

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to those who are here in person, and all those joining us via our Live Stream, and Listen to Church.
- Thank you, Dale Freberg for sharing the word with us this morning. Thank you RuthAnn for being here this morning and serving as our pianist.
- Welcome to the McCullough family who are gathered here today to celebrate Lucas' baptism.
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,

you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
 In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
 The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
 dwells in you,
 pours God's love into your hearts,
 and gives you life and peace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Be Thou My Vision 793:1-3

<p>1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.</p> <p>2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.</p>	<p> Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.</p> <p>3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou, and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.</p>
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Text: Irish, 8th-10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.

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.

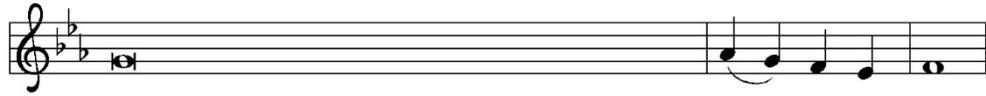
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



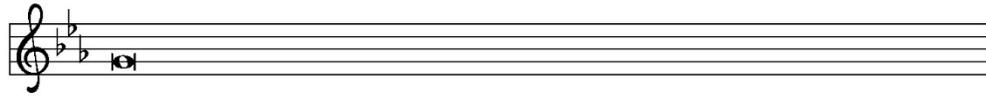
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



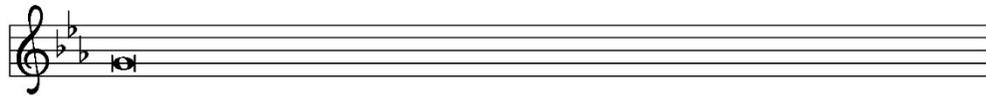
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



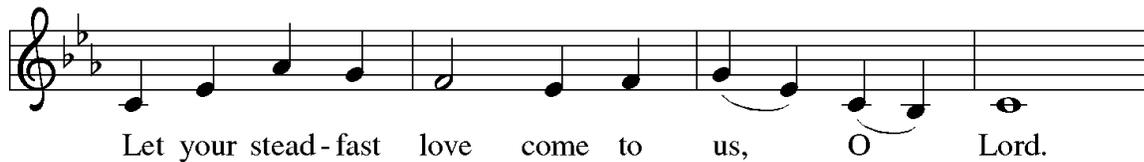
A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Bend your ears to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD**LENTEN ACCLAMATION**

GOSPEL John 9:1-41 Readers Theater *Need title slide only*

SERMON Pastor Dale Freberg

HYMN OF THE DAY Open Our Eyes, Lord (*Worship Band song*)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Lucas Allen McCullough

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Reader*

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

God, our shepherd, we pray that you guide the church. Lead Christians in our community and across the globe in right paths for your name's sake, we pray especially for our partner congregations of Peace Lutheran and Christ Lutheran and our companion synod of Malawi. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our provider, we cry out for this planet and the life it holds. Rescue endangered animals and plants, preserve threatened ecosystems, and save creatures from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence, and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community organizations who seek goodness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our healer, we call to you in our need. Uplift all who are made to feel unimportant, and transform the hearts of all infected by bigotry and prejudice. Care for all in special need this day (*especially Jed Madsen, Rich Moen, Bill Miller, Teresa Kraft, Jan Krueger, and Erica Peterson, and for Brittany Cisneros on the recent passing of her brother, Johnny Foster.*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our friend, we praise you for the diversity of people among us. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for Lucas. Breathe your spirit of new life into him today that he may come to know your love and grace. Strengthen the faith of his parents, Sara and Dave and his sponsors, Andy and Jessie Strey, that they may nurture and support him as he grows. Nurture all the baptized and deepen our wonder at the mystery of your resurrection and life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our home, we thank you for all who have died and completed their baptismal journeys, especially Johnny Foster. Grant us faith to live until we too dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

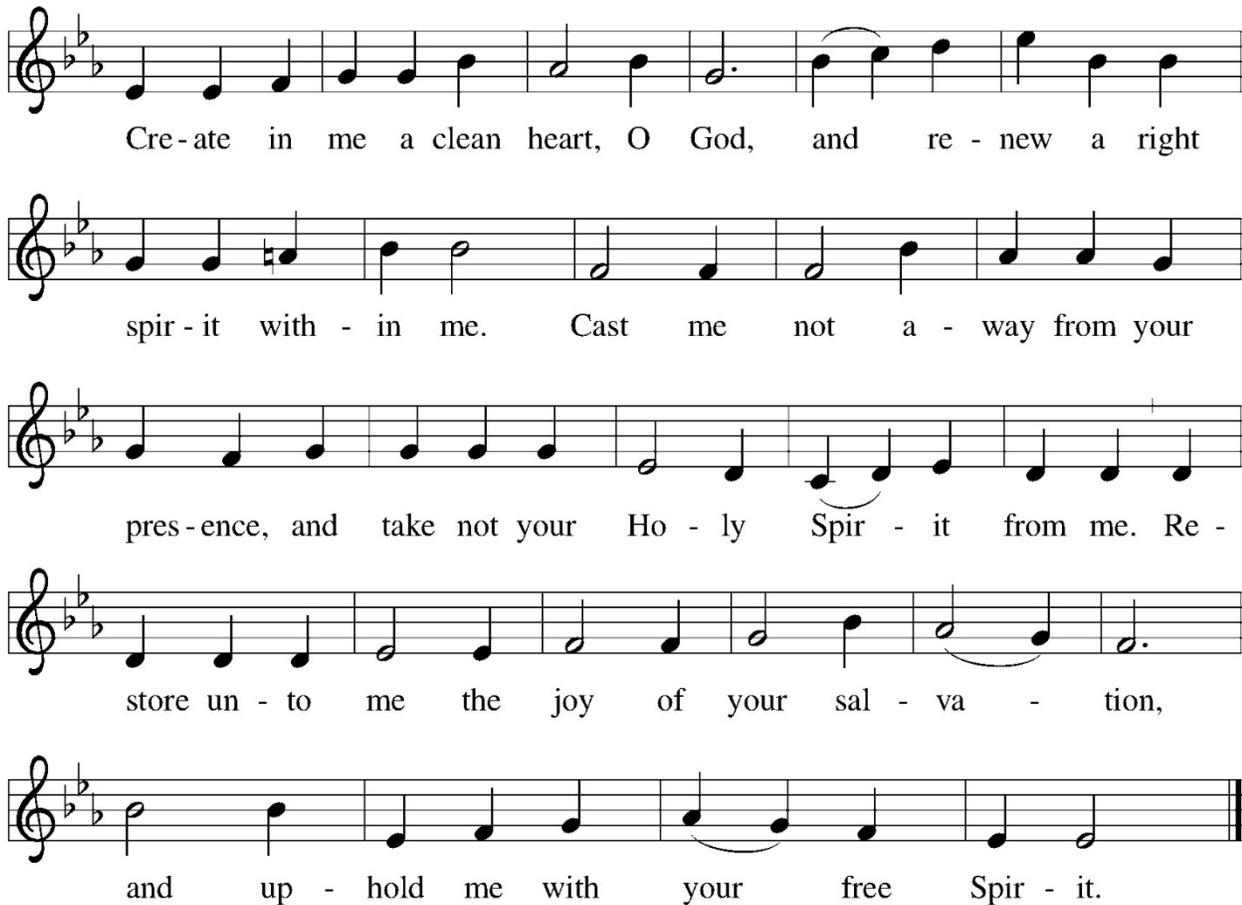
BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

- Lenten Worship – Steve Siegle speaker
- Palm Sunday is next weeks We need folks to donate bars and helpers to prep and serve the delicious brunch that is a part of our Palm Sunday tradition. Sign up sheets under the sky light, link in the weekly newsletter. Or talk to Denise Vick
- Holy Week schedule – Maundy Thursday 6:30; Good Friday, 6:30; Easter Sunrise 7am; Easter 9am and 11am; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the 9am Easter service will be livestreamed

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Create in Me 188



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Gathered around this table, we remember that ...

*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.*

Pour our upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

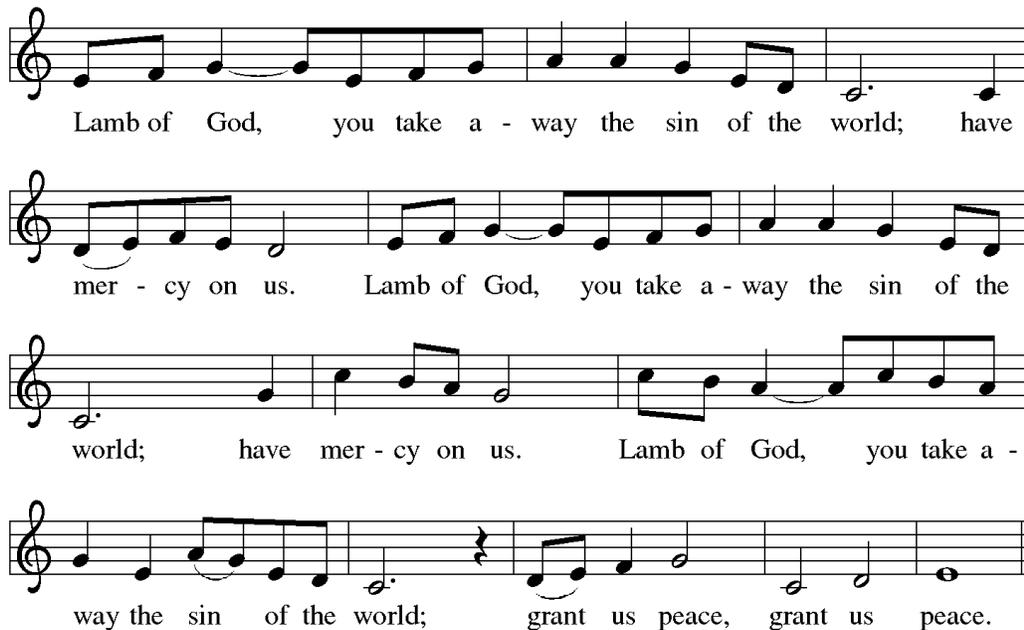
LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

O Living Breath of God 407

1 O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth;

Refrain

Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.

O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

2 O living Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth among us;
O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life anew; *refrain*

3 O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters;
O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth; *refrain*

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 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.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

Let us pray,

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING**BENEDICTION**

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.

SENDING HYMN In the Cross of Christ I Glory 324:1-3

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS

Jed Madsen, Rich Moen (Becky Behren's father), Bill Miller (Glen Miller's brother), Teresa Kraft (Laila Davis' daughter), Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother), Erica Peterson (Granddaughter of Cheryl Merrill)

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

IN SYMPATHY

To the family of Johnny Foster (Brittany Cisneros' brother) on his recent passing.

IN THANKSGIVING

For the baptism of Lucas Allen McCullough, son of Sara and Dave McCullough.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, March 22	Worship with Lucas Allen McCullough baptism, 9:00am Fellowship, 10:15am Palm Sunday Path, 10:15am Fiber Friends, 10:15am No Sunday School
Monday, March 23	Women in Action, 8:00am
Tuesday, March 24	NODC, 3:30pm
Wednesday, March 25	Lenten supper, 5:15pm Lenten Worship, 6:30pm Confirmation -Easter Rehearsal, 7:00pm Choir, 7:00pm
Thursday, March 26	Vibrant Voices, 1:00pm Bell rehearsal, 6:30pm
Friday, March 27	
Saturday, March 28	Palm Sunday Brunch Prep, 9:00am

No Sunday School on the following dates:
March 15, 22, 29 and April 5

MEF approved grants for first quarter:

*Space heaters & Aldi gift card	\$439.13
*Stepping Stones repairs due to fire	\$10,000.00
*Engineers W/O Boarders trip to Guatemala	\$2,901.00
*Bridge to Hope Fundraiser	\$1,500.00
*NW Synod Love Your Neighbor campaign	\$1,500.00
*Replace Luther Park Hwy Signage	\$1,179.00

The next MEF mtg is 6/2/26 at 6:00pm
Application deadline 5/29/26

Palm Sunday Brunch Come and help prepare egg casseroles and prep the dining room on Saturday, March 28th 9-noon. Help is also needed for Palm Sunday morning to cook and set up for **Palm Sunday Brunch on Sunday, March 29th**. See the messenger for the link and/or QR code to sign up on-line or look for the sign-up sheets under the skylight on the bulletin board. See Denise with any questions.

High School students—Saturday, April 4th, head over to Autumn Village at 1:30pm to assist with the 2:00pm bingo.

Thank you to RuthAnn Ledgerwood for serving as our keyboardist this morning, thank you to those participating in our Reader's Theater this morning: Becky Kneer, Katie Benson, Jeff Vick, Darla Sorenson, Chris Gutting, Jenna Creaser, and Kris Lemke; and to Pr. Dale Freberg for sharing God's word with us.

Join Pr. Sarah in the friendship room following Worship **TODAY** to learn more about the Palm Sunday Path and the events being planned in Eau Claire for Palm Sunday.

Midweek Lenten schedule at OSL

Lenten Supper 5:15-6:00pm

Worship 6:30pm / With Holden Evening Prayer

March 25- Steve Siegle

Holy Week Schedule

Maudy Thursday- April 2: 6:30pm*
Good Friday—April 3: 6:30pm*
Easter Sunday—April 5: Sunrise, 7:00am
Easter Sunday—April 5: 9:00am*
Easter Sunday—April 5: 11:00am
* Livestream

Funds collected this month in our Little church will go to support the Menomonie area School Lunch Angel Fund.

COUNCIL MEMBER ON DUTY*Gayle Holte***READER**
*Chris Gutting***POWER POINT**
*Mary Solberg***USHERS**
Sue Russo
*Gary Russo***SOUND SYSTEM**
*Dale Freberg***COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**
Judy Kirk
Kris Lemke
*Marni Waznik***CAMERA**
*Luke Radzikinas***FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	Mar - Feb	February
Income	\$400,825.54	\$36,786.15
Expenses	\$337,548.82	\$27,790.08
Over/short	\$63,276.72	\$8,996.07

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