

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



**2223 Sheridan Road
Pekin, IL 61554**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 29, 2020**

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Focus: Our Lenten theme is working through the Psalms. Psalms offer reflections, they offer confession, they offer pondering of how God is part of your faith and life. Today, we focus upon Psalm 130, from verse 5, "I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope." Is God attentive to your voice? Living in trust are you able to wait in hope or in a harried way? Our soul waits in silence when we know God is always working in and through us.

Prelude

**Welcome and Announcements
Prayer Concerns
SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Call to Worship – Psalm 31:1-5 (NRSV)
"Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies"

A: ¹ In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

C: ² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

A: ³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

**C: ⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge. ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

**GATHERING HYMN
ELW #339 "CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING"**

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE – PSALM 130
(New Living Translation)**

P: ¹ From the depths of despair, O LORD,
I call for your help.

**C: ² Hear my cry, O Lord.
Pay attention to my prayer.**

Silence for reflection

P: ³ LORD, if you kept a record of our sins,
who, O Lord, could ever survive?

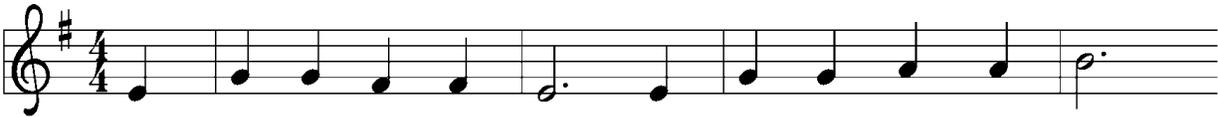
**C: ⁴ But you offer forgiveness,
that we might learn to fear you.**

P: ⁵ I am counting on the LORD;
yes, I am counting on him.
I have put my hope in his word.

**C: ⁶ I long for the Lord
more than sentries long for the dawn,
yes, more than sentries long for the dawn.**

P: ⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD;
for with the LORD there is unfailing love.
His redemption overflows.

**SONG OF RESPONSE
ELW #599 "LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME"**



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

GREETING

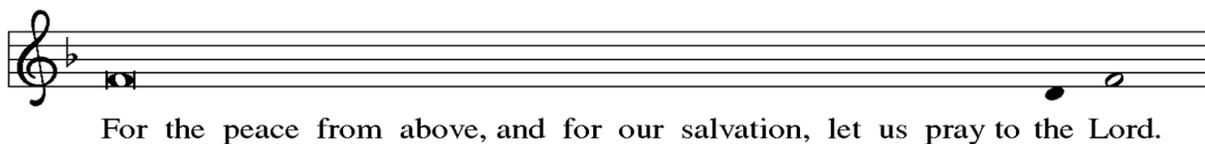
P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also, with you.

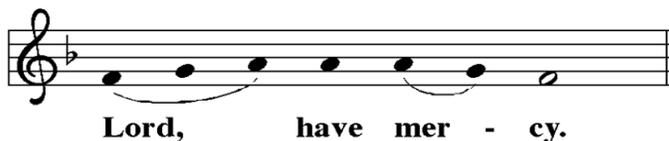
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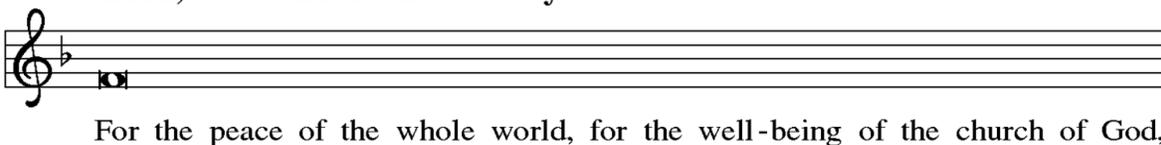
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



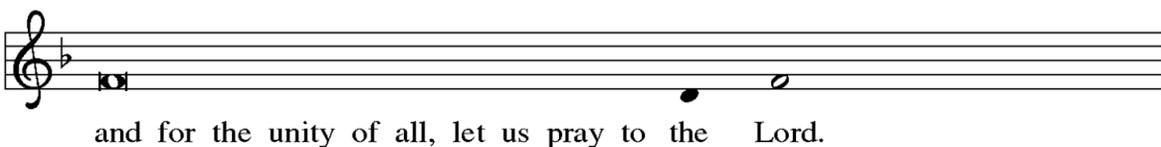
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



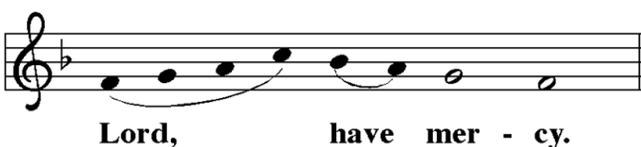
Lord, have mer - cy.



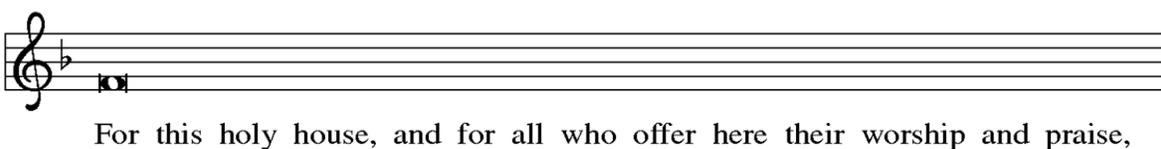
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



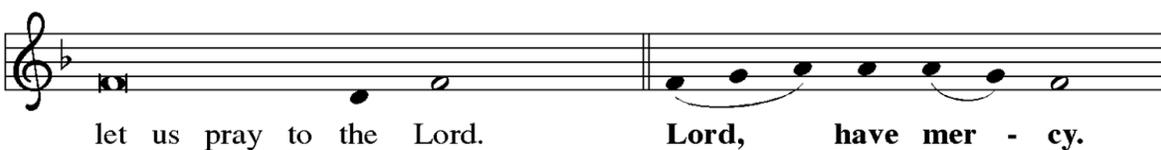
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



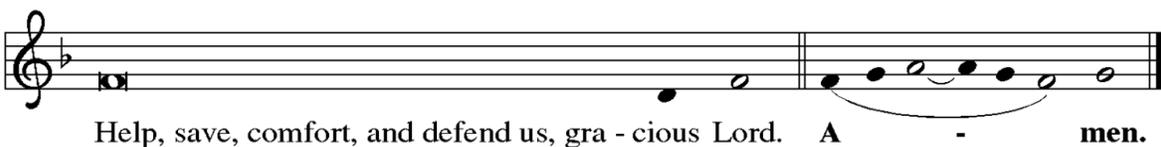
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: This is a message we need, O God...

C: ...dry bones brought back to life.

A: These are the words we need to hear...

C...a dead man called from the grave.

A: For we are nearing Jerusalem.

C: We are approaching the passion and death of our Lord.

A: But your words will see us through, O God.

C: For you are the God who calls “life” from death.

A: Breath your breath of life into us, O God. Then we will have voices that will shout the wondrous message your Son has given:

C: “I am the resurrection and the life!”

A: Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-14

The dry bones of Israel brought to life.

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

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

Psalm: Psalm 130

I wait for you, O Lord; in your word is my hope.

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,
O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared. R**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins. R**

EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:6-11

Life in the Spirit.

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

“RETURN TO THE LORD”

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

The raising of Lazarus.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it,

he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 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. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

Children's Time

Homily – Pastor Barnes – “What are You Waiting For?”

HYMN OF THE DAY
ELW #506 “THE WORD OF GOD IS SOURCE AND SEED”

THE 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 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

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of life, bind your faithful people into one body. Enliven the church with your Spirit and bless the work of those who work for its renewal (*like Hans Nielsen Hauge, whom we commemorate today*). Accomplish your work of salvation in us and through us, for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of life, you love the world you have made and you grieve when creation suffers. Restore polluted lands and waterways. Heal areas of the world ravaged by storms, floods, wildfires, droughts, or other natural disasters (*especially*). Bring all things to new life. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of life, show redemption to all who watch and wait with eager expectation: those longing for wars to cease, those waiting for immigration paperwork to finalize, those seeking election, and those in dire need of humanitarian relief. Come quickly with your hope. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of life, you weep with those who grieve. Unbind all who are held captive by anxiety, despair, or pain (*especially those we have named and those we now name in our hearts*). Fill us with compassion and empathy for those who struggle, and keep us faithful in prayer. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for opportunities for this congregation to collaborate with our community in caring for the needs of our neighbors. Strengthen our ties with other local congregations, agencies, and services. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of life, you are our resurrection. We remember all those who have died and trust that, in you, they will live again. Breathe new life into our dry bones, that we, too, might live with you forever. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OFFERING: Shane & Shane: I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Shane-Shane-I-Will-Wait-For-You-Psalm-130-18-1.mp4>

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: You are the giver of life, O God.

C: And you are the giver of NEW life – resurrected life.

A: Accept these gifts -

C: for they are evidence of the new life you have given us.

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. 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.'

“Proper Preface”

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, the renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD”

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
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Words of Institution

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

LORDS 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.

"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.

Communion in the Lutheran Church is celebrated in the belief that Christ is truly present and truly gives himself to us in, with, and under the bread and wine. We cordially invite all baptized Christians who commune in their own congregation (regardless of denomination) to join us.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

ELW #468 "AROUND YOU, O LORD JESUS"
ELW #484 "YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART"
ELW #471 "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: This is a meal we need, O Christ...
C: ...the gift of grace for us sinners.
A: This is a meal we require...

C: ...a meal that looks ahead in hope.

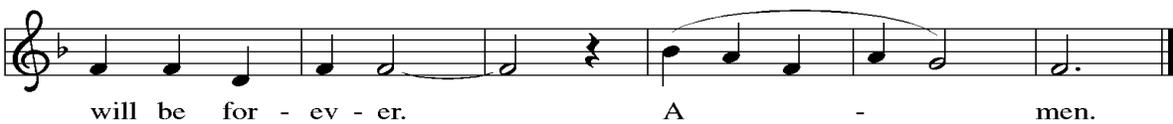
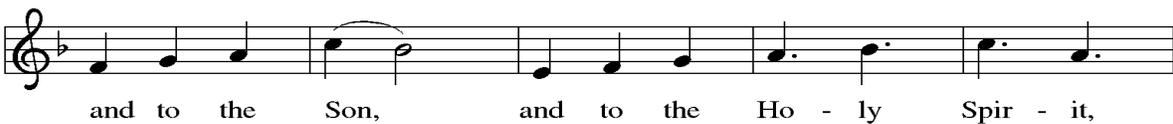
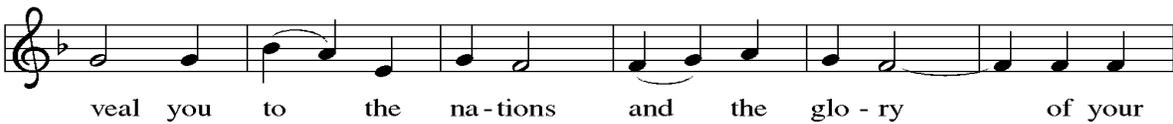
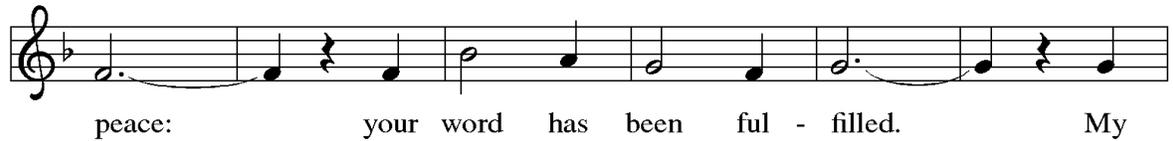
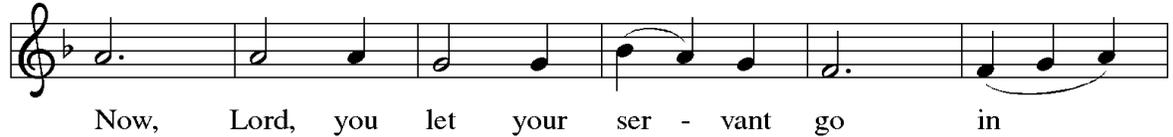
A: Assure us of the forgiveness you offer in this meal.

C: And give us eyes to see that this meal is a foretaste of the great feast to come.

A: We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ "NOW LORD"



BENEDICTION - Numbers 6

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

SENDING HYMN
ELW #621 "JESUS LIVES, MY SURE DEFENSE"
Vss. 1-4

Dismissal:

A: I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits.

C: In your Word is my hope as we go to serve!

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!

Postlude

PRAYER CONCERNS

Craig Brooks

Chad Wahl

Caleb (*personal concerns – Mike and Sue Barger's nephew*)

Dick Bolam (*Health concerns*)

Ryan Montgomery

Phil Bolam (*Cancer treatments*)

George Sipka (*Teresa Massey's father – guidance in caregiving for his wife – Teresa's Step-Mother and his own health concerns*)

Brandon Klor (*undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer*)

Gus (*Sue Barger's father – health concerns*)

Lil (*Sue Barger's mom – health concerns*)

Family of Betty Updike (*Betty passed away Friday, February 21st*)

Family of Charles E. Carr (*Charles passed away Saturday, March 7th*)

***All Services and Activities have been cancelled until
April 7, when it will be re-evaluated.***