

*Your promise  
preserves  
my life.*

Psalm 119:50 (NIV)

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**PRELUDE**                    *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*                    arr. Dale Wood

**WELCOME**

*The service begins with Psalm 51; the verses are spoken by the reader, and the congregation speaks the refrain at the “R”. Please kneel or remain seated.*

**PSALM**    Psalm 51:1–12

***Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.  
(Ps. 51:1)***

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
    in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
    and cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
    and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup>Against 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.   **R**
- <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
    a sinner from my mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
    and would have me know wisdom deep within.
- <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
    wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
    that the body you have broken may rejoice.   **R**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
    and blot out all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
    and renew a right spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
    and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
    and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.   **R**

(Please stand)

## **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. 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.)*

## **SCRIPTURE READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

<sup>1</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
    sound the alarm on my holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
    for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—  
<sup>2</sup>a day of darkness and gloom,  
    a day of clouds and thick darkness!  
Like blackness spread upon the mountains  
    a great and powerful army comes;  
their like has never been from of old,  
    nor will be again after them  
    in ages to come.

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD,  
    return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
    <sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,  
    for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
    and relents from punishing.


<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
    and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
    for the LORD, your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sanctify a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
<sup>16</sup>gather the people.  
Sanctify the congregation;  
assemble the aged;  
gather the children,  
even infants at the breast.  
Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her canopy.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.  
Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,  
and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
a byword among the nations.  
Why should it be said among the peoples,  
'Where is their God?'"

(Please stand)

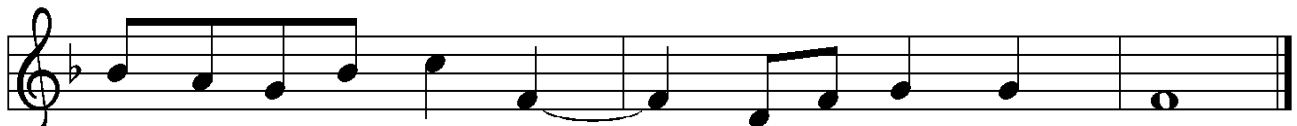
### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (7 P.M.)



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**SERMON**

Pastor Jean Hansen

*(Please stand)*

## 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.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Most holy and merciful God,  
**we confess to you and to one another,**  
**and before the whole company of heaven,**  
**that we have sinned by our fault,**  
**by our own fault,**  
**by our own most grievous fault,**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*People may come forward; the east transept first and then alternating between the east side and the west side of the sanctuary. Please form one line in the aisle and step forward one at a time. You may kneel or stand to receive the ashes.*

*Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

*(7 p.m.) This sung prayer is to be repeated continuously as a chant by the choir and congregation during the imposition of ashes.*

### Remember That You Are Dust

*Assembly ostinato*

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains two measures: the first measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4, with a '1 \*' above the first measure; the second measure has a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note F#5, with a '2' above the second measure. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, and a quarter note B4. The lyrics are: 'Re - mem - ber that you are dust, and to dust you shall re - turn.' The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

*After those who desire ashes have received them, all may kneel or sit, and the minister continues.*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**  
By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

*(Please stand)*



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

At the end of each petition the minister says, "Hear us, O God" and the congregation responds with "**your mercy is great.**"

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

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

(Please greet one another with God's peace.)

*(Please be seated.)*

## OFFERING

### SPECIAL MUSIC

12:15 P.M.

***God So Loved the World***

Stainer

7 P.M.

***God So Loved the World***

Stainer

Celebration Choir

*(Please stand)*

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

### *Offering Song*

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and lyrical, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: "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 to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it." The music ends with a double bar line.

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 to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

### THE OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(12:15 p.m. spoken)

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(12:15 p.m. spoken)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are 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 -

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## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

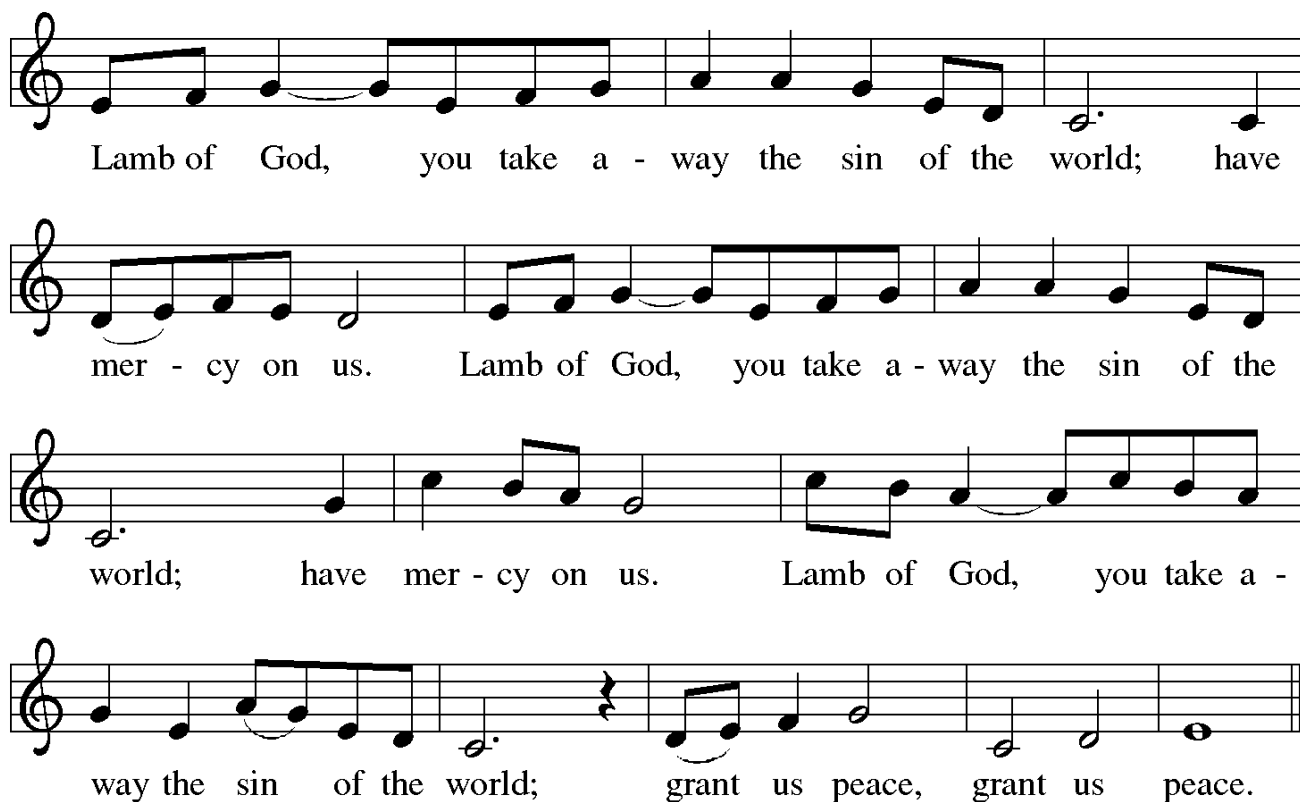
Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*(Please be seated.)*

## **COMMUNION**

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who do not yet commune, and others who are not receiving the sacrament, are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please fold your hands to indicate that you wish to be blessed. Both wine and white grape juice is offered. Communion will be served in a continuous fashion; please come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread and wine/grape juice, or a blessing, and return to your seats by the side aisles. The east transept and choir will be communed first. For those with a gluten intolerance, gluten free wafers are available. Should you need a gluten free wafer, please indicate this to the server distributing the bread.

## COMMUNION SONG (7 P.M.)



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.

*(Please stand)*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous God, 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.**

# BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace.  
**Amen**

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG (7 p.m.)

ELW #609

### Chief of Sinners Though I Be

1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!

died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.  
deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.  
peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.  
When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;

As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.  
Love that found me—won - drous thought—found me when I sought him not.  
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.  
He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.  
grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*I Bid Farewell to Vain Worldly Ways*

Max Reger



**ASSISTING US THIS  
ASH WEDNESDAY**

***12:15 p.m.***

ALTAR: Kit Scheetz  
COMMUNION: Polly Dobkin  
READER: Nancy Tobar  
USHER: John Knops

***7 p.m.***

ALTAR: Kit Scheetz  
COMMUNION: Dineen Dowling (server)  
Ken Bennett (server)  
Linda Weigand (supply)  
Loralee Daily (supply)  
Sandy Selby (bread)  
ASSISTANT Treader Anderson  
READER: Dana Singer  
USHERS: Dana Singer  
Ed Pleasant  
ACOLYTE: Matthew Bauer