

# MORNING WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Lent | Vocational Joy | March 17, 2024 at 9:30 AM | Christ the King Lutheran

## GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Prière à Notre Dame

Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME

INVOCATION

We gather for worship to practice joy:  
not because our lives are perfect, but because joy is resilient.  
In the name of the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who makes beautiful things out of the dust.

**Amen**

GATHERING SONG

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660



CONFESSION OF SIN

People of God, by naming our sins and hearing words of forgiveness,  
we are drawn deeper into relationship with God and one another.  
Let's bring before God what we have done wrong and what we've failed to do,  
trusting that we will receive the joy of being forgiven.

**Silence.**

God of abundant goodness,  
**we have hurt those we love,  
those far from us, ourselves, and your creation  
by what we do and by what we neglect.  
Forgive us for what we have done and for what we have failed to do.  
Pour out on us the joy of your presence and heal what we have harmed.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, receive these joyful words:  
You are entirely and completely forgiven for all of your sins.  
You are entirely and completely welcomed as God's beloved child.  
You are released to live out ☩ God's love in a world that needs such joy.

**Amen**

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy Voice, your call resonates in the depth of our being,  
urging us toward places where others need help.

Give us the courage to say yes to you today.

Pour joy into the places where our gifts meet your invitation.

**Amen**

## SUNG RESPONSE

Quiet Joy

Zach

**Children are invited to gather at the Noah rug during the Sung Response**



What - ev - er \_\_\_\_\_ storms the \_\_\_\_\_ win - ter brings, my heart is \_\_\_\_\_  
What - ev - er \_\_\_\_\_ sum - mer's drought may burn, I know the \_\_\_\_\_

turn - ing \_\_\_\_\_ toward the spring. Like seeds that \_\_\_\_\_ sleep be -  
rain will \_\_\_\_\_ yet re - turn: A well - spring deep with -

neath the soil, in me there lies a qui - et joy. That  
in my joints, in me there lives a qui - et joy.

still small voice and flow - ing source sus -

tain - ing me and you will be my qui - et joy.

# WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, preaching, and song.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It 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. <sup>33</sup>But 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. <sup>34</sup>No 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.

**The reading is concluded:**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil ELW 512

All may rise in body or spirit to welcome God's word among us.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

**The gospel is announced.**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very 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. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>"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. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not

for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**The gospel concludes:**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Sonja Hagander

**Silence for reflection follows the message.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit, Open My Heart

ACS 1043

**All may rise in body or spirit to proclaim the word of God in song.**

*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.

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## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**All may greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## OFFERING

Following  
**Sanctuary Choir**

Gerald Derstine

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

**Kids are welcome to go to the back of the Sanctuary  
to bring forward the gifts.**

## WAYS TO GIVE



Give electronically

**Electronic gifts to Christ the King are fast and secure, and they reduce administrative costs, allowing more of every dollar to fund the important work we are called to do. Visit [lifeatctk.org/givenow](http://lifeatctk.org/givenow) or scan the QR code to give now.**

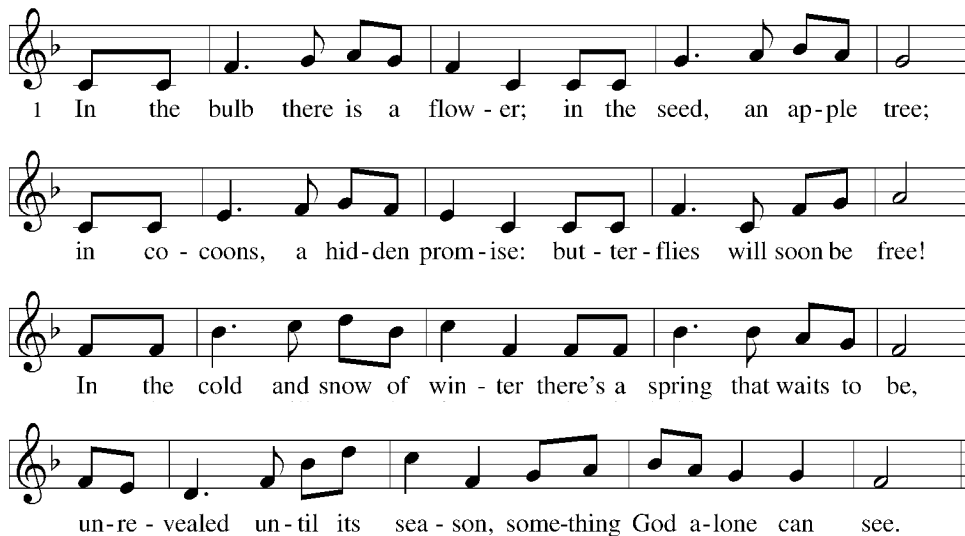
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## SETTING THE TABLE

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Sleeth



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest;  
and let these gifts to us be blessed.  
When buried fear keeps us apart,  
your seed of joy blooms in our hearts.  
Amen**

## DIALOGUE

God is with you.  
**And also with you.**

Rejoice with full hearts.  
**We offer them to God.**

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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

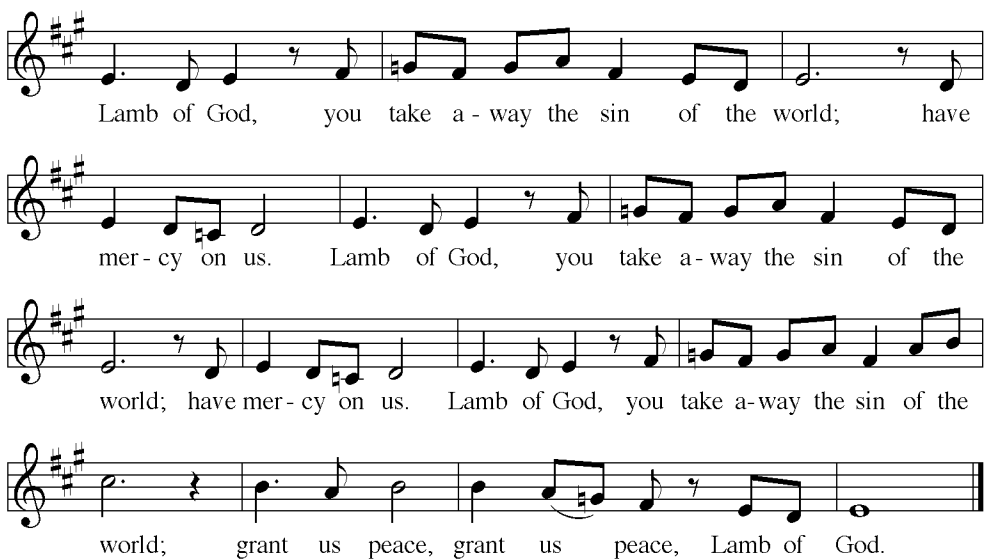
## LORD'S PRAYER

## HOLY COMMUNION

**All are welcome at Christ's table. Those who do not yet commune or who do not wish to receive communion may still come forward to receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer, please let the communion server know. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available. Please, let an usher know if you would like a pastor to bring communion to you while you remain seated. Come as you are. See for yourself.**

## COMMUNION SONG      Lamb of God

WOV 622



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, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION SONG      Seed That in Earth Is Dying

ELW 330

# COMMUNION SONG      O Christ, Surround Me

ACS 1084



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,  
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, you poured out an abundance of goodness through this meal.

Make us a blessing, that we will give generously,  
love boldly, and share widely, reflecting your joyful gift.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## SEND

God blesses us and sends us to join God's mission in the world.

## BLESSING

The One who wove joy throughout the whole cosmos weaves joy within your own heart.

The One who experienced all our human joys and sorrows travels right beside you.

The One who whispers joy to our hearts is present within you.

You are blessed in the name of ✙ God, Holy Three in One.

**Amen**

## SENDING SONG

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Practice Joy.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Toccata on Noël Nouvelet

Mark Sedio

# WORSHIP LEADERS + PLANNING TEAM

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## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

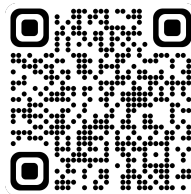
Joannie Anderson, Ron Cota, Carolyn Erkfitz, Joyce Fuhrman, Sue Heurung,  
Joe Miskowic, Aubrey Olson, Ron Olsen, Caroline Peck, Bruce Phelps, Bill Stone

## WE COMFORT THE GRIEVING

For the families and loved ones mourning the deaths of  
Larry Crosby, Jay Fillmore, Rolland Hokanson, Bud Johnson, and Wendell Peterson

## WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Marilyn Eibs, Leila Fischer, Joe Miskowic, Bob Noer, Billie Ward, Cliff Weiss, Kao Yang



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