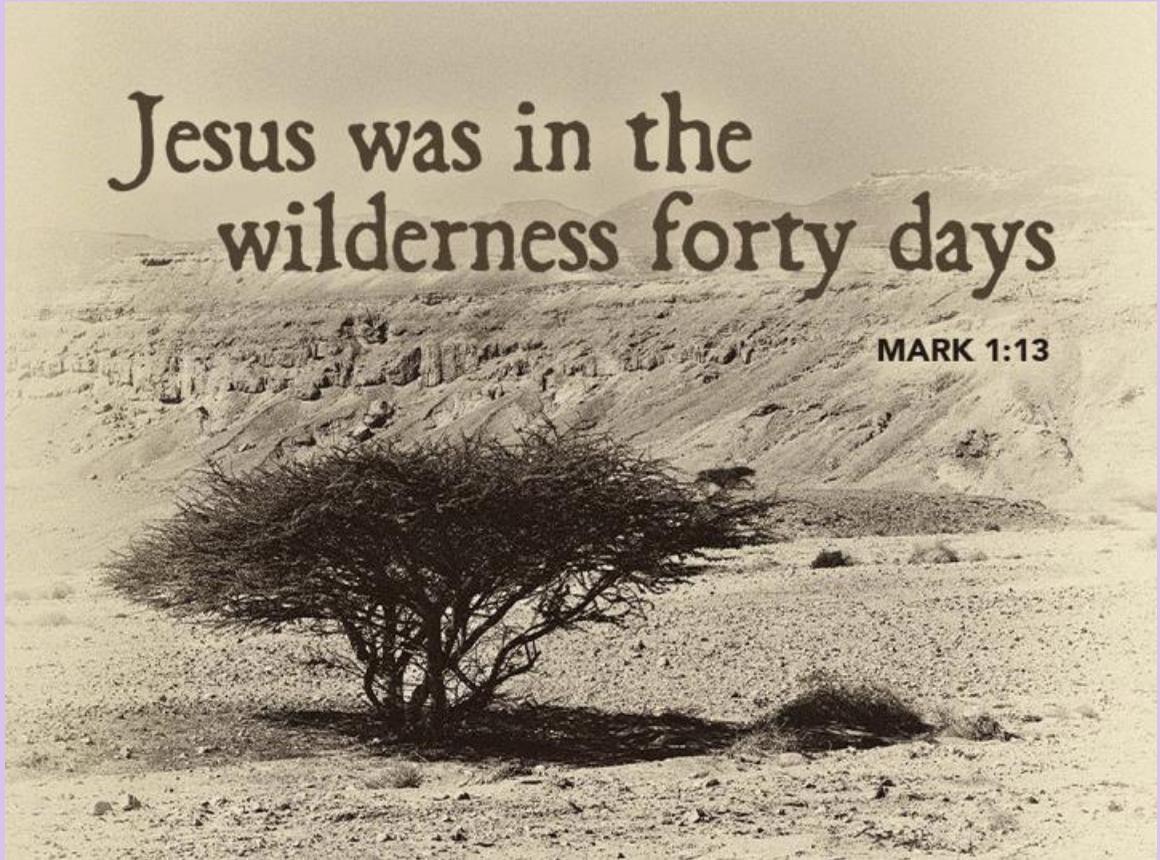


Jesus was in the wilderness forty days

MARK 1:13



First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
Livestream Service from



Grace Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Grace!

We're glad you've joined us as we assemble “virtually” to be encountered by the Word of God in this service of Morning Prayer. We believe that God is at work here to create and sustain faith in God’s promise of love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We use a rich, traditional pattern of worship that dates back to the early days of Christianity. We recognize it comes with a bit of a learning curve, but we’re convinced that it’s worth the effort. Don’t feel like you have to get everything the first time. We’ll “carry” you until you get a feel for it.

Worshipping remotely via live-streamed services is of course not the same as worshipping in person, but there are a few things you can do at home to enhance the experience. First, before the service begins decide to prepare yourself for worship by finding a suitable space. Turn off the television, radio, and stereo. Light a candle, perhaps, and tune in ahead of time so that you are settled by the time the service begins. We will have the live-stream up at least ten minutes before the start of the service.

Dedicate this time to the service as you would if you were attending in person. Even if our gatherings are only “virtual,” we can be confident that God is truly in our midst when we gather in Christ’s name.

Key to the order of service:

Regular type: spoken by a leader

Bold type: spoken by the people

Regular Italics: sung or chanted by a leader

Bold Italics: sung or chanted by the people

Small Italics: liturgical directions

✙ indicates that the sign of the cross may be made

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Hymnal)

♪ “Favorite Hymn” request

As We Gather: On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah’s family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

The assembly stands.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

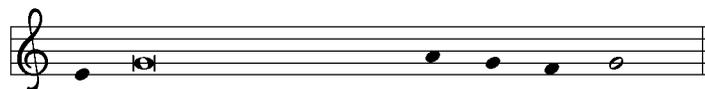
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

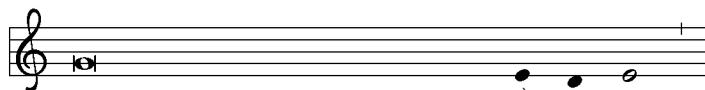
Dialogue and Doxology



Satisfy us in the morning with your stead - fast love, O God,



that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

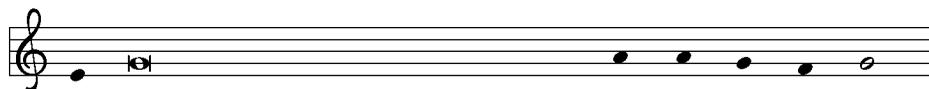


Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,



who gives us life, salvation, and res - ur - rec - tion.

Psalmody



The Sun of righteousness will arise with heal - ing in his wings.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.



1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come be-fore God's pres-ence with thanks-



giv - ing and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.



2 For the Lord is a great God, and a great rul-er o'er all



gods. It is God who holds the cav - erns of the



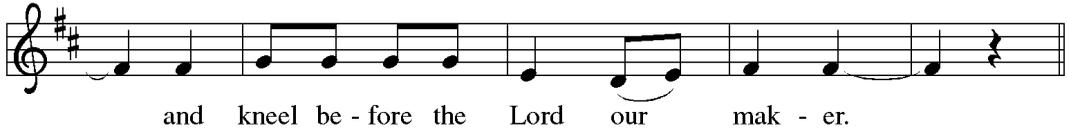
earth, and the heights of the moun-tains al - so.



3 It is God who rules the seas, whose hands have mold-ed the



dry land. Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,



and kneel be - fore the Lord our mak - er.



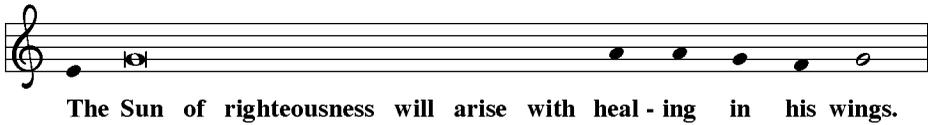
4 For this great one is our God, who choos-es a peo - ple and



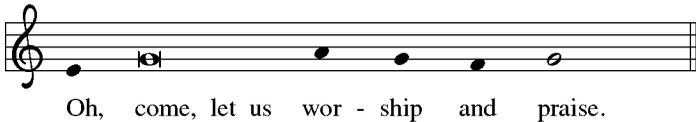
tends them, and whose hand will guide them like sheep.



Oh, that to - day you would hear-ken to God's voice.



The Sun of righteousness will arise with heal - ing in his wings.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

The Glory of These Forty Days

ELW 320

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

The assembly is seated.

Word

Children's Sermon

Caitlyn Reinders

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Psalmody

Psalm 25:1-10

Your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

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Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

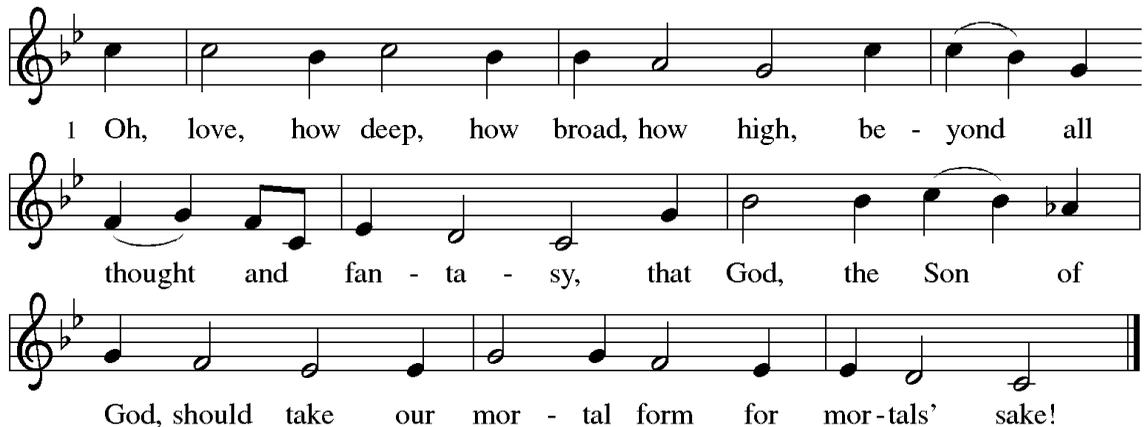
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 322 (VI & 3)



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

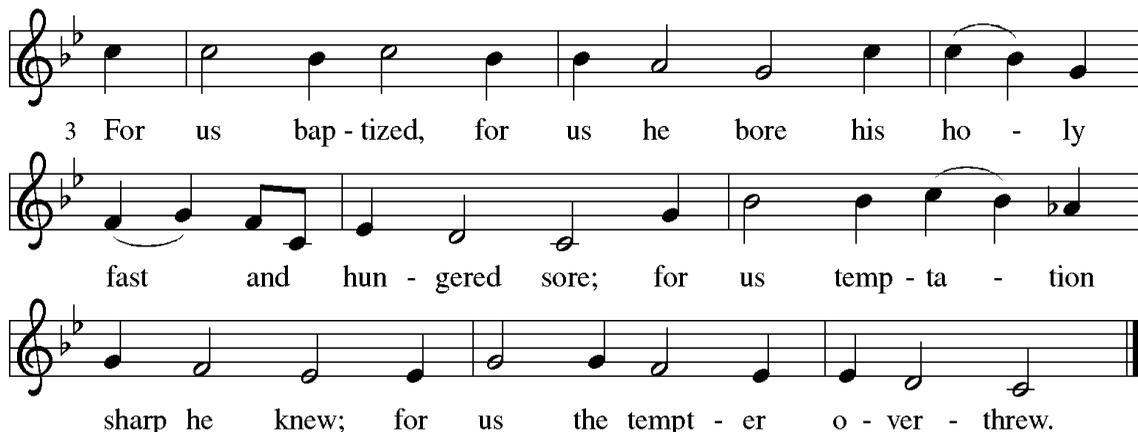
⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

"Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.

The assembly is seated.



The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day

Thy Holy Wings

ELW 613

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,
 and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us 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.

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each petition concludes:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet those with them with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. If you are alone, you may speak a word of peace to the screen, knowing that others are doing the same. If you are attending using your Facebook account, you may type in a greeting of peace at this time so that others may see it.

After the Peace, the assembly is seated.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

During this time, we invite you to continue supporting the work of the church by giving online at <http://glccu.org/donate>. You may also mail checks to the church.

Offertory

O, My Savior

by J.S. Bach, arr. Douglas Wagner
Abby Loven, voice
Janet Lepp, piano

*O, my Savior, spring of all my gladness;
Font of my life, and source of all my longing.*

*O, my Savior, food of life immortal;
Joy of my soul, and light of light unending.*

*O sweetest Savior, spread your love before me;
Cleanse my soul from sin, O Lord have mercy.*

*Christ my guiding spirit ever,
through my life shall lead me home.*

The assembly stands as the offering is brought forward.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Faithful God,
you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal,
that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Luther's Morning Prayer

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son,
that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger.

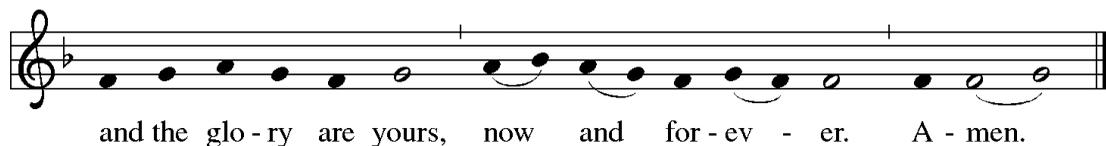
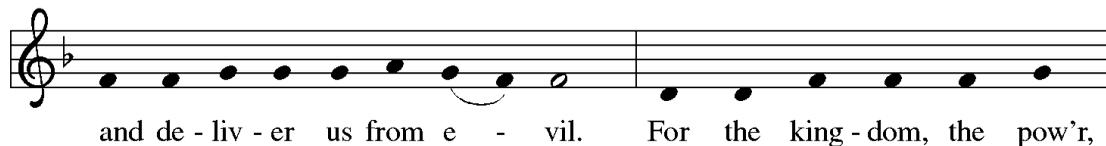
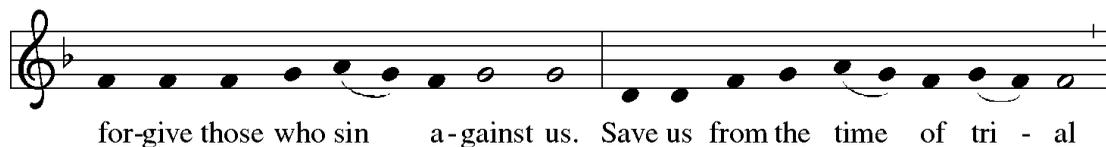
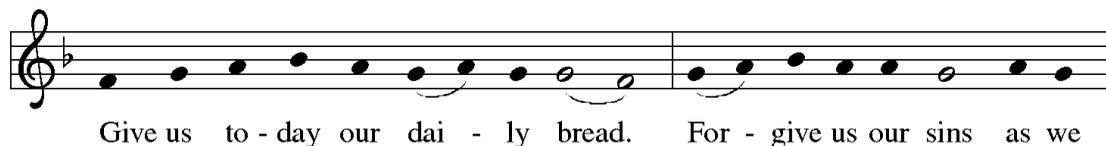
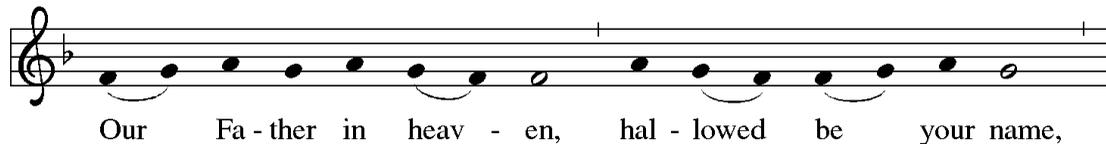
We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil,
so that our life and actions may please you.

Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours.
Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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





Sending

Blessing



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

*Almighty God, the Father,
the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us.
Amen.*

Sending Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

ELW 326

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Support

The ministry of the church is carried out by all of its people, and Christian worship is a communal activity of the whole assembly. We give thanks to the following for their worship leadership and support today.

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