

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 3/15 8:15AM WORSHIP
9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30AM YOUNG AT HEART
10:45AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, 3/16 COMMUNITY MEAL, DOORS OPEN AT 5, DINNER AT 6
6:00PM PRAYER GROUP
7:00PM BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY, 3/17

WEDNESDAY, 3/18

THURSDAY, 3/19 NOON BIBLE STUDY
7:00PM CHOIR

FRIDAY, 3/20

SATURDAY, 3/21

SUNDAY, 3/22 8:15AM WORSHIP
9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45AM WORSHIP
NOON: FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Palm Sunday (weather permitting)...

Before each service we will meet at Bell Park (on Main St.-in front of the fire dept) and process to the church. The liturgy will also start in the sanctuary for those who begin the service there.

First Communion Class....

Will be on Sunday, March 22nd from Noon until 2:00PM. If you are interested in this class for your child, please speak with Pastor Sarah.

Welcome Members and Visitors today!

Bible Studies.....

Monday night Bible Study meets at 7:00PM.
We will be *Journeying with Jesus*.

Thursday Noon Bible Study continues weekly.

NEW: Bible 101.....will meet in person on April 9th at 6:00. Until then and in between the in person study, Bible 101 will be on Facebook Live on Wednesdays and then put on You Tube later in the week.

Bible 101 will explore: what is the Bible,
how is the Bible put together,
how can we best read it and apply it to our lives.

Organ Recital ... Saturday April 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM. Dr. Michelle Kardos CAGO, national Director of Education for the American Guild of Organists, will present a lecture-recital program entitled, "Stories We Tell," featuring compositions by McDowall, Price, Sakamoto, and an original improvisation by Dr. Kardos on a familiar hymn tune. She will be performing on the church's new three manual Allen GX-336DK.

The recital is open to the public and free to attend.



APRIL 5
Join us for Easter Breakfast
Fellowship Hall...
9:15am until 11:00am



Welcome our new members today:
 Beth and Kristopher Holsopple,
 Children: Katelyn and Keith
 Frances Caldarelli
 Mike and Abbey Sammel, child: Wyatt

Young at Heart....TODAY at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall.

March Community Meal... Monday, March 16th
 Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.

Property Work Party... 9:00am, Friday, March 27th.
 We will be cleaning and organizing storage spaces.

Holy Week Services....
 Maundy Thursday - Noon and 7:00PM
 Good Friday - Walk of the Cross at Noon in Irwin
 7:00PM Tenebrae Service
 Easter morning: 8:15 and 10:45 services

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP		
	8:15	10:45
Assisting Minister	Jaden Brittingham	LeNora Emanuelson
Communion Assistants	Lois Brown Melissa Fox	Eric Walt Joe Thomas
Lector	Angela Brittingham	Ryan Henaghan
Acolyte	Jericho Brittingham	Will Little
Greeters		Luella Tomasello Sonnie Freed
Livestream		Mike Henaghan

Altar Guild	Set-up Saturday, March 14		Tom and LouAnne Dawson
	Sun., March 15	8:15	Lois Brown and Debbie Reed
		10:45	Zack and Sami Tinsley
	Set-up Saturday, March 21		Lori Thomas
	Sunday, March 22	8:15	Lori Thomas
		10:45	Zack and Sami Tinsley

Food Pantry 2026 Dates: April 18, June 13, August 15,
 October 17 (Thanksgiving), December 12 (Christmas)

Items needed currently, special requests:
 Basic cooking spices Kleenex Bar soap Laundry detergent
 Antibacterial wipes/spray Liquid soap

Items always requested:
 Mac & cheese/pasta Applesauce Baked beans Canned fruit
 Canned tuna Cereal Granola bars Pasta Sauce
 Oatmeal Paper Towels Peanut butter & Jelly
 Potato/rice mix Pudding Cups Toilet Paper
 Peanut Butter and Cheese Crackers Cake/muffin/brownie mix
 Chef Boyardee Canned Vegetables

Thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" on an envelope. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comcast.net

LARGER PRINT BULLETIN

Worship Plan for Sunday, March 15, 2026

4 Lent

Introduction to the day

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

Welcome and Announcements

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Jesus says:

"The time is ready, the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the Gospel."

**O come, let us return unto our God,
Who will have mercy and abundantly pardon.**

Let us pray.

**Most holy God,
we admit to you and each other
that we are so dazzled by the false gods of
this age,
that we find it hard to recognise who we are,
where we came from, or where we are going.**

**We easily become caught up in
selfishness, cynicism,
consumerism, and led by the noise along the
highways and byways created by other
interests.**

**Please open our eyes that we may see
ourselves more clearly,
and seek you more diligently. Amen!**

Words of Assurance

Fellow travellers on the road to Easter,
always remember that there is much more
forgiveness in God
than we could ever exhaust.

Receive from God, through the grace of Christ,
the blessing of sins forgiven and a right
relationship restored. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG *I Want Jesus to Walk
with Me***

1. On our Lent - en jour - ney lead us, Lord, walk with me.
 2. When our eyes just can - not see you, Lord, walk with me.
 3. Mov - ing through this life on earth, Lord, walk with me.

5
 As we strug - gle, learn, and pray, Lord, walk with me.
 As the man who was born blind, Lord, walk with me.
 Trav' - ling down our dust - y roads, Lord, walk with me.

9
 O - pen eyes so we can see you, O - pen ears so we can hear you,
 Show Your sign and heal our blind - ness, Heal us with Your lov - ing kind - ness,
 Day by day, still guide, pro - tect us, Through the race to Heav - en glor - ious,

13
 O - pen hearts so we can feel you, Lord, walk with me.
 Of Your light, will You re - mind us, Lord, walk with me.
 Life e - ter - nal bright and beau - teous, Lord, walk with me.

17
 I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me; _____

21
 _____ I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me; _____

25
 _____ all a - long _____ my pil - grim jour - ney, _____

29
 _____ Lord, I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me.

***GREETING** *Pastor*

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

*KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the

sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk 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.

¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for 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.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL: John 9:1-41**

The holy gospel according to.....



Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction.

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.

² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered,

“Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day;

night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then

does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes.

Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

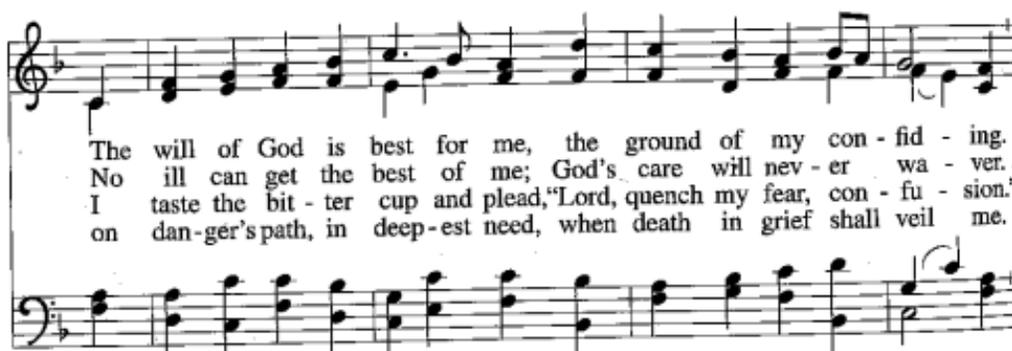
²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when

*Hymn of the Day *What God Ordains is Good Indeed* #776



1 What God or-dains is good in-deed, for all life well pro-vid-ing.
 2 What God or-dains is good in-deed: my light, my life, my Sav-ior!
 3 What God or-dains is good in-deed. When hope seems like de-lu-sion,
 4 What God or-dains is good in-deed. My Lord will nev-er fail me



The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con-fid-ing.
 No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev-er wa-ver.
 I taste the bit-ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con-fu-sion."
 on dan-ger's path, in deep-est need, when death in grief shall veil me.



My faith-ful God, on ev-'ry road you know the way un-
 Through joy and pain I shall at-tain the dawn dis-clos-ing
 God ends the night, re-stores de-light; by faith I face to-
 My God so dear will draw me near, in lov-ing arms will



fold-ing and my hand you are hold-ing.
 clear-ly that God has loved me dear-ly.
 mor-row and yield to God all sor-row.
 hold me, at last in light en-fold me.

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649-1708; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951
 Music: Severus Gastorius, 1646-1682
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Welcoming New Members to the Congregation

Presentation of New Members

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Introduction of each new member.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Friends in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Stir up in _____
the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and
forever. **Amen.**

PLEASE STAND.....

***PRAYERS** Assisting minister

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

We give you thanks for our new members,
whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of
Jesus Christ
and whom we have welcomed into this household
of faith.

Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the
breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service
to others. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on
earth. Bring an end to war and violence and help
those who seek goodness and mercy.
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our healer, we call to you in our need. Care
for all in special need this day (*especially*). God of
grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our home, we thank you for all who have died
and completed their baptismal journeys. Grant us

faith to live until we too dwell in your house forever. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Pastor

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

***Welcome**

Let us welcome these new members to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

***PEACE**

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

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Amazing Grace*

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both are in the key of B-flat major (two flats). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are placed below the upper staff. The music ends with a double bar line.

***OFFERING PRAYER** *assisting minister*

Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.

Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

***DIALOGUE** **Pastor**

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.

***PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

4
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
10
God of pow - er, God of might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
20
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
30
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est,
rit. molto rit.
ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness
endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of
the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through
the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the
wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your
anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

ASSEMBLY, CHOIR:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain:

rit.

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is labeled 'ASSEMBLY, CHOIR:' and contains the lyrics 'Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain:'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.' and includes a 'rit.' (ritardando) marking above the music. Both staves end with a double bar line.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your
Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and
wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your
presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

AMEN

The musical score consists of two staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic marking. The lyrics under the first staff are "A - men, A - men, A -". The second staff begins with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking, followed by a *molto rit.* (molto ritardando) marking. The lyrics under the second staff are "men! A - men, A - men, A - men!". The music features a melodic line with some slurs and a bass line with a steady accompaniment.

***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**

COMMUNION SONG

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

Musical score for "Jesus, Lamb of God". The score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It features two parts: a Cantor part and an All congregation part. The Cantor part begins with a 2-measure rest, followed by a 2-measure rest, and then the melody. The All congregation part begins with a 4-measure rest, followed by the melody. The score includes tempo markings: *poco rit.*, *ALL:*, and *a tempo*. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the world: grant us your peace." There are two circled numbers, 10 and 20, indicating repeat points. The score ends with a double bar line.

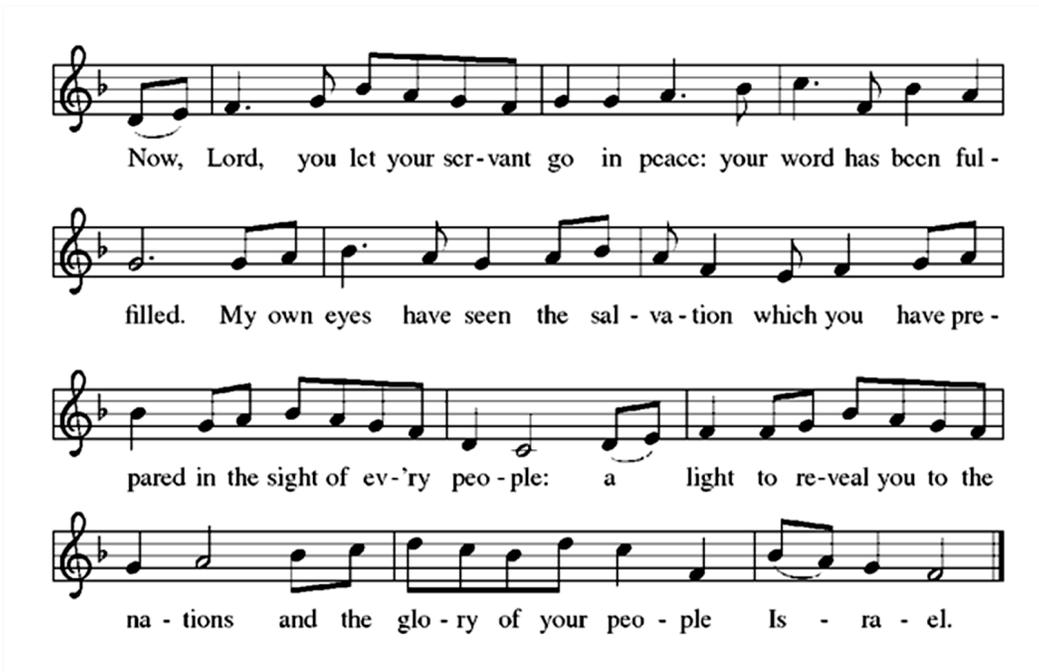
Communion

Hymn During Communion:
Shepherd Me, O God #780

***COMMUNION BLESSING** Pastor

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

*SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION: **Pastor**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:

God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✝ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

*Recessional Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory #324*

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.