



## ***Second Sunday in Lent***

*March 8, 2020*

# **Emanuel Lutheran Church**

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# Welcome to Emanuel

## **WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!**

*Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).*

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*(Please ask an usher)*

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# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2020

9:30 AM

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**PRELUDE**

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Leo Sowerby

**WELCOME**

Pastor Lyn Crase

**OPENING HYMN**

*How Firm a Foundation*

ELW #796

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**C Amen**

P If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**

**We have strayed from your love for all people.**

**Turn us back to you, O God.**

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,  
that we may find what is pleasing to you  
and dwell in your house forever. Amen**

P Receive good news: God turns to you in love.  
“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.  
All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

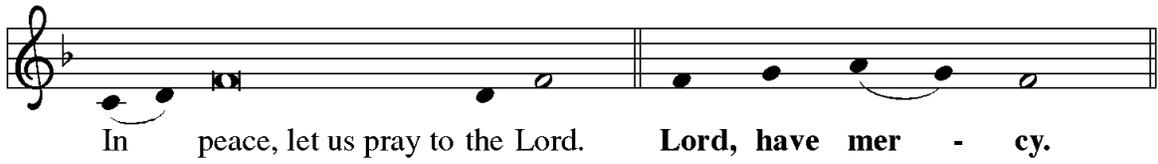
**C Amen**

**GREETING**

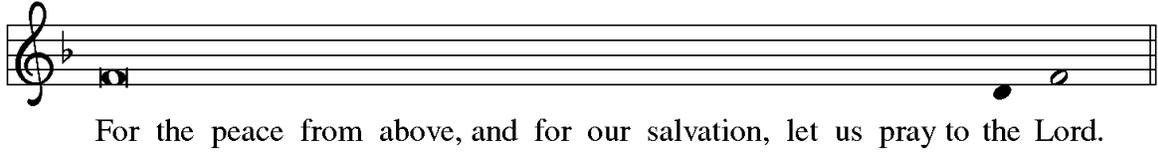
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

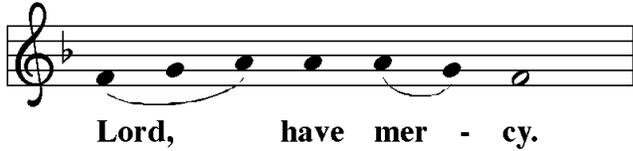
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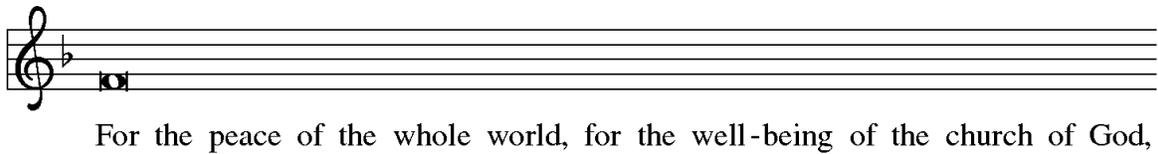
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



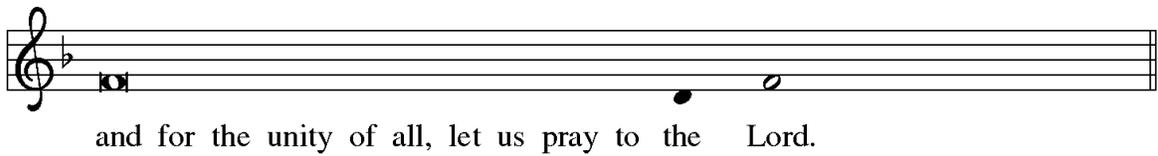
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



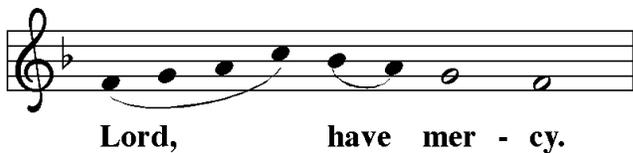
Lord, have mer - cy.



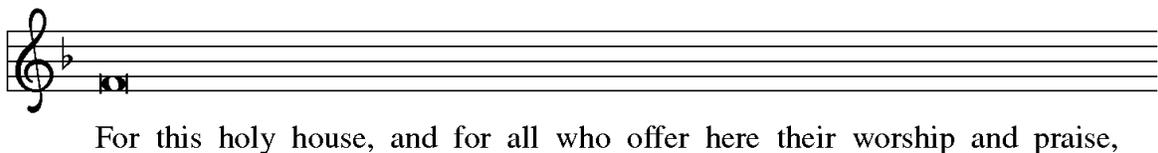
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



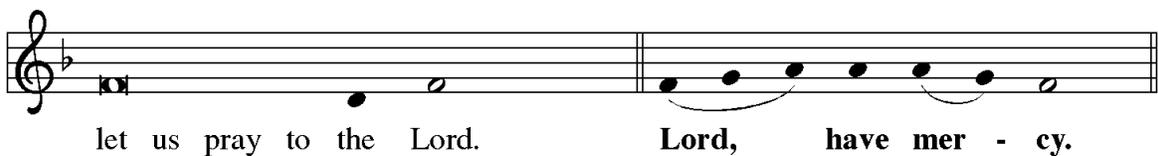
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

P Let us pray together....

**C O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-4a

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

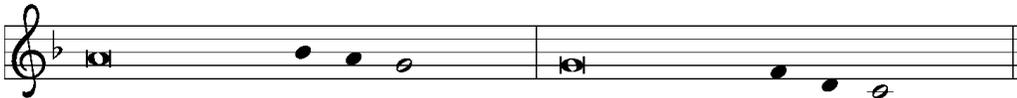
<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 121



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- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?
- <sup>2</sup> **My help comes | from the LORD,**  
**the maker of heav- | en and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**  
**will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**
- <sup>5</sup> the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike | you by day,**  
**nor the | moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:16

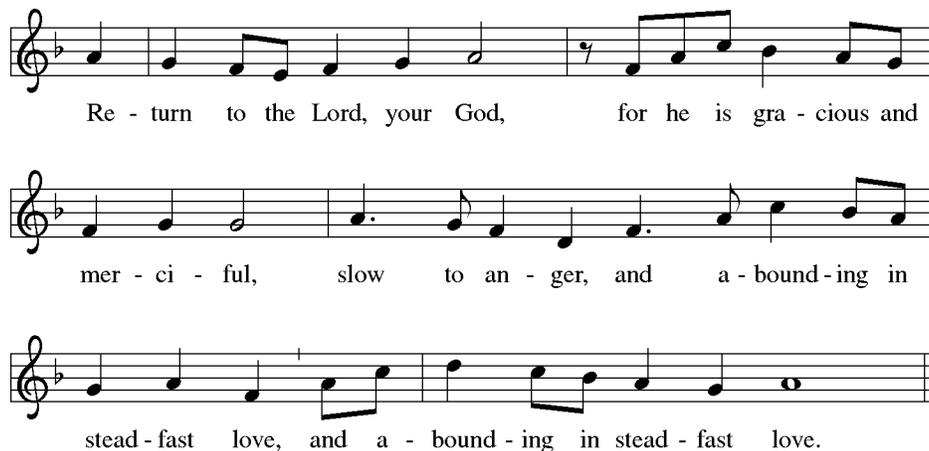
*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us).

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

P The Gospel according to John, chapter 3.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a

second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

L The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)**

### **SERMON**

Pastor Lyn Crase

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*God Loved the World*

ELW #323

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's 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**

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

**Response:** ... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

*The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness. Feel free to skip handshakes during flu season.*

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Please return to your seat at the signal from the organ and remain standing after the Peace.*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

A In recognition of God's forgiveness, mercy and grace, let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

P 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy,  
almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world  
that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone  
who believes in him  
may not perish  
but have everlasting life.

We give you thanks  
for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things  
for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C Amen**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
(You are invited to join hands if so moved)

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

ICET

Setting by David Haas

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your  
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our  
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give  
those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the  
time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil, for the  
king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours,  
now and for ev-er.

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

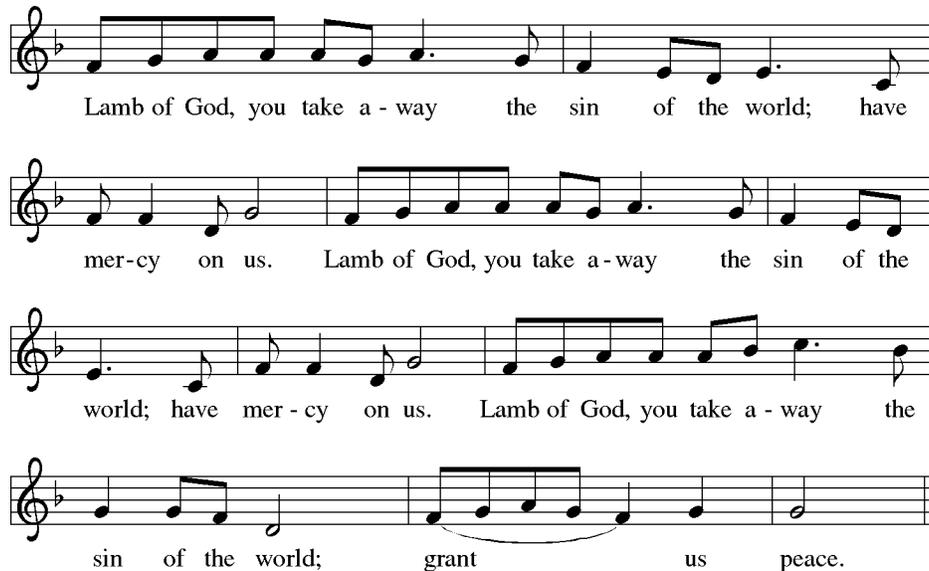
P God's love is poured out in Christ for you.  
Open yourselves to receive it.

*We practice continuous communion at the altar rail. **All are welcome.** White grape juice is available in the second cup for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.*

## HEALING PRAYER

*Healing prayer and anointing are available during communion at the side kneeler.*

## 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.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*O Living Breath of God  
My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

ELW #407  
ELW #759

## COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** We thank you, living God,  
for the body and blood of your Son,  
which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike.  
As Christ has loved us in this feast,  
so send us to love Christ in our neighbors.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

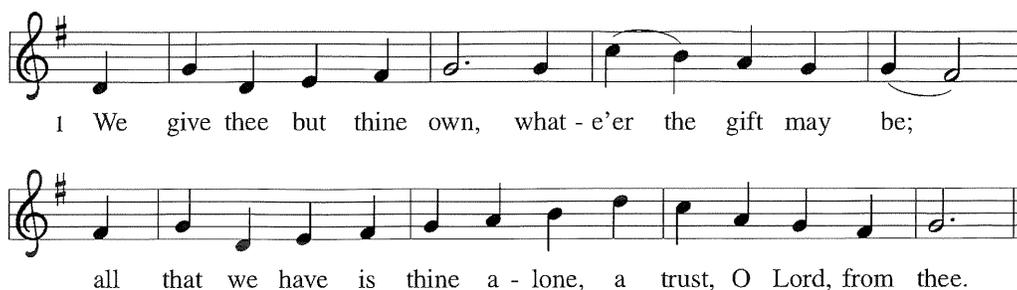
**C** Amen

## SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION (please be seated)

**OUR RESPONSE:** *We respond to God's gifts with gratitude. Collection of financial commitments and praise cards.*

- **OFFERTORY** O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken? Flor Peeters

## We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.  
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

### SENDING

P Gracious God,  
assist those who go out to share this meal  
with those who cannot attend.  
Let the sacrament prepared at this table and  
blessed by your word strengthen all who receive the Bread & Wine.  
Encourage them by your presence & heal them by your grace.

C Amen

### BLESSING

P Now is the acceptable time.  
Now is the day of salvation.  
Holy God,  
speaking, spoken, and inspiring,  
✝ bless you, unbind you,  
and send you in love and in peace.

C Amen

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SENDING HYMN

*Lift High the Cross*

ELW #660

#### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

*Lift High the Cross*

Charles W. Ore

## THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

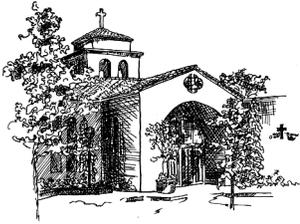
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### Our Mission

*To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.*

### Our Vision

*Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.*

*We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.*

*We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.*

*God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.*

**85**  
*& forward  
in faith*



Notes for March 8, 2020

- 1) Genesis 12:1-4a. God called Abram to “ventures unknown.” One of the prayers included in the Evening Prayer liturgy reads: *O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ELW pg.317.* How does this prayer and the call of Abraham influence your call to ministry?

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- 2) Psalm 121. In a world where there is turmoil, violence, threats, and uncertainty, what do you expect of God?

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- 3) Romans 4:16. Save the prologue to this lesson and refer to it for this question. “...we trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead....*for this reason it depends on faith in order that the promise may rest on grace.....*” Describe the “it.” Reflect on how this phrase informs our Lutheran understanding of salvation.

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- 4) John 3:1-17. How would you explain baptism using language other than that which is traditional or school-taught?

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- 5) John 3:16 is a well-loved verse. Why is it so critically important to connect it to verse 17. Why do you think verse 17 is often left off?

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## **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.

God of rebirth, empower your church throughout the world to be a voice of hope for those who fear judgment or condemnation. Assure us of your faithfulness and give us confidence to proclaim your salvation for all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of rebirth, your Spirit hovered over the waters and you called creation into being. Nurture and bless all signs of rebirth around us: budding trees and new shoots, thawing lakes and warm breezes, and animals awaking from hibernation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of rebirth, lead the nations in your way of righteousness. Protect those who advocate for the needs of children, migrants, and victims of violence. Give courage to lawmakers, lawyers, judges, and law enforcement officers, guiding them to do justice and to love mercy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of rebirth, give us a new vision of your healing power among us. Restore hope to those who remain in the depths of depression or despair. Bring mercy and relief to those who are injured, sick, or suffering. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of rebirth, we thank you for the children of this community and for the people and ministries that care for them (*individuals and ministries in the congregation may be named*). Bless new and expectant parents. Console those who have lost children and those whose desire for children remains unfulfilled. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of goodness, we pray for you to wrap your loving arms around all we name before you, aloud or in silence. (pause) Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of rebirth, by wind and spirit you call us into life renewed. We give you thanks for all your saints who have inherited your promises. Bring us, with them, into your everlasting kingdom. Hear us, O God.

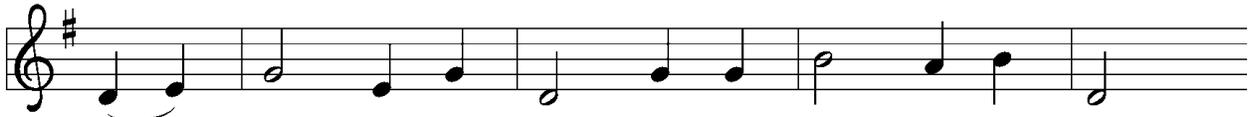
**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Amen**

## Entrance Hymn #796

### How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## Sermon Hymn #323

### God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

# Sending Hymn #660

## Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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