

MARCH 17TH 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

IF YOU ARE ONLINE

We're glad that you are with us today! We hope that you will share your prayers and participation in the chat during worship.

IF YOU ARE IN THE SANCTUARY

We're glad you're here! Please let our ushers know if there is anything that you need.

Live-Stream: Please note that our services are recorded, broadcast live, and a recording is made publicly available on YouTube. If you wish to sit off camera during service, please speak to an usher. Our pastor can bring communion to your seat. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers.

For families: We have a kids' play area in the back of the sanctuary, and an enclosed family play room is open near the main sanctuary doors. Families are welcome to use both spaces during worship, and should feel free to move about as needed. Kids in the family play room must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

COVID 19: We continue to support immunocompromised community members. Masks are no longer required, but are always welcome. We encourage you to do what you feel is best to care for yourself and others. Some worshippers prefer to maintain social distance, so please respect others' space and personal boundaries during service.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY:

Pastor	Kristofer Rhude
Deacon	Bob Blough
Reader	Ann Ponikvar
Altar Guild	Janet Keeley & Karen Stephenson
Accompanist	Daniel Thomas
Flowers	In memory of Shirley's mother Vivian

We always welcome new lay leaders to participate in service! If you would like to join the rotation of deacons, readers, altar guild, ushers, or prayer writers, please talk with Pr. Kris or the person who was volunteering in that position this week. No experience or special knowledge is needed!

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please rise in body or in spirit

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.* Holy God,

All we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. **Amen.**

Pastor Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✠ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG • RESTORE IN US, O GOD



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

GREETING

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

All **And also with you.**

Please be seated

KYRIE

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All



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

All



Leader For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of Christ, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

All



Leader For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

All



Leader Help save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

All



THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Bless-ing, hon - or, glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deacon Let us pray,
O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

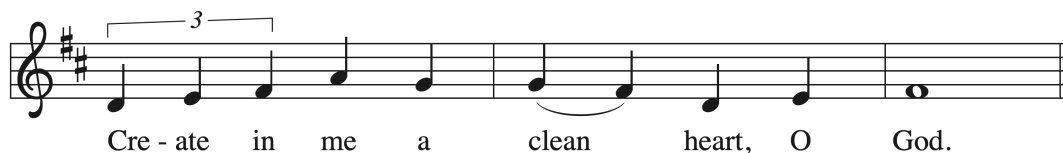
All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Reader A reading from Jeremiah, the 31st chapter.
³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says 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. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM

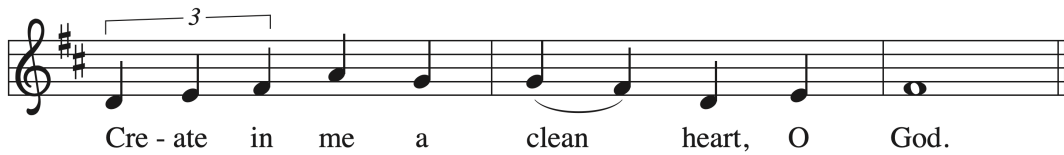
Reader A reading from Psalm 51; I invite you to respond with the antiphonal refrain as indicated.



Reader ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
²Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.
³For I know my offenses,

and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

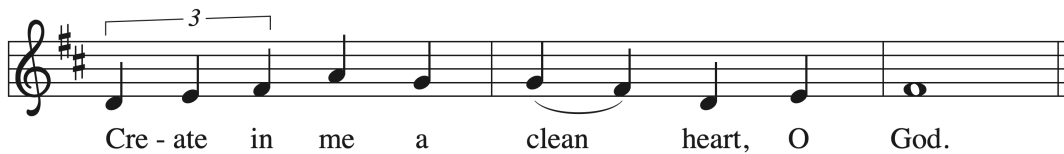


⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

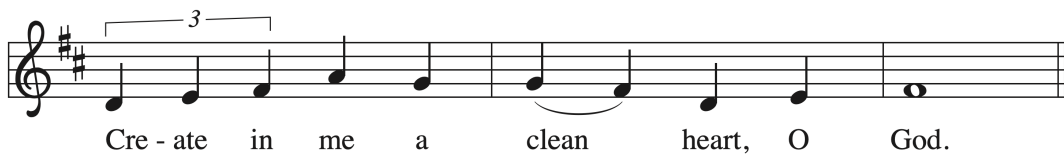


⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

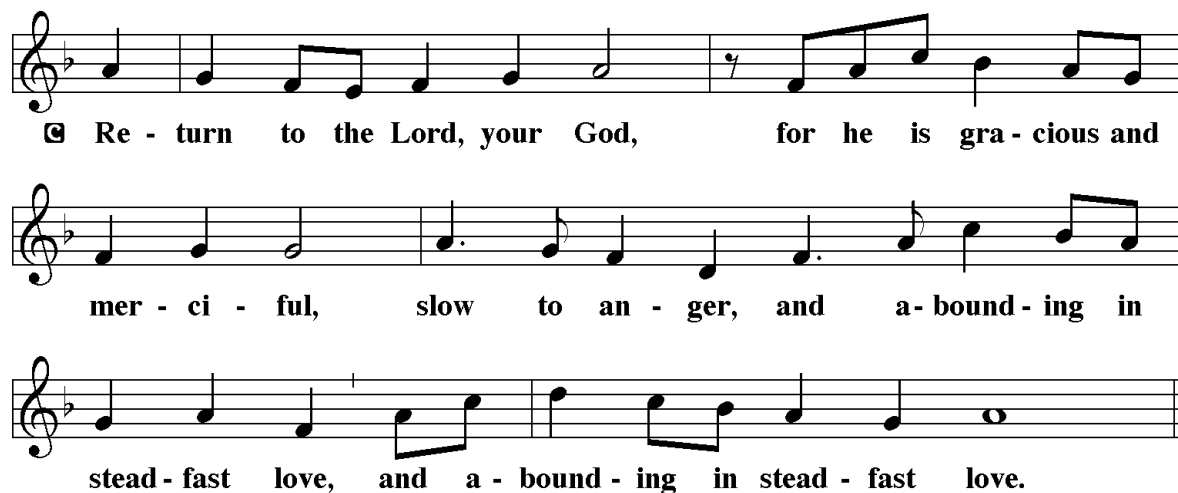
¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please rise in body or in spirit



GOSPEL READING

Pastor The Gospel according to John, the third chapter.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Pastor ²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This

voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Pastor The Gospel of our Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY • SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please rise in body or in spirit

After each petition, the deacon will pray; “Merciful God,” and the congregation is invited to respond: “hear our prayer.”

Deacon Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

We encourage you to share a sign of peace with respect to the concerns and boundaries of others. Giving your neighbor the peace sign and tell them “Peace be with you” or putting your hand on your heart and saying “God’s peace be with you” are two of many options for sharing a sign of peace.

OFFERING

God has dealt abundantly with us. We practice that abundance by relinquishing our gifts and wealth as a sign of trust that through relationship, God continues to deal abundantly with the whole human family. Our collected offerings proclaim that abundance through our shared mission. If you would like to join this community in mission, you may drop an offering in the plates being passed, give online at www.cgslc.org/donate, or use the Venmo QR code on the final page of this bulletin.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Offered by Keynote Vocal Group

OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

Please rise in body or in spirit



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing.



Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all, u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now.



Grace our tab - le with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Deacon Let us pray.

All Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

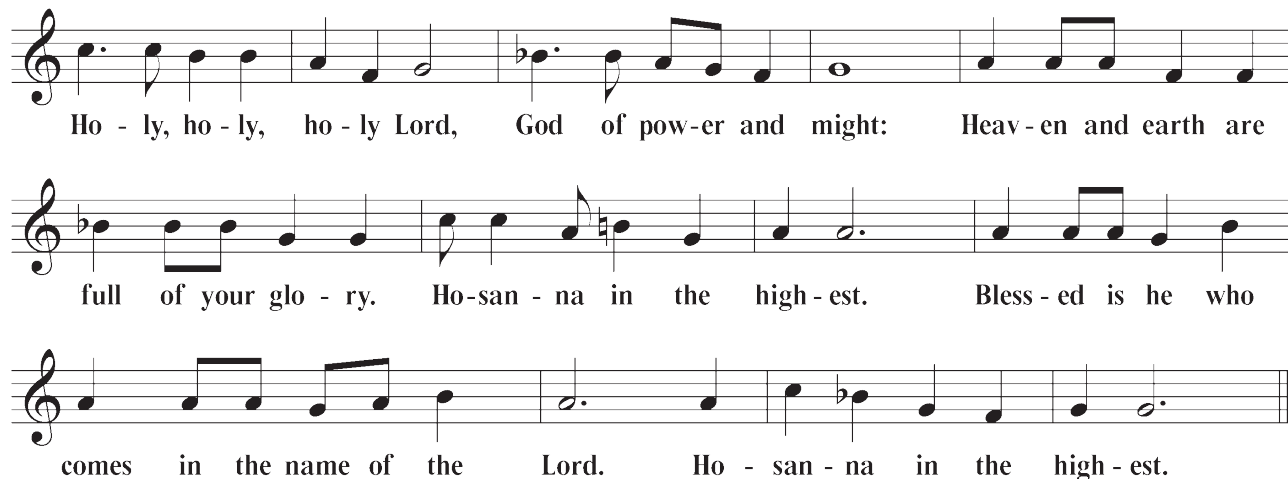
Pastor Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to God.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical notation is written on three staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might: Heav-en and earth are". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: "full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The third staff concludes the phrase with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

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full of your glo - ry. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pastor O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Grace our table with your presence.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the language of your own choosing.

Our God, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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 kin-dom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at CGS. We invite you to share holy communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, physical ability or mental health.

There are gluten free wafers for those who need them; please just ask the pastor when you go forward. The small cups contain red wine and white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, just let the pastor know when you come forward. Take your time! Ask the pastor or communion server if you have any questions or needs.

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.

WITHIN OUR DARKEST NIGHT

With-in our dark-est night, you kin-dle the fire that nev-er dies a-

way, nev-er dies a-way. With-in our dark-est night, you kin-dle the

fire that nev-er dies a-way, nev-er dies a-way.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please rise in body or in spirit

Deacon Let us pray. Generous God,

All at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Please rise in body or in spirit

Offered by Keynote Vocal Group

SENDING SONG • LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav-'ling through this wil-der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

All Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meditation, Soup Supper, & Holden Evening Prayer: Wednesdays in Lent

Meditation led by Chuck Witschorik from 6-6:30pm, soup supper from 6:30-7pm and service from 7-7:30pm. You are welcome to join at any time. Come for some or all!

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday: 10am, gather outside the front doors

Maundy Thursday: 6 – 7pm, dinner church in Great Hall, bring a dish to share

Good Friday: 6 – 7pm, in the sanctuary

Easter Vigil: 8 – 10pm, outdoor service, gather outside in the garden

Easter Sunday: 10am

Easter Garden (Extended deadline!)

Help beautify the CGS chancel this Easter! Purchase one or more lilies in honor or memory of someone special, or dedicated to the glory of God. Plants are \$20, deadline is March 18.

Holy Week & Easter Decorating Help Needed

Help is needed to help prepare the sanctuary for Holy Week and Easter. We'll be preparing our worship areas on Saturday, March 23 from 10am-1pm and Saturday, March 30 from 9am-1pm. Please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex. Contact Theo Olson with questions.

April Fellowship and Service Event at Mount Cross, April 6, 9am – 4 pm

As a capstone to her confirmation, Emma Steger is organizing a fellowship and service trip to Mount Cross Ministries in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Carpools will leave the church at 9am and return by 4pm. Join for a day of worship, nature, and service at our Lutheran camp! More info to come, please RSVP to Emma or Pr. Kris for carpools.

New Member Welcome, April 14, during and after worship

Join us to welcome new members to the congregation, both those who have joined in the last year, and any who wish to join but have yet to do so! If you or someone you know would like to become a member, please speak with Pastor Kris by Easter.

For more information:

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Spirit, Open My Heart

Text: Ruth Duck

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak

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Within Our Darkest Night

Text and Music: Taizé Community

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Text: arr. John Fawcett, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, st. 3, alt.

Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian

Liturgical Music

Holy Communion: Musical Setting, Gary A. Cornell

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