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Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 1, 2026

10:15 a.m.



During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

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GATHER

Announcements/Prelude **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross J. Carter**

Please stand

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,

you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead

dwells in you,

pours God's love into your hearts,

and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

Daily Scripture Readings for March 02 through March 07

Mon 03/02	Tues 03/03	Wed 03/04	Thurs 03/05	Fri 03/06	Sat 03/07
Psalm 128	Psalm 128	Psalm 128	Psalm 95	Psalm 95	Psalm 95
Numbers 21:4-9	Isaiah 65:17-25	Ezekiel 36:22-32	Exodus 16:1-8	Exodus 16:9-21	Exodus 16:27-35
Hebrews 3:1-6	Romans 4:6-13	John 7:53-8:11	Colossians 1:15-23	Ephesians 2:11-22	John 41-6

Serving in Worship in March

	03/01	03/08	03/15	03/22	03/29
Greeter/ Usher	Bob Soles	Jeff Dombroski	Phyllis Ruse	Gabe West	Zack West
Lector	Diana Williams	Larry Cohol	Chris Eash	Judy McCartney	Pastor Mark Williams
Counters	Tom Drotleff				
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas
Crucifer	Art Thomas	Chris Eash	Larry Cohol	Art Thomas	Chris Eash
Acolyte					

Grief Ministry at Lord of Life– Tom Drotleff

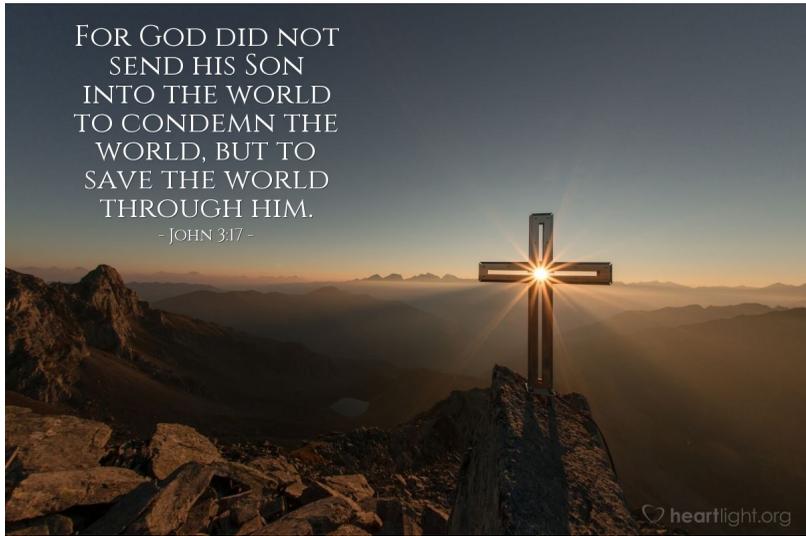
If you or someone you know is struggling with grief, our Lord of Life GriefShare Session starts March 10th, 1:00-2:30pm. Call the Office at (330) 533-3531, contact Tom Drotleff (330) 533-4527 or register directly at: www.GriefShare.org.



Soup Suppers
Wednesday Evenings in Lent

We will once again come together to observe Lent as a cluster. On Wednesday evenings during Lent we will gather for soup supper at 6:00pm and Evening Prayer at 7:00pm. The Theme for this year is, "A Prophetic Word for Today."

March 4	Grace Lutheran, Austintown	Pastor Richie
March 11	Bethel Lutheran, Boardman	Pastor Kidd
March 18	Martin Luther Lutheran, Youngstown	Pastor Holzhauser
March 25	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Poland	Pastor Franley



Gathering Hymn Beneath the Tree of Life Verses 1 and 2

Refrain

Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of life.
 Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of
 life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of
 heal - ing and re - lease. Come and
 gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

Verses

1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of
 2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and
 3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -
 4. Here be - neath the branch - es of your
 5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your

Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who
 pas - sion, Oh how sweet the taste, how
 va - tion, come and die to sin, rise
 mer - cy, we in - voke your name, re -
 Gos - pel, may we bear the fruits your

To Refrain

leads us on from death in - to new life.
 deep and rich the well - spring of your love.
 up to life with - in the Reign of God.
 mem - ber how your love has set us free.
 Word has plant - ed deep with - in our hearts.

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.

Kyrie

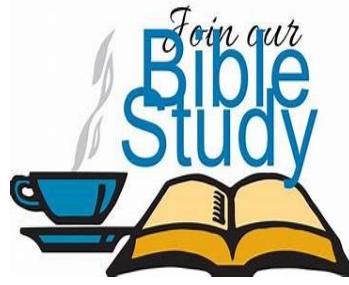
In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. 1. For the
 2. For your
 reign of God, and for peace through - out the
 peo - ple here who have come to give you
 world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
 thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the
 Lord: Lord: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, and de -
 Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.
 fend us, O God: A - men.
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The 2026 Flower Chart and the 2026 Sanctuary Light Chart have arrived, and both are posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Throughout the month of March, WELCA will be collecting personal care items for the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley. Choose items from the list below. They request new items only. Watch for a collection site and display.

- *Deoderants
- *Disposable razors
- *Belts
- *Sweatshirts
- *Undergarments
- *Foot powder/Spray
- *OTC Cold Meds
- *Ibuprofin/Aspirin
- *Formula
- *Body Wash/Shampoo
- *Shower Shoes
- *Hand Sanitizer
- *Sweatpants
- *Tennis Shoes/Boots
- *OTC Allergy Meds
- *Tums
- *Diapers/Wipes



Wednesday Prayer Time continues at 10:00am on Wednesday before Bible Study.

Wednesday Bible Study continues studying Adam Hamilton's "Words of Life—Jesus and the Promise of the 10 Commandments Today," this Wednesday at 10:30am.

Anthem

God So Loved the World

Wayne Wold

Please stand

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

P Let us pray,

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.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

Blessing

P 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.

C **Amen**

P Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

John Carter

You are welcome to stay for the postlude or you may leave the church at this time. Please be aware, however, that the livestream does continue through the postlude. We ask that you leave quietly so your conversations are not recorded.

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray,
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.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

WORD

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.

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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.”

^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

P Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
my help comes from the LORD.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff is a continuation of the melody, ending with a double bar line.

- ¹ I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?
- ² **My help comes | from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.
- ³ The LORD will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel**
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; R
- ⁵ the LORD watches | over you;
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
- ⁶ **the sun will not strike | you by day,**
nor the | moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.
- ⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,**
from this time forth for- | evermore. R

Invitation to Communion

P Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*This invitation is extended to all who receive Communion
in any Christian denomination. All are welcome!*

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a line of the hymn with its corresponding melody. The melody is a simple, repetitive pattern of eighth and quarter notes.

Please be seated

Communion

Follow the usher's direction to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and take a glass of wine from the tray. Dispose of the cup in the basket provided on the railing and return to your seat by the side aisle.

Communion Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 803

Eucharistic Prayer

- P Blessed are you, Holy God, the First and Last, life's Beginning and it's End. You called us to live as your people and promised to be our God. When time and again we failed to trust your promise and refused to walk in your ways, you sent your Word made flesh, the root and offspring of David, to dwell among us and draw us back to you.
- 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 to all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Send now your Holy Spirit upon these gifts and all who share this meal. By your Spirit wipe away all tears and mend with mercy what sin has torn that we might await Christ's coming with glad and joyful hearts and, at last, feast forever at the Supper of the Lamb.
- C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,
- C **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.**

Second Reading

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

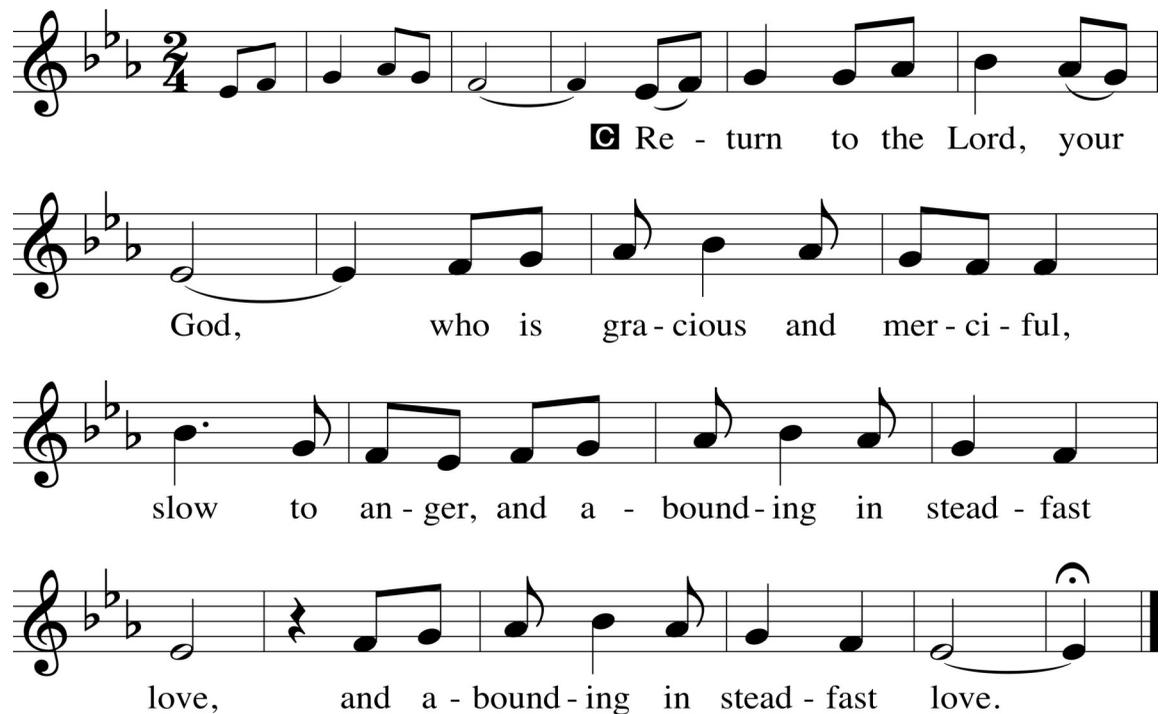
In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

- ¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?
- ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.
- ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.
- ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

- L Word of God, word of life.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who 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.

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.

P The holy gospel according to John.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² 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 unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ 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?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

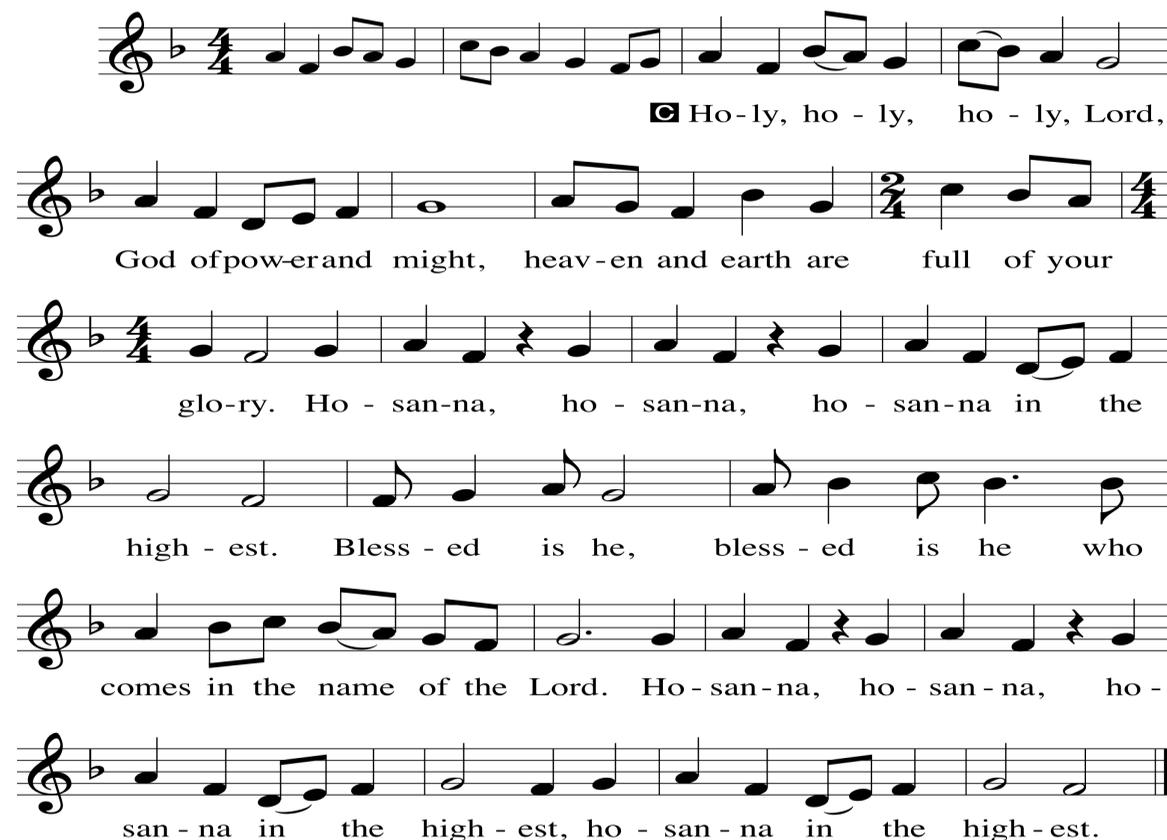
Dialogue

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, ...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
God of power 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, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEAL

Offering Response



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.

Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.

Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.

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Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.

Please stand

Offering Prayer

P 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.

C Amen.

⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ 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." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹ "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. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "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.

¹⁷ "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."

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Sermon

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

ELW 334

Verses 1-3 and the verse marked "Lent 2"

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 life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

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

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss especially those we name before you now out loud or in our hearts -

Sean Bandelier, Stacey Carter, Oweda Frederick, Laurel Froelich, Woody Gingery, Chris Hunnicutt, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, George Lange, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, Emma Parker, Pam Parker, Staci Thomas, Bob Titus, David Titus, Pearl Torrence, Patty Weiss, Kay Welch, the family of Tom Phillips.

Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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

C **Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.

Please be seated.