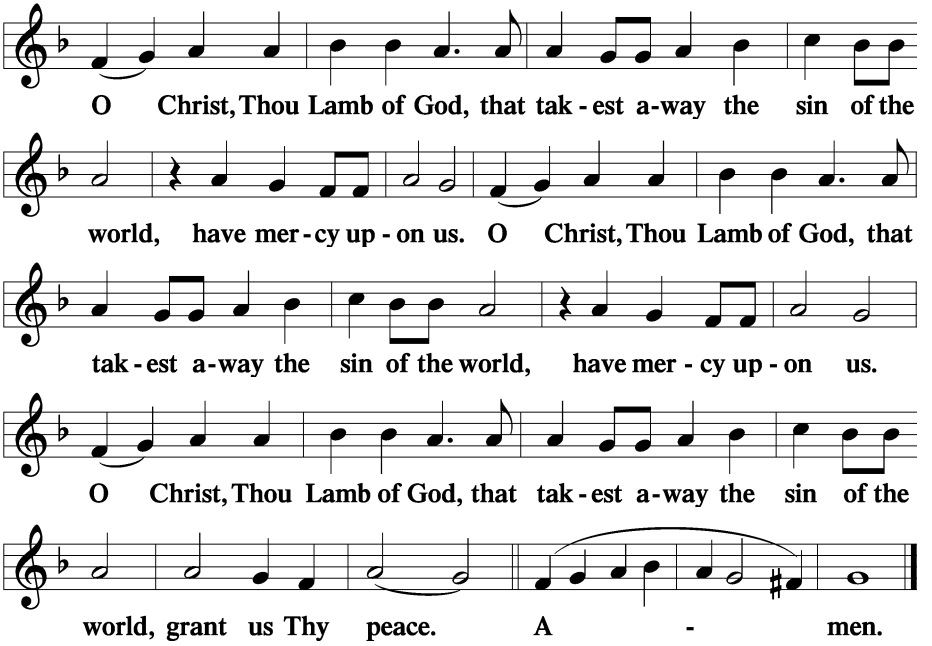
℗ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Pax Domini



Agnus Dei



Sit

Pastor will give instructions on communing.

Distribution

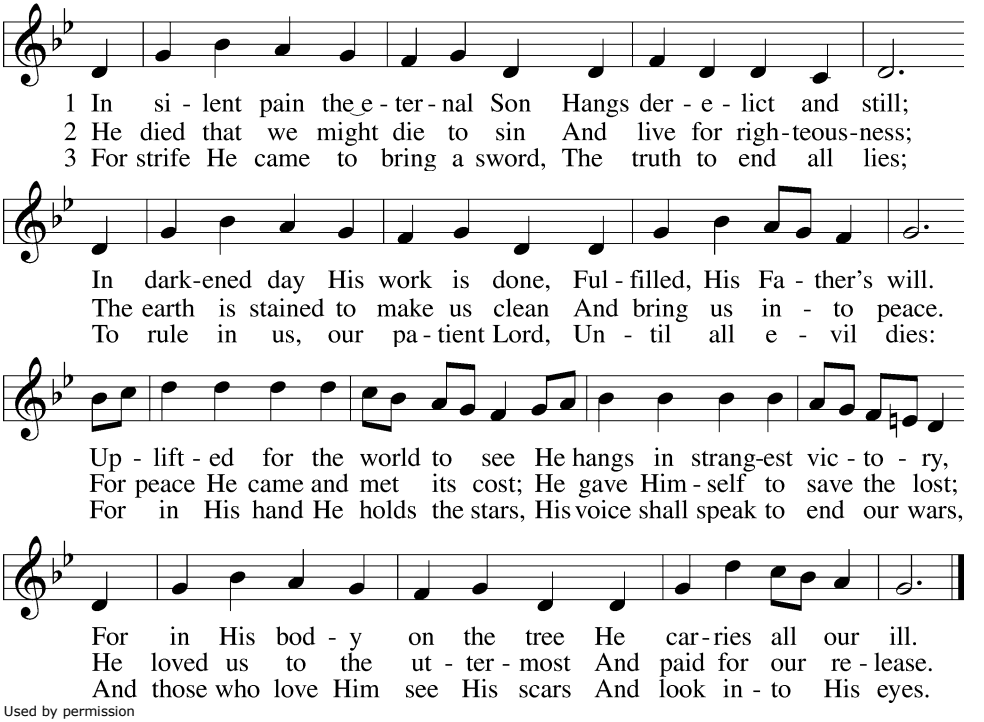
The pastor distributes the body and blood of Christ to those who come to receive.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Distribution Hymn *In Silent Pain the Eternal Son*



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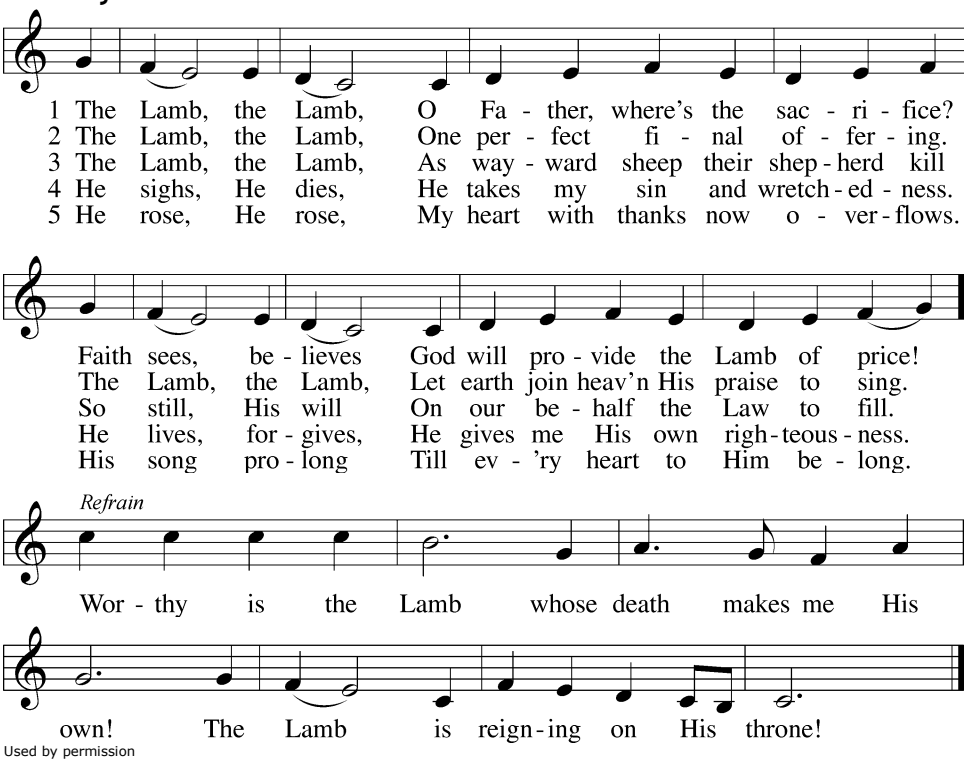
Distribution Hymn *The Lamb*



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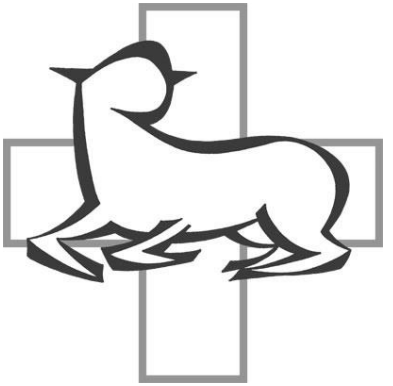
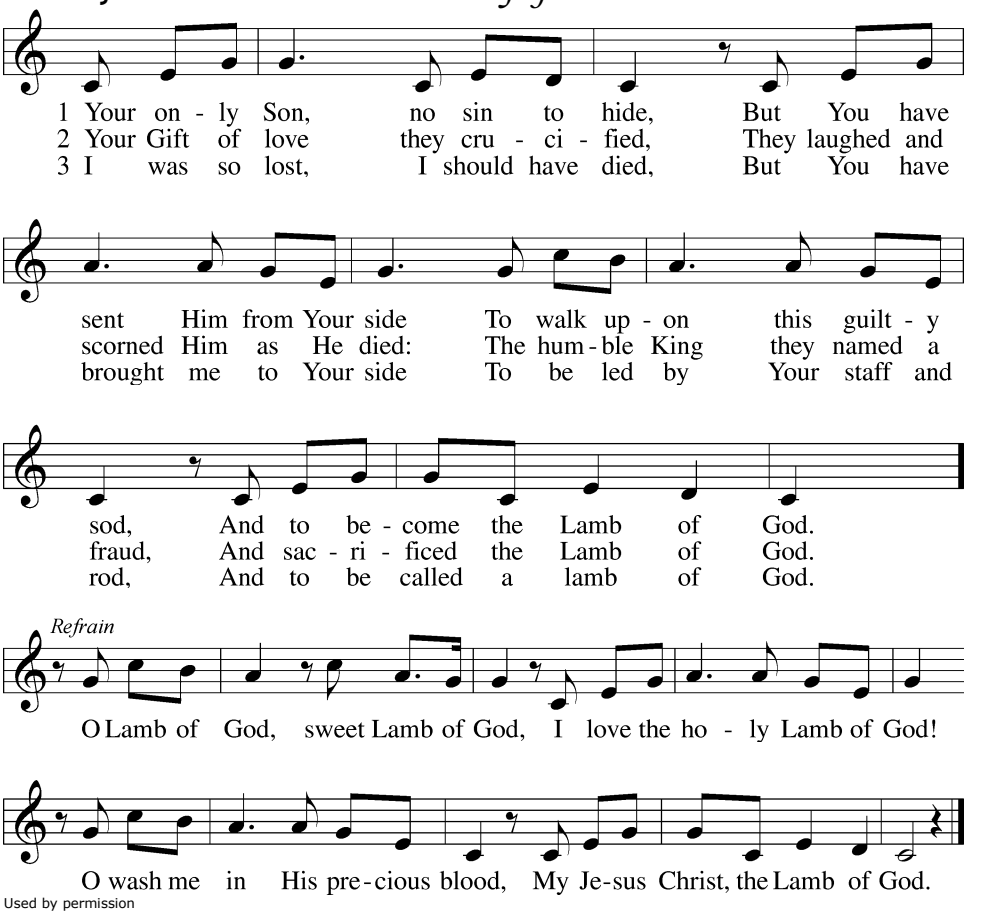


Distribution Hymn

Lamb of God



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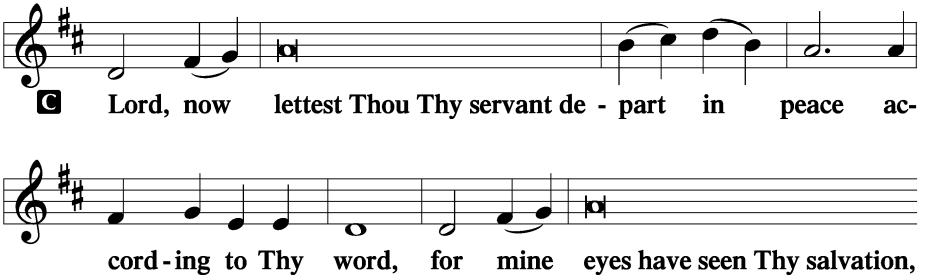
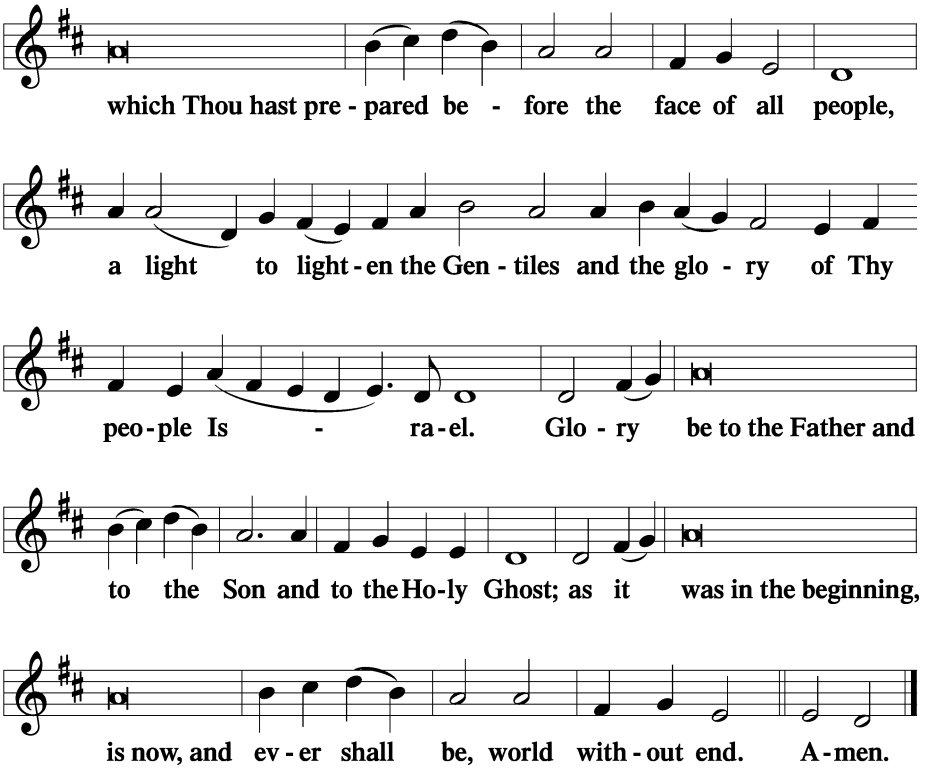
Nunc Dimittis





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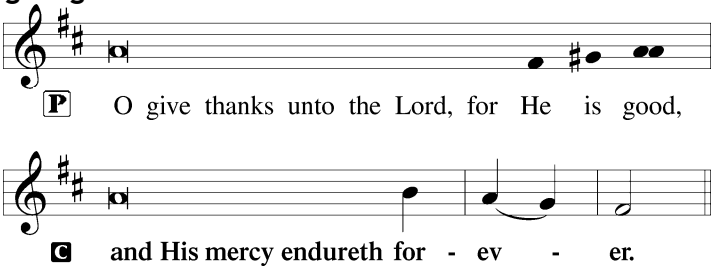
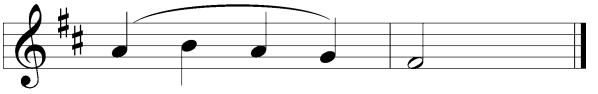


P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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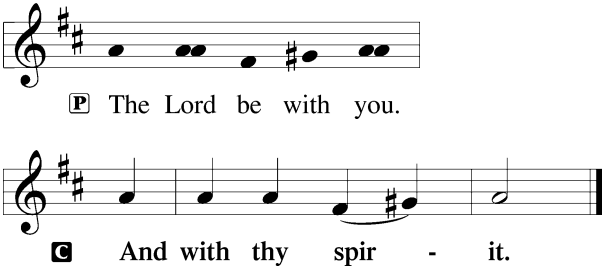
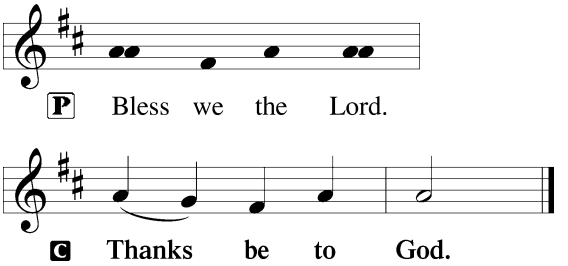
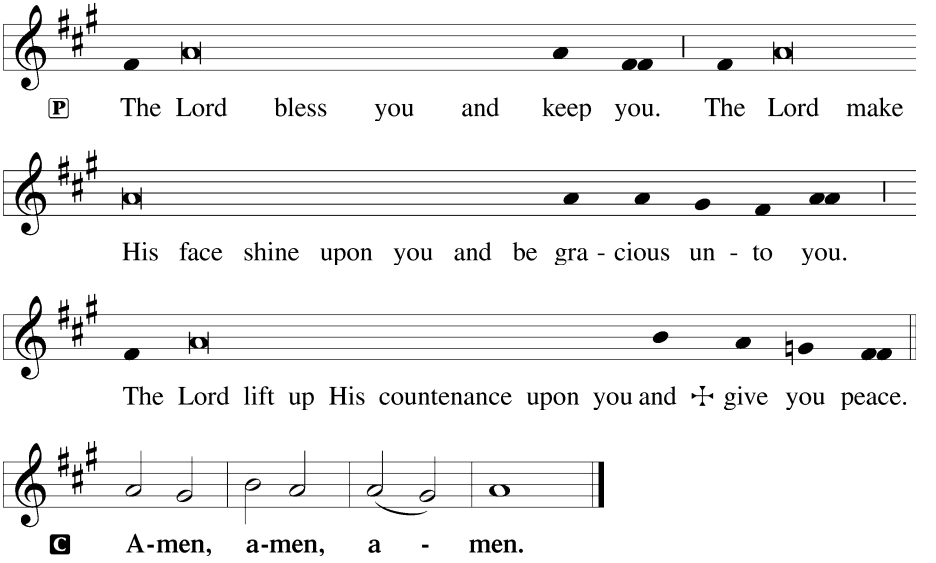


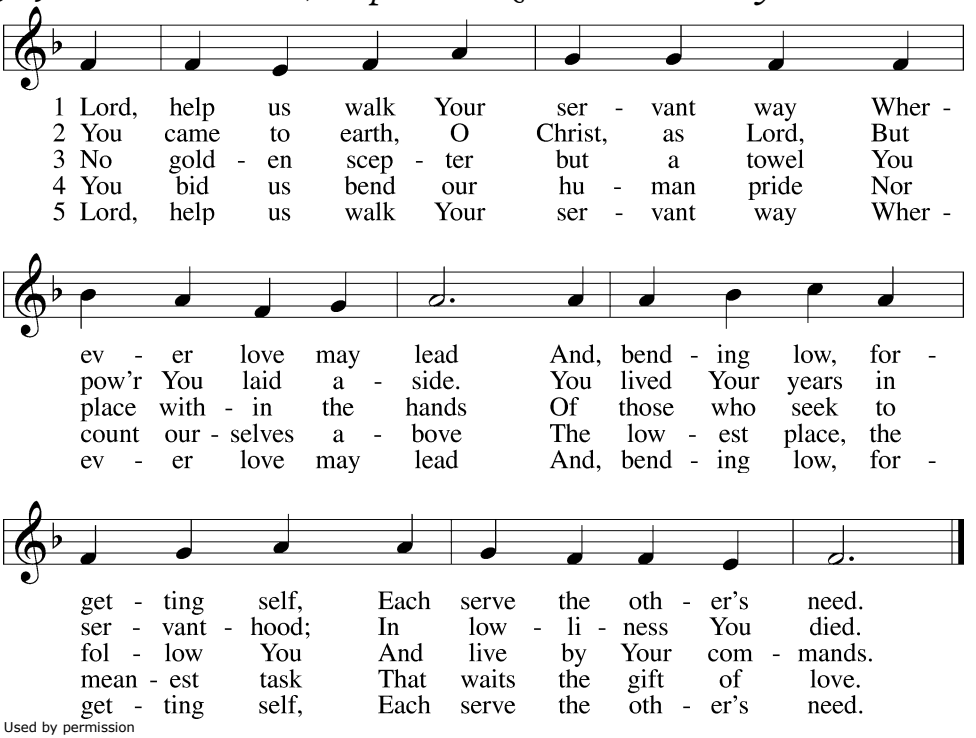
Benedicamus



Benediction



Closing Hymn *Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way*



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Instructions will be given on exiting the building one pew at a time. Please continue exiting thru the parking lot doors to the parking lot in an orderly manner to ensure there is social distancing. We will not be using the front entrance at all.

Organ Chorale *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Johann Pachelbel

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The ladies of the LWML will be sponsoring a TAKE OUT ONLY Easter Bake Sale this year. You will find a flyer with envelope in the bulletin this morning if you would like to purchase some Home Baked Goodies. Please make checks payable to LWML. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 28, 2021. *The proceeds from this benefit will go to the LWML Ways and Means Fund for missions.*

Special Ministries will be collecting NEW Pajamas for babies through children's size 14 starting January 31, 2021 and running until March 31, 2021. This will be our first time collecting the pajamas and we are excited about supporting the *Pajama Jams*' Mission.

Pajama Jams' Mission is Simple: to Bring Comfort to Children in their Time of Need. Every child deserves to feel the love and security that ensures peaceful sleep. *Pajama Jams* accomplishes this with gifts of pajamas. But, as the need in our area has grown, so has their need for extended support.

Pajama Jams is a Virginia Beach-based, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to delivering new pajamas to children in need in Hampton Roads. Since 2009, more than 10,000 local children in Hampton Roads have benefitted from Pajama Jams. The charity collects pajamas year 'round and distributes them during the holiday season.

Please leave pajamas in the collection box in the hallway before entering church.

***PORTALS OF PRAYER* for April - June are now available.** You may pick one up from the front pew as you exit this morning.

If you would like to purchase an EASTER LILY to grace the altar on Easter this year, you will need to email or call the Church Office with your designation. Cost per lily will be $10.00 and must be paid for in advance. The lilies beautify our sanctuary signifying the Resurrection of Our Lord and may be taken home following the service. The deadline for ordering is March 28th. Please make checks payable to LWML and drop them in the offering plate or mail to the Church Office. Please make the notation of "EASTER LILY" in the memo line.

March 2021 Presentation

Macedonia was a little country located north of Greece. Familiar Bible towns were located there, including Berea, Philippi and Thessalonica. Alexander the Great brought the country to prominence, and the Apostle Paul was summoned to preach there by a heavenly vision. As a result of his obedience to that call from God, many people in Macedonia became Christians.

As we have seen previously, numerous Bible characters were wealthy individuals. Men like Abraham, Moses, Job, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, and others were blessed of God with great wealth. And as we have seen previously, perhaps for reasons best known only to Him, God allows some people to occupy higher positions than others on the ladder of economic success.

The Christians at Macedonia were just the opposite. For the most part, they were poor. Really poor. Dirt poor. Poor as church mice. You get the picture.

These were not the kind of folks to whom you might turn if you needed to take a special offering. They would be the last ones whom you would expect to give or even to be able to give. But listen to the tremendous commendation they received from the Apostle Paul as described in Second Corinthians chapter 8:

> We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints — and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

How was it the Christians in Macedonia who were in such extreme poverty could give so generously, so willingly, and so eagerly? It was because they first gave themselves to the Lord and then did as He directed in their lives. As a direct result of first giving themselves, they gave as much as they were able — and more.

Spiritual giving — the kind that honors God, the kind that ministers in His name to other people, the kind that stores up treasure in heaven — does not begin with the movement of the hand to the purse, wallet or checkbook. Spiritual giving is something that begins in the heart. You see, when we give ourselves to the Lord, our financial resources will follow. Or as Stephen Olford described the Macedonian Christians so well, “Their giving was the outward expression of their utter dedication to God. The crowning point of their generosity was their complete self-surrender.”

When we consider the spiritual giving of the Macedonians, can we do any less? Regardless of our economic status, when we consider how abundantly God has blessed us, and when we consider His claim on our lives and our possessions, our song and prayer must be that of Isaac Watts, who wrote:

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.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Today, March 21st	**Fifth Sunday in Lent**	
	Worship Service	10:00 am
	Pick Up Lenten Lunches	11:30 am
Wednesday, March 24th	*Mid-Week Recorded Lenten Service available online*	
Sunday, March 28th	**Palm Sunday**	
	Worship Service	10:00 am

Scriptures for March 28th

Zechariah 9:9-12 ~ Philippians 2:5-11 ~ John 12:20-43

Sunday, March 14, 2021
Worship Attendance – 60
General Offerings - $5,397.00