

8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 5, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Pastor Heidi currently serves as staff chaplain at IU North University Hospital. Prior to joining the IU team, Pastor Heidi served congregations in Carmel, IN, Dallas and Austin, TX, Moorhead, MN, Geneva, IL, and Las Vegas, NV. While serving in Austin, she was instrumental in planting a Lutheran mission congregation in Spicewood, TX, which she co-served for a time.

Pastor Heidi has always had a love for chaplaincy. While serving as a parish pastor, she also served as a police chaplain for the Austin, Fargo, Moorhead, and New Orleans Police Departments, the Moorhead Fire Department, hospitals (adult and child) in Columbus, OH and Las Vegas, NV. She has ministered in prisons, domestic violence shelters, senior living, and recovery centers.

Pastor Heidi graduated from the University of Kansas with a BA in Psychology and a BA in Germanic Languages and Literature. She has an MS from the University of Memphis in Psychology and a Master of Divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH.

Pr. Heidi is married to Robert, and they have a daughter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: “God So Loved the World” – R. B. Farlee

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

During the Confession you may either stand or kneel as you are able.

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C. Amen.

P. Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

Silence for reflection

P. Holy God,

C. we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

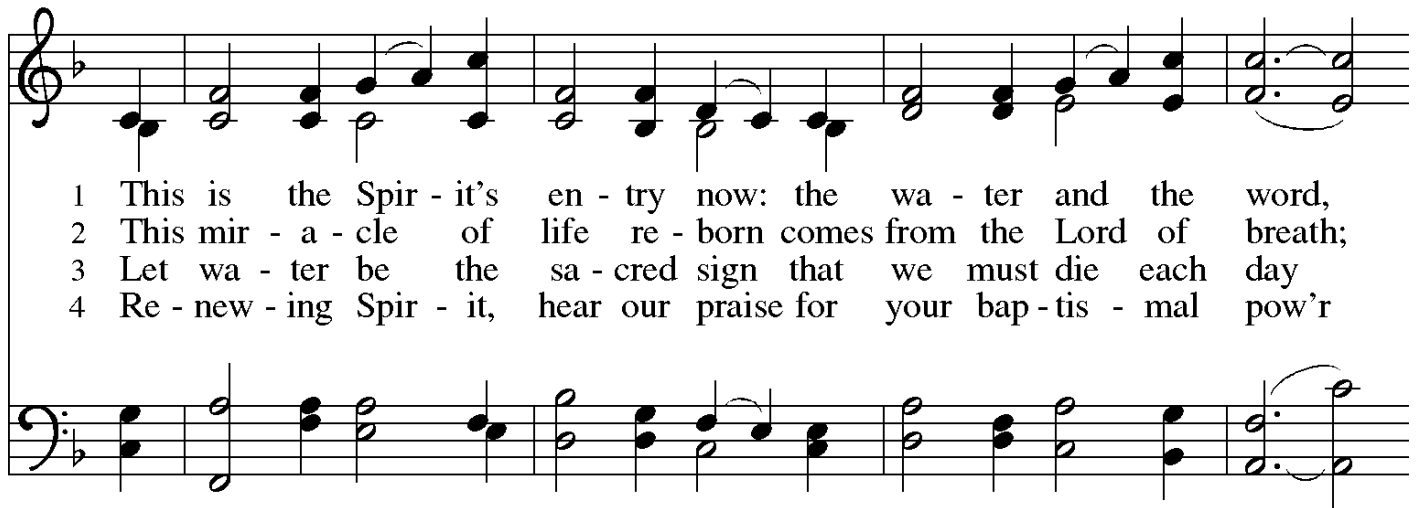
Amen.

P. Hear the good news; God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, forgives you in Christ’s name, and revives you in the Spirit’s power.

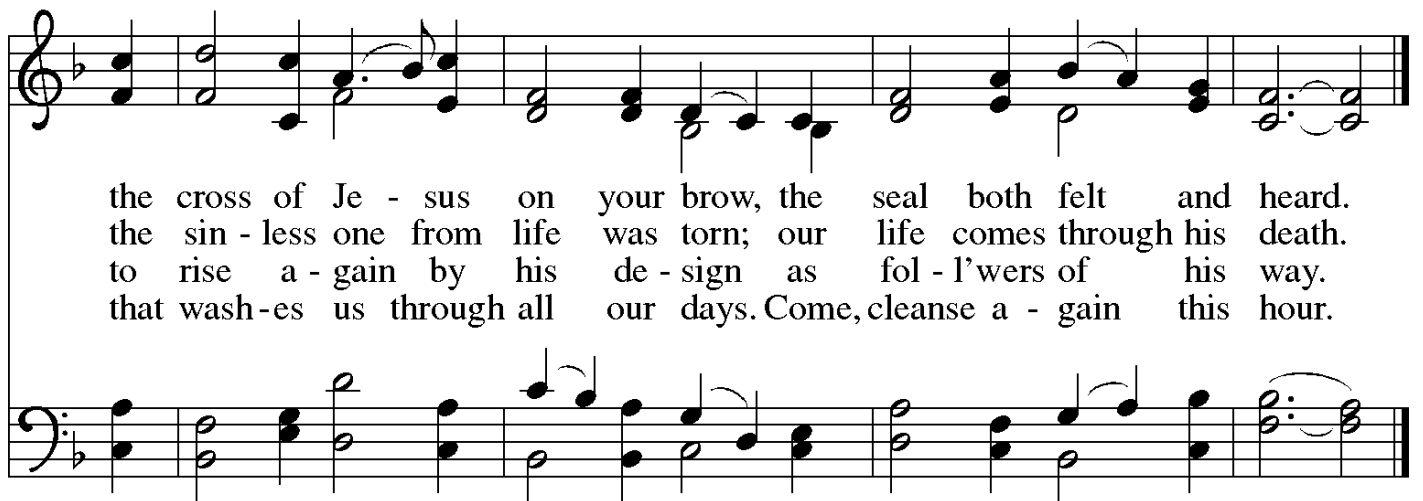
C. Amen.



GATHERING HYMN: "This is the Spirit's Entry Now"



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
 2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;
 3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day
 4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
 the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.
 to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.
 that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

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Music: North American traditional; arr. hymnal version

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APOSTOLIC 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE:



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



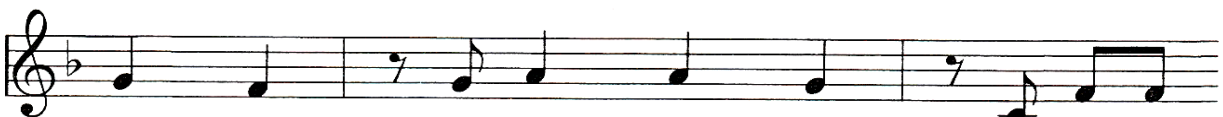
glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,



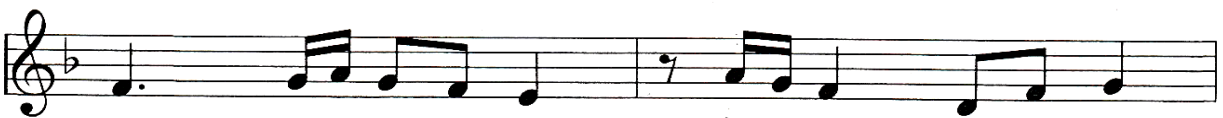
Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P. The Lord be with you

C. And also with you.

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. Amen.

Please be seated

READINGS FOR TODAY

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4a

See back of bulletin

PSALM 121 - *Spoken responsively, the Pastor speaks the verses in regular print and congregation speaks the verses in **bold** print.*

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the 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.**

⁷The 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 forevermore.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

see back of bulletin

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel according to St. John 3:1-17

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C. Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading of the Gospel:

P. The Gospel of the Lord"

C. Praise to you O Christ.

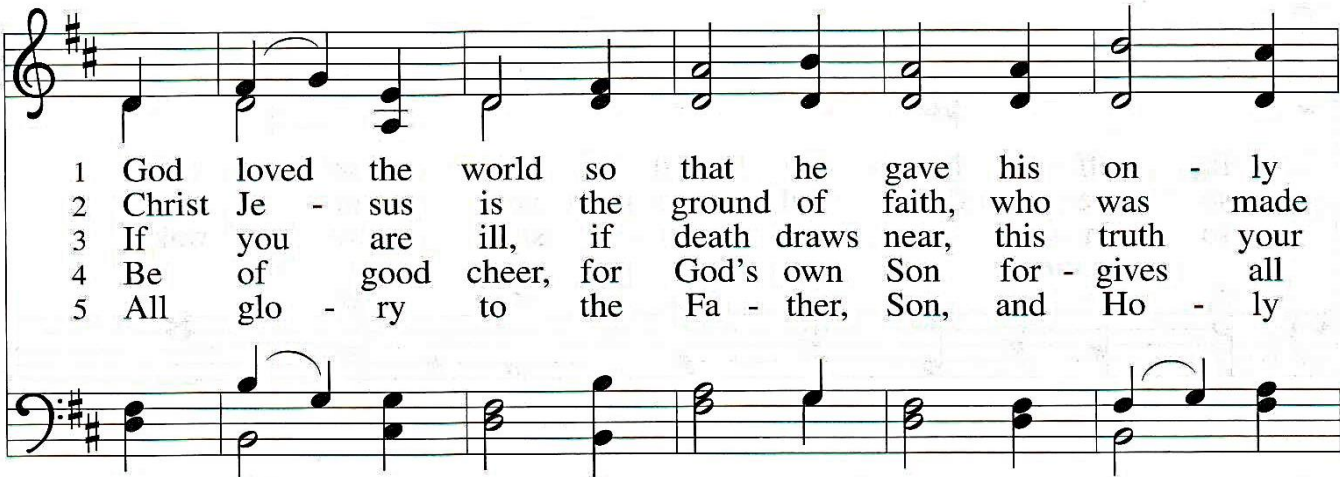
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SERMON:

Rev. Heidi Schwerdtfeger-Jones

Please stand as you are able.

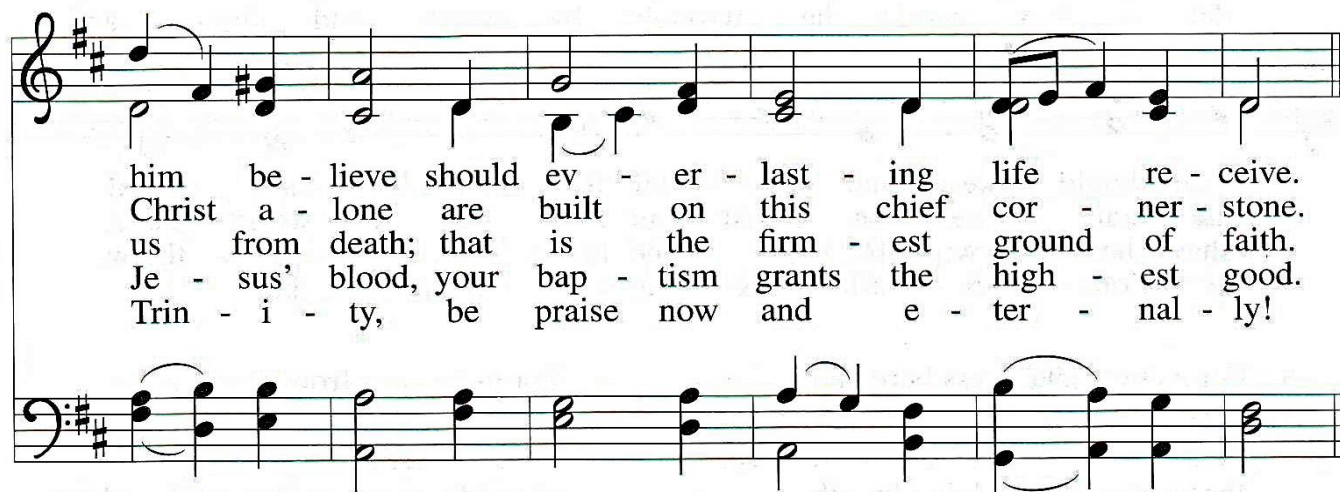
HYMN OF THE DAY: "God Loved the World"



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.
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APOSTLES' CREED:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

Sit

CHOIR ANTHEM: "God so Loved the World" – John Stainer

*God so loved the world, God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten son, that whoso believeth,
believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.
God so loved the world, God so loved the world,
that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth,
believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish,
but have everlasting life, everlasting, everlasting life.
God so loved the world, God so loved the world, God so loved the world.*

Please stand as you are able

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each prayer:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING:

(The offering is presented as the Offertory is sung by the congregation.)

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P. Merciful Father,

C. we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

COMMUNION LITURGY

P. 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.

THE 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.**

Sit

HOLY COMMUNION:

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the “real presence” of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.

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.

Please stand as you are able

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

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

P. Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION:

P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

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!

DISMISSAL:

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Lift High the Cross" – C. Callahan

Today's altar flowers are given by Linda Trautman in memory of her father.