

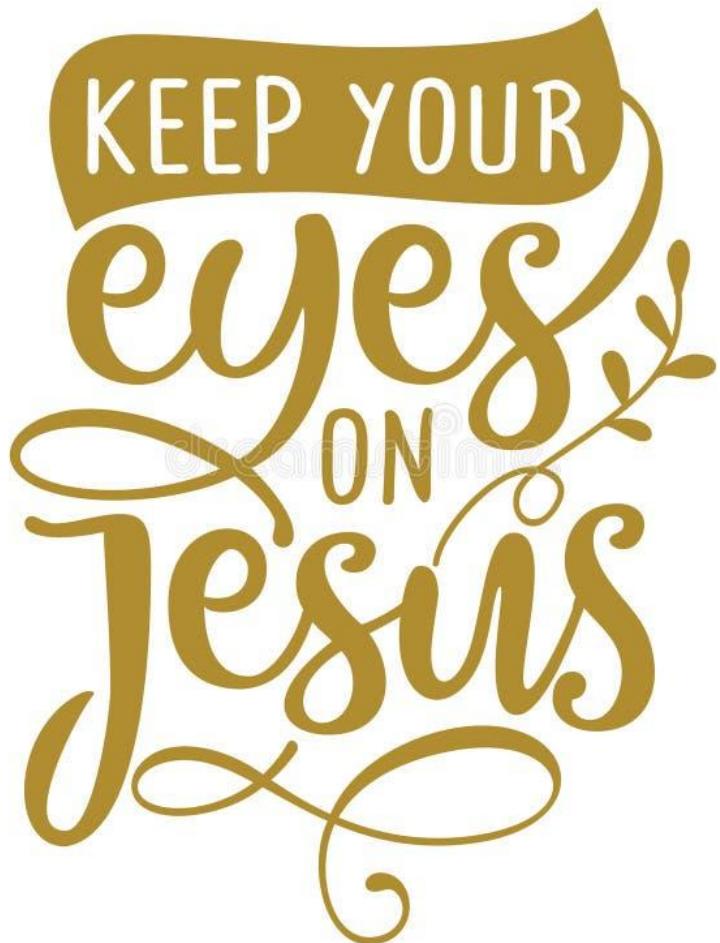


Offerings collected during our Midweek Lenten services will go to Lutheran Senior Care Ministry. LSCM was started in 1924 to provide a Word and Worship ministry to people living in nursing homes, assisted living centers, and adult day care services in the greater Fort Wayne area. Approximately 600 residents from care facilities gather for worship led by LSCM chaplains each week. Their worship includes hymn singing, scripture readings, prayers, a sermon, and a benediction. LSCM is funded by local Lutheran congregations. We are blessed to be able to support this program which in turn blesses so many!

Offerings collected above what we pledged to Lutheran Senior Care Ministry will go to Emanuel's Endowment fund for Lutheran Higher Education.

THE WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Scott A. Zeckzer
Liturgist: Rev. Chad E. Hoover
Celebrant: Rev. David O. Stecker
Organist: Lynne Eifert
Choir: CLS Charger Choir (10:30)
Handbell Choir (7:00)
Acolytes: Sophia Russell, Lydia Holtz (7:00)
Elder: Dennis Herman (10:30)
Benjamin Castens, Mike Sweet (7:00)
Communion Assistant: Josh Pankop (7:00)
Ushers: Group 2 (Ben Koeneman)



† Ash Wednesday †

February 18, 2026

AS WE GATHER ~ As we begin another Lenten journey to the cross and to the empty tomb, we will pass the familiar route of Wednesday services, special devotions, and sacrificial acts. It all begins here with ashes, an old and biblical sign of repentance. From the Old Testament to the present, ashes have been an outward sign of inward contrition. While not sacramental, they are not mere ritual either; they bear witness to the internal sorrow over sin with which we come while asking for and expecting forgiveness from God. The mood of this service is somber as we reflect upon the shape of our lives of faith and recall the discipline or piety that accompanies that faith. We are dust and to dust we shall return but even in dust there is hope. The ashes are marked in the sign of that hope: a cross where Christ bore the weight of our sin so that we might be forgiven and restored to Himself.

PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Maxwell)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ OPENING HYMN ↓

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

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† THE LITANY †

Pastor: Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope. Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit,

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might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

A time of silence to reflect upon the Law of God and meditate upon our sins.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: hear us.

Pastor: God the Father, in heaven,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Holy Spirit,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

People: Spare us, good Lord.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your Baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and Passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: We poor sinners implore You

People: to hear us, O Lord.

Pastor: To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

People: we implore You to hear us.

Pastor: O God, You desire not the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

† CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION †

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. (Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead

and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:19-23)

People: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

(Ruth 2:4)

People: And also with you.

(Luke 1:28)

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓

Genesis 4:1-5; 5:18-24 (ESV)

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

¹⁸ When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered Enoch. ¹⁹ Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁰ Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.

²¹ When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. ²² Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM ↓ (10:30) *Jesus Loves Me (Tucker)*

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

EPISTLE READING ↓

Hebrews 11:1-7; 12:1-2 (ESV)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commanding him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING ↑

John 11:17-27 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have

died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY ↓

Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses

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**Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;
Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.**

Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent: "Well done, My servant!"

**These saints of old received God's commendation;
They lived as pilgrim-heirs of His salvation.**

Through faith they conquered flame and sword and gallows, God's name to hallow.

**They call to us, "Your timid footsteps lengthen;
Throw off sin's weight, your halting weakness strengthen.**

We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were martyred: our lives we bartered."

**Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suffered,
He faced the cross, His sinless life He offered;
He scorned the shame, He died, our death enduring, our hope securing.**

**Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us – with grace precede us.**

**You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
Past, present, future - You, the same forever – You fail us never!**

SERMON ↓

Eyes on Jesus – Abel and Enoch

NICENE CREED ↑

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Pastor: We give You thanks and praise, O Lord, holy God, almighty Father, for Your goodness in creating all things and for Your mercy, which bore with us sinners until You sent forth Your Son in flesh to accomplish our salvation by His death and resurrection. Keep us in this holy faith and fear all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We give You thanks and praise, O mighty and everlasting God, for establishing Your church, for calling us into her life through Baptism, and keeping us as Your own possession through the grace of absolution and the food of Your Son's Table. Give us ears to hear and hearts to heed His voice ever calling us back to You that we may live holy, upright, and godly lives now until we dwell in Your presence on high. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We give You thanks, O merciful God, for the innumerable riches of Your grace, which You have so bountifully showered upon us and our land. Deliver us from ingratitude, guard our leaders from sin and every evil, and silence the voices of sensuality and violence, both here and over all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We give You thanks, O Lord, God of our fathers, for bearing with us in our trials and in our weakness, in our afflictions and in the hour of our death. Hear us on

behalf of all for whom we pray, that You may be their strength, their healing, their comfort, and their peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We give You thanks, O gracious God, for Your kindness in looking upon our weakness and sin, forgiving us our sin, and setting us a place at our Lord's Table. What we here receive, help us to keep in holy hearts and lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We give You thanks, O Lord God, heavenly Father, for looking upon us with compassion and for not counting our sins against us because of Christ alone. Help us to earnestly wear the marks of our repentance and even more earnestly still to believe in Your gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

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We welcome the opportunity to explain what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper. In order not to impose those beliefs on you, we ask that if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, you would speak with a Pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

PREFACE ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

(Psalm 136)

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal Feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ SANCTUS ↑

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored:
 Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
 Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
 Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ↑

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORDS OF OUR LORD ↑

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST ↑

(1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20)

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and Passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

LORD'S PRAYER ↑

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord* ↑

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(John 20:19)

♪ AGNUS DEI ↑

(John 1:29)

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
 Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(John 1:29)



IMPOSITION OF ASHES ↓

Ashes symbolize our mourning for our sins. They remind us of the fact that we will die because of our sins. Yet, they are also a sign of cleansing and renewal. They point to the gift of forgiveness God gives in Jesus Christ. Those who desire to receive ashes as a symbol of their confession may receive them as they are ushered to communion.

♪ DISTRIBUTION ↓

(7:00) Lenten Meditation (McKlveen)

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

*Savior, when in dust to Thee low we bow the adoring knee;
 When, repentant, to the skies scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
 O, by all Thy pains and woe suffered once for us below,
 Bending from Thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!
 By Thy helpless infant years, by Thy life of want and tears,
 By Thy days of deep distress in the savage wilderness,*

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By the dread, mysterious hour of the insulting tempter's pow'r,
Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye; hear our penitential cry!

By thine hour of dire despair, by thine agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh; hear our penitential cry!

By Thy deep expiring groan, by the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode held in vain the rising God,
O, from earth to heav'n restored, mighty, re-ascended Lord,
Bending from Thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, 0 Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver from the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast borne the smiting only that my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me and with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, that from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction and hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;

Thou didst choose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon, for Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, for Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, and shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

BLESSING ↑

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

People: Amen.

♪ **NUNC DIMITTIS** ↑

(Luke 2:29-32)

O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

COLLECT ↑

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION ↑

(Psalm 103:1)

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.