

# Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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Memorial Lutheran Church | Nevada, Iowa

Today we welcome back Pastor Rachel Thorson Mithelman as our presiding minister.

We thank her for the four Sundays she has spent with us!

Lutheran Lakeside Executive Director Brittney Swanson will be with us next Sunday, February 19th.

**Prelude:** "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" - Bach

Dave Blumer, organ

**Welcome**

**Gathering Hymn: "Come, All You People" ELW #819**

U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;  
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
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## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
 who makes all things new,  
 whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

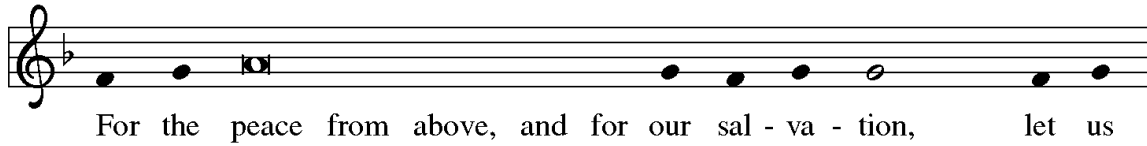
Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,  
 and cannot free ourselves.  
 We have not practiced your righteousness.  
 Our hearts have turned away from you.  
 For the sake of the world you so love,  
 forgive us,  
 that we may be reconciled to one another  
 for the glory of your holy name.  
 Amen.**

Thus says our God:  
 "The former things have come to pass  
 and new things I now declare."  
 God's mercy makes us new.  
 We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

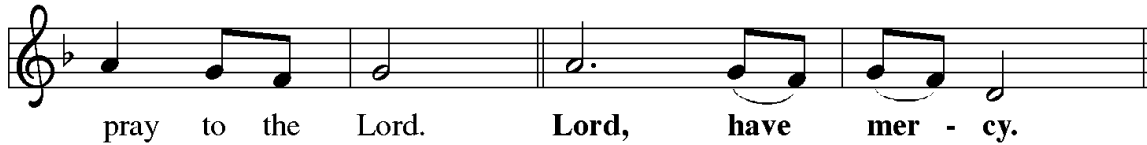
# Kyrie



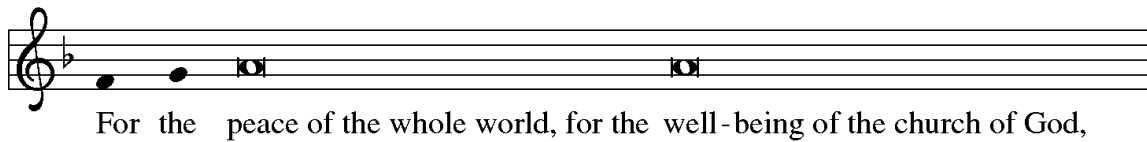
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



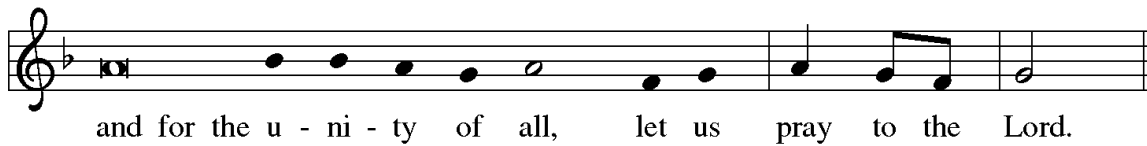
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



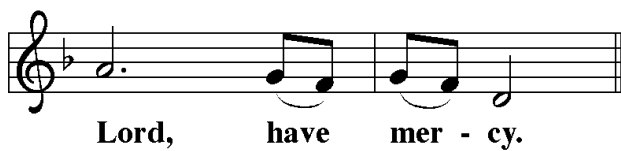
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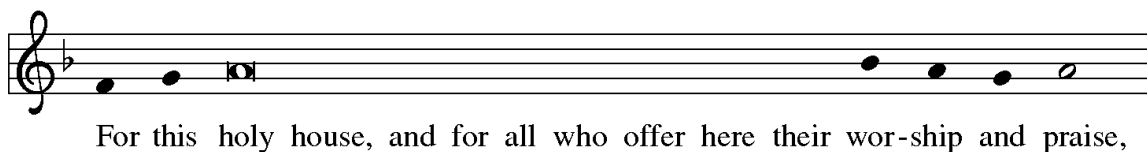
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



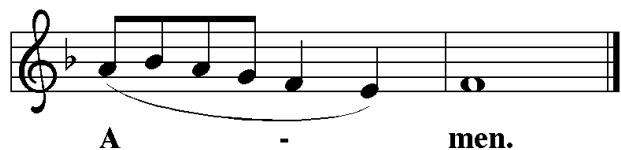
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men.

# Glory to God

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



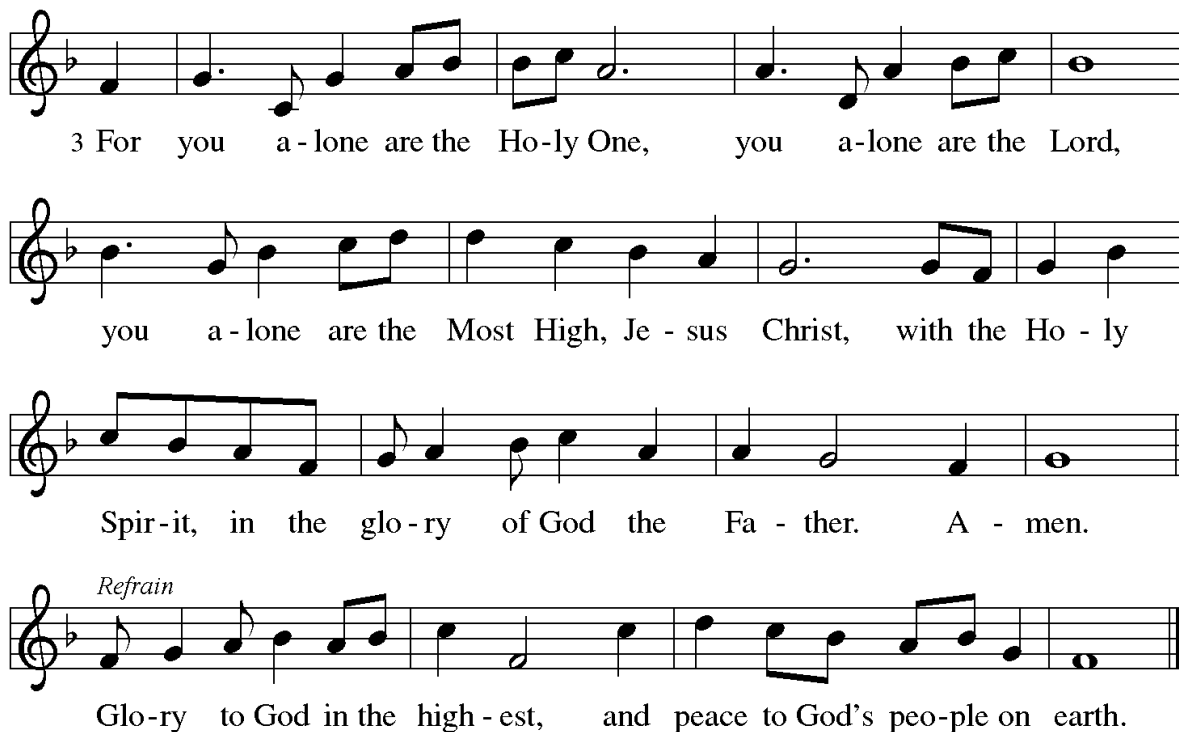
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.





3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
*Refrain*  
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

### Prayer of the Day

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*Lector: Jody Melcher*

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 119**

*Sunday School Children*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the Lord

<sup>2</sup>Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts,

<sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in your ways.

<sup>4</sup>You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!

<sup>6</sup>Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.

<sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

<sup>8</sup>I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

*Lector: Jody Melcher*

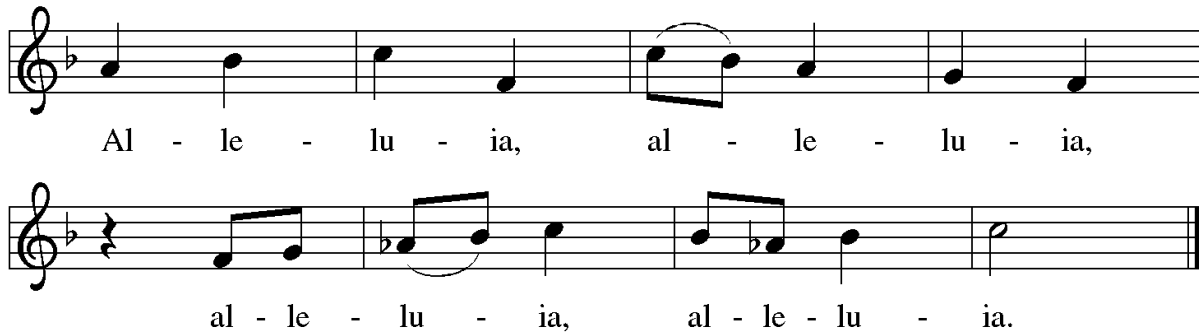
<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

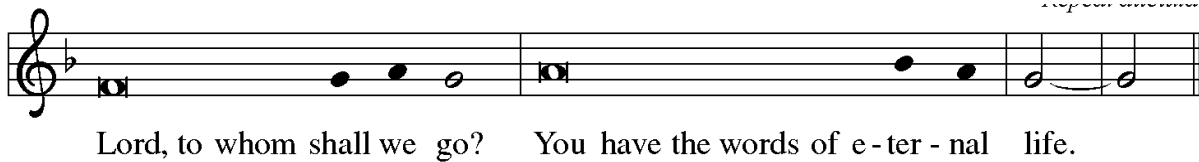
## Gospel Acclamation

All sing, including Proper Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Proper Verse



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37

The Gospel according to Matthew

### Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The Gospel of the Lord

### Praise to you, O Christ



# Sermon

## Hymn of the Day: "Healer of Our Every Ill" ELW #612



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

*Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**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 power of 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**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Response:*

*P: "Merciful God,*

*C: receive our prayer"*

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **THE MEAL**

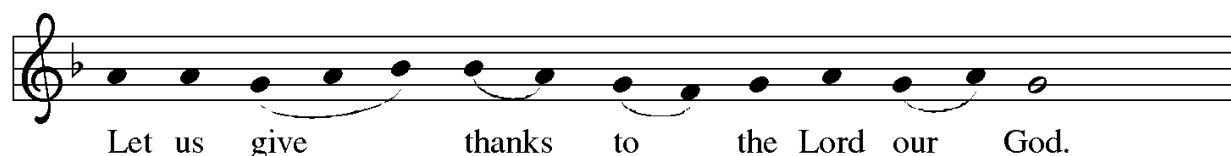
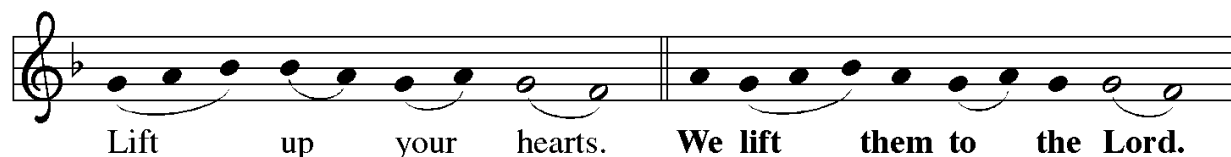
### **Offering**

**Music Voluntary:** *"Healer of Our Every Ill"* - arr. Keith Kolander  
*Dave Blumer, organ*

### **Offering Prayer**

Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving



## Holy, Holy, Holy

It is indeed right... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

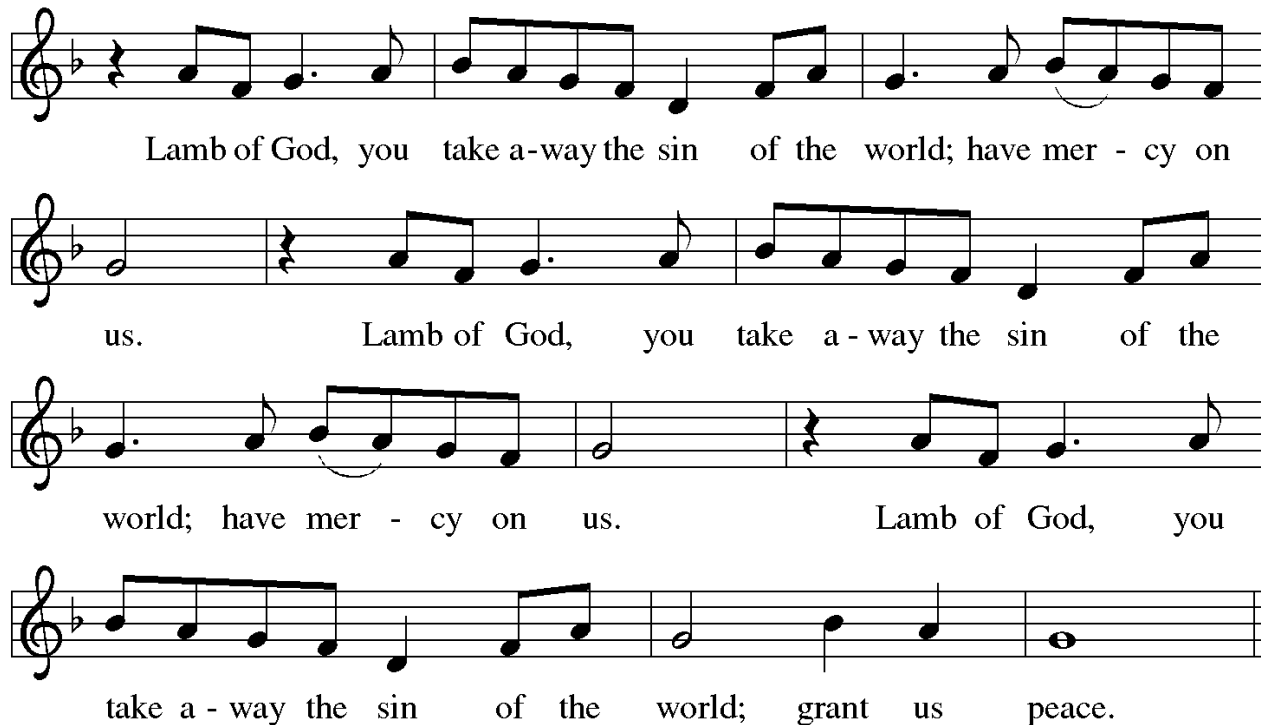
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Invitation to Communion

Come and taste the joy of God!

**Communion Hymns:** *"Lamb of God"* ELW Setting 2  
*"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"* ELW #605  
*"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"* ELW #772

### 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.

## Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say,  
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
 then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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## Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
 let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
 and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
 nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.



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## Prayer After Communion

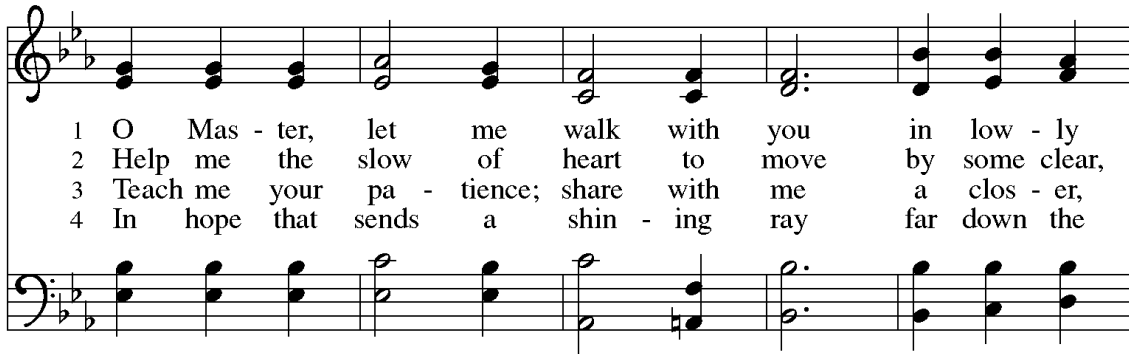
Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.  
**Amen.**

## Announcements

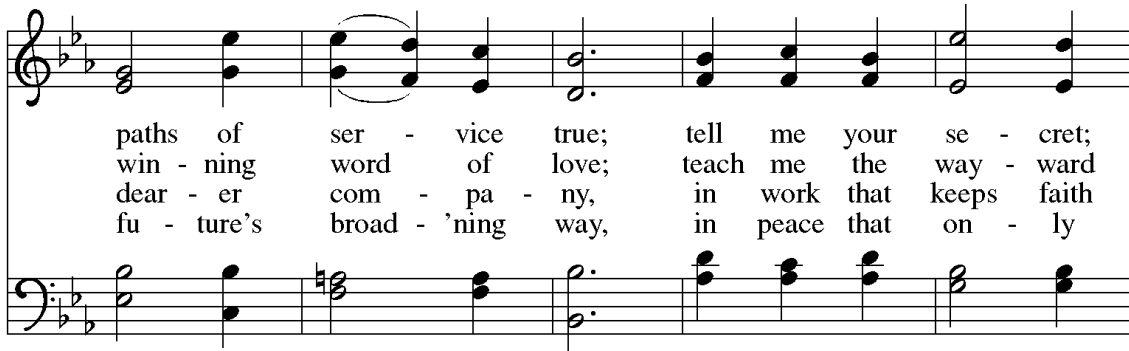
## Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.  
**Amen.**

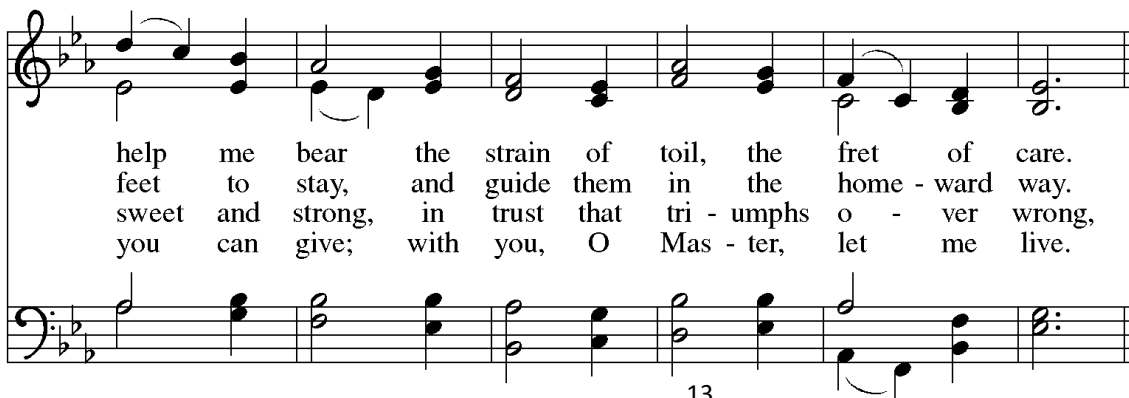
## Sending Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk with You" ELW #818



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *"Hymn to Joy"* - arr. Albert Travis  
*Dave Blumer, organ*

## Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org) or [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org), or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

*Prayers for Betty Runge and family following the death of her husband, Leo Runge*

*Prayers for Judy and Kip Farthing following the death of their son, Wade Farthing*

*Prayers for Susan Radke and family following the death of her husband, Jerry Radke*

*Prayers for Betty Davis, Dan Bappe, and Shari Dobson  
following the death of their brother Larry Bappe*

*Prayers for the family of Rev. Don Rothweiler following his death*

*Prayers for Teresa Krebs and family and friends  
following the death of Teresa's husband, Kim Krebs*

Marsha Kane	Annette Dalthorp	Norma Dannan
Pr. Marcia Kisner	Ellie Lynch	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Marlene Waddell	Ernie Ruhde	Michael Neal
<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano- Goettsch</i>	Sierra Parr	Jami Tharp
	<i>cousin of Kim Stieler</i>	Fred Samuelson
Sandy Muesburger	Janet Jacques	Larry Christian
<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano- Goettsch</i>	Easton Farrington	Jaylee Bartleson
John Bass	Janice Hartz	Sheila Collingwood
<i>son-in-law of Ron &amp; Gloria Jacobson</i>	Jim Dalthorp	<i>mother of Lyndsey De Vos</i>
Denise Rehor	Connie Krupp	Judy Coverdale
Carol Vincent	Randy Matthews	Family and friends of
Cassie Harrell	<i>friend of Mike Coverdale</i>	+James Stephens
Jean Smith	Jackie Byers	George Forsyth
Ken Borwick	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>	Janeen Driscoll
Maddie Dunham	Donna See	Lynn Harris
Judy Johnson	Katie Brockmeier	Julie Sutherland
	<i>granddaughter-in-law of Ruth Brockmeier</i>	Jan Cook



## Announcements

### **Wayne and Helen Johnson Celebrating 45th Wedding Anniversary**

The beautiful flowers on the altar are from Wayne and Helen Johnson in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary today!

### **MLC Camping Committee Looking for Members - First Meeting Tomorrow**

Memorial campers / planners: we need you! As we gear up for Memorial's 2nd annual camping outing this Spring, we are forming a "Camping Committee" to plan activities and logistics. Our first meeting will be Monday, February 13th at 7:00 PM in the Lounge.

### **Join us for National Quilting Day on March 18th**

Quilters (or aspiring quilters!): you're invited to a day of assembling quilts to be donated to Lutheran World Relief. Not comfortable with a sewing machine? No problem! We need help with all steps of quilt making: counting blocks, layering quilts, and tying quilts. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 - 2:00 on Saturday, March 18th. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Bring a friend!

### **Now Accepting Lawn Care Proposals**

It's hard to imagine, but Spring will be here before we know it and Memorial is now accepting lawn care proposals from companies and individuals. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact the church office.

### **Online Giving with Tithe.ly**

Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you would like to support our ministries, online gifts can be made using <http://tithe.ly/give> or by scanning the QR code.



### **Do you get our newsletters and other email notices?**

Make sure you email [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org) to sign up to receive communications online. If you believe you are already on our list and are not receiving emails, please check your spam or "promotions" inboxes.

## *Save the Date*

### **Camping Committee Meeting**

*Help us plan activities and logistics for our camping outing this Spring*

**When:** Monday, February 13th, 7:00pm

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

**When:** Wednesday, February 22nd, 7:00pm

### **Snow Tubing with Memorial**

*Join us for a fun night of snow tubing at Seven Oaks Recreation in Boone*

**When:** Friday, February 24th; **Reservations are closed, but families may still buy full-price tickets (\$16) directly through Seven Oaks if space is available**

### **Church Potluck**

*Gather in the Fellowship Hall for a mid-morning potluck—bring your favorite dish to share! Donations will benefit ELCA World Hunger.*

**When:** Sunday, February 26th following worship

### **LWR Quilt Workshop (National Quilting Day)**

*All are invited to help assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief on National Quilting Day!*

**When:** Saturday, March 18th, 9:00 - 2:00

### **Celebration for Ewan Peter Lotz**

We will be celebrating the arrival of Ewan Peter Lotz (born January 5th) in the near future. Please stay tuned as we finalize details!



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