



**Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 11, 2018**

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In keeping with our Mission Statement of "Uniting in Christ, Growing in Faith, Serving in love, and Sharing the Good News, WE welcome you to Christus Victor and we are blessed that you are spending time with us in worship.

Theme: Salvation Freely Offered to All

In this reading from Isaiah, resurrection is like a free feast, baptism like water for the thirsty, God like rain on the earth.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Glory Be to Jesus, *C. Uehlein*

GATHERING

P. God call us to:

Unite in Christ, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, and Share the Good news.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

A. During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

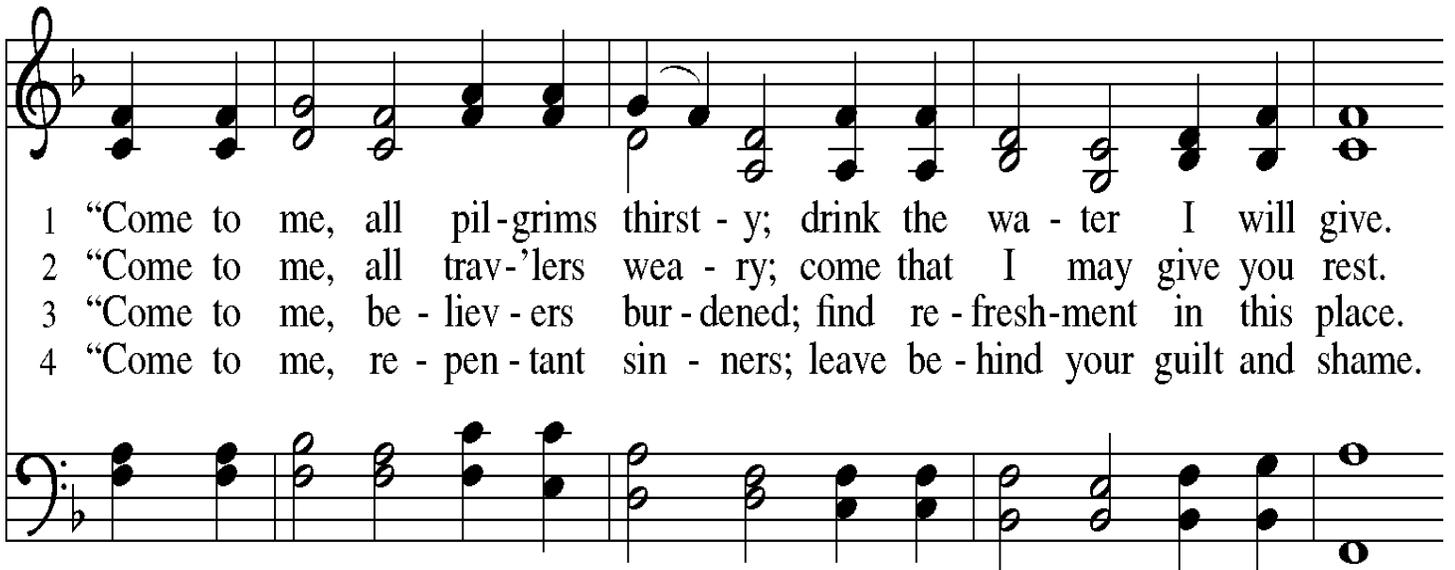
A. Merciful God,
you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P. Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

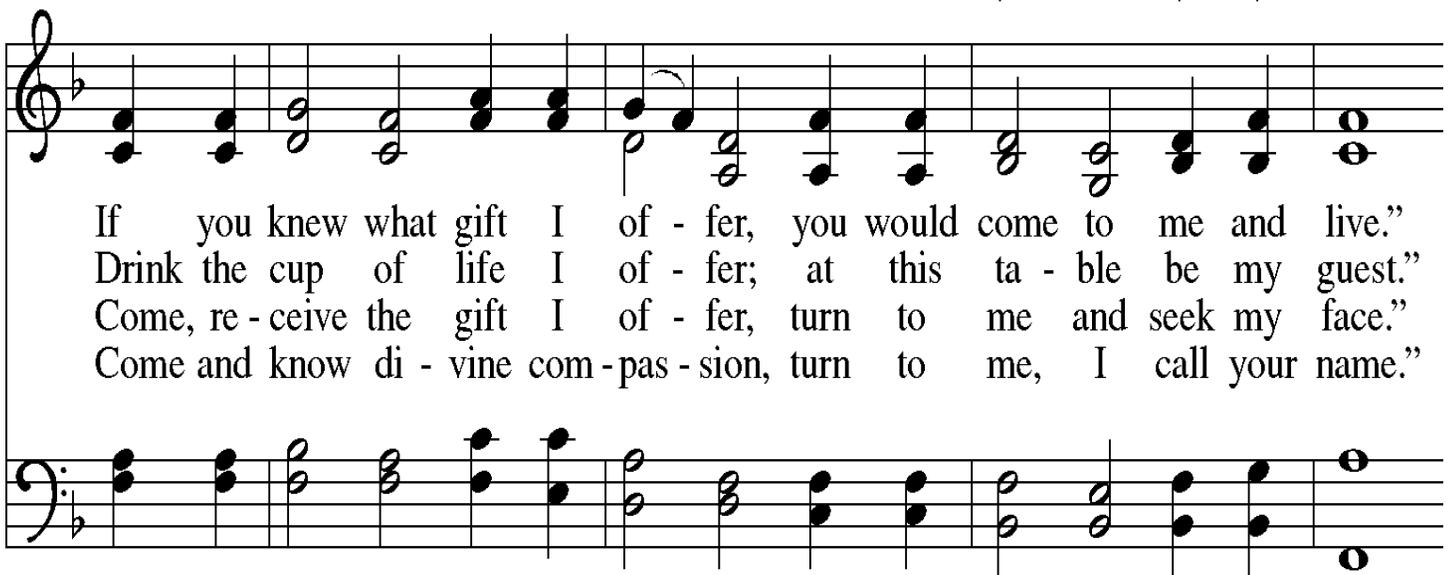
Amen.

***GATHERING SONG (ELW 777)**

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

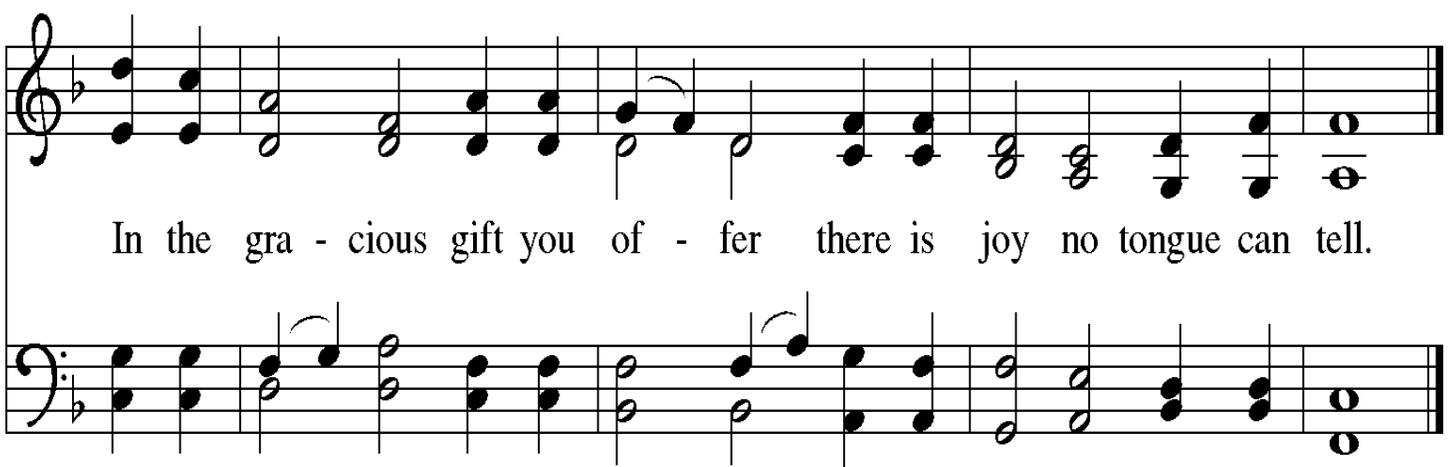


If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 “Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend.” *Refrain*

6 “Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home.” *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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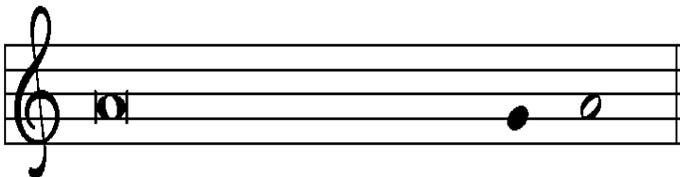
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*GREETING

P. 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.

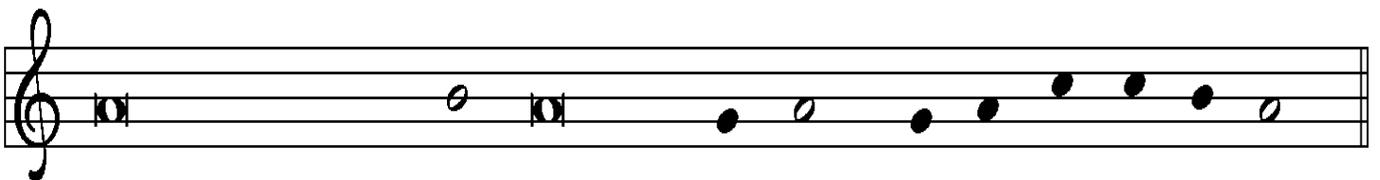
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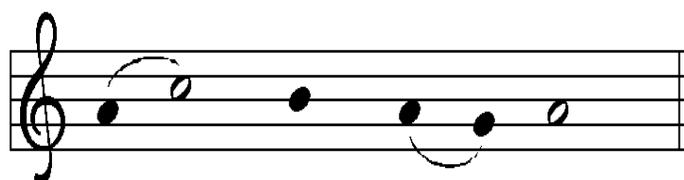
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



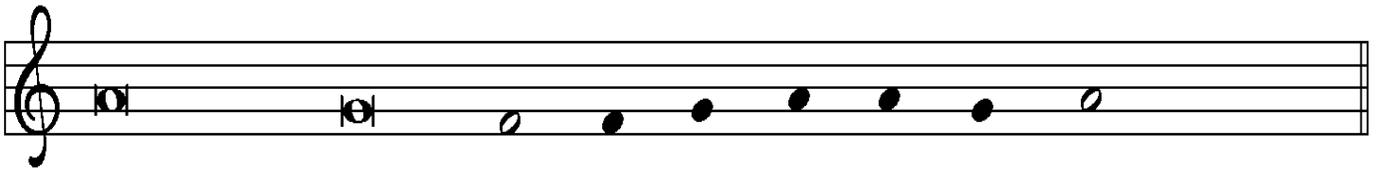
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



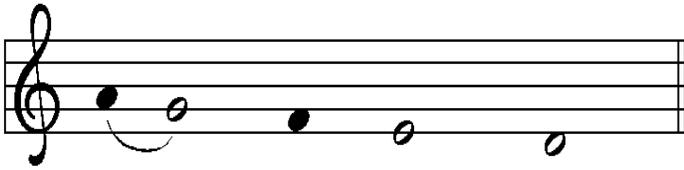
Lord, have mer - cy.



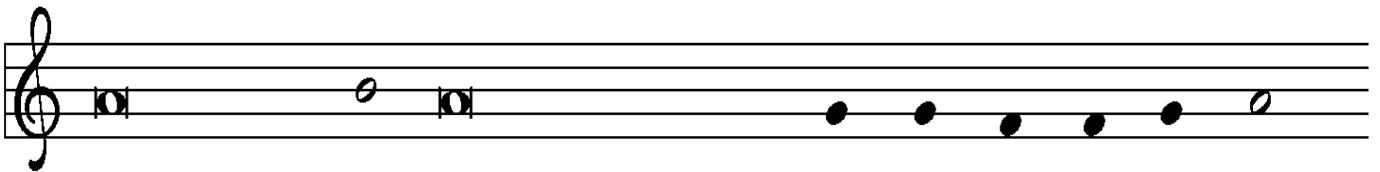
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



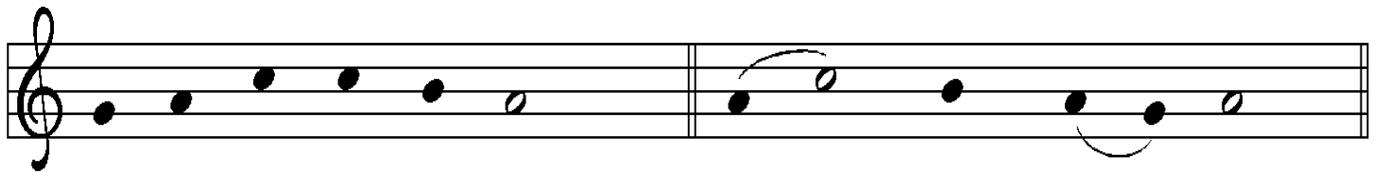
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



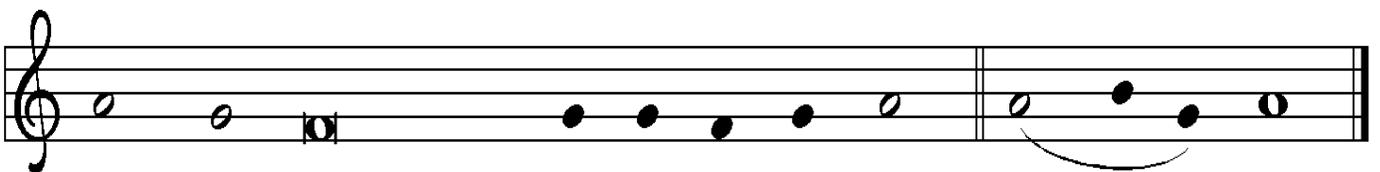
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P. Let us pray:

God of our Salvation, you offer to us the gift of your love, forgiveness, and protection. You offer this without money and without price. You invite us into an everlasting covenant of abundant grace and peace, and a promise to make us new through the waters of Baptism and the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-11

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 666)**

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.



Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.

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INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

***NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A. Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A. We pray for your creation. All that you have made is good. Help us to be good stewards of the world you created. Help us to care for plants and animals, forests and oceans. Help us to protect all living things that you have created. Let us pray:
Have mercy, O God.

A. We pray for public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place. Let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

A. For those who travel, for those who are in captivity, and for those who are sick and suffering (*Epecially...and those whom we name before you*). May your healing and loving hand guide, protect, and heal. Let us pray:
Have mercy, O God.

A. For all the servants of your church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy. Let us pray:
Have mercy, O God.

A. For all who have gone on in the faith before us. That they have received the gift of everlasting life and may their witness in the faith give us strength and helps sustain us until that time when we are all gathered at the Feast that has no end. Let us pray:
Have mercy, O God.

P. Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit. Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, that, rejoicing in your covenant of mercy, we may bring forth the abundant fruit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

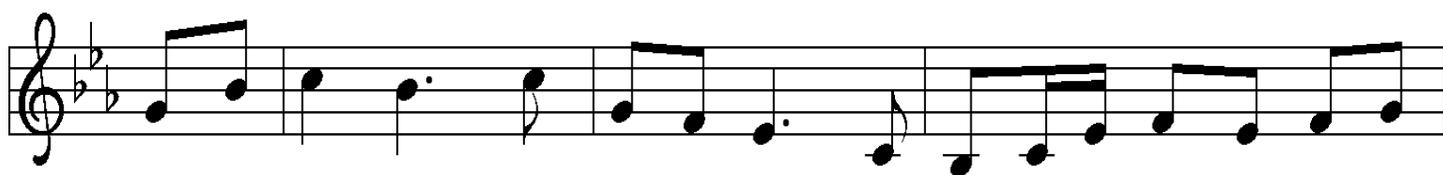
OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30): Just As I Am, *Wm. Bradbury*

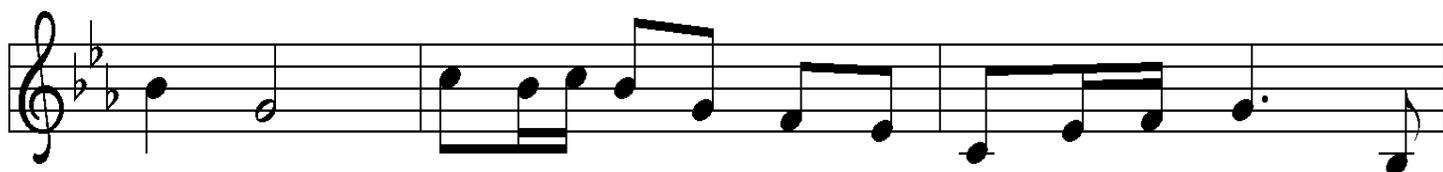
ANTHEM (11:00): No Greater Gift, *Ruth Elaine Schram*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



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 dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

A. Merciful God,

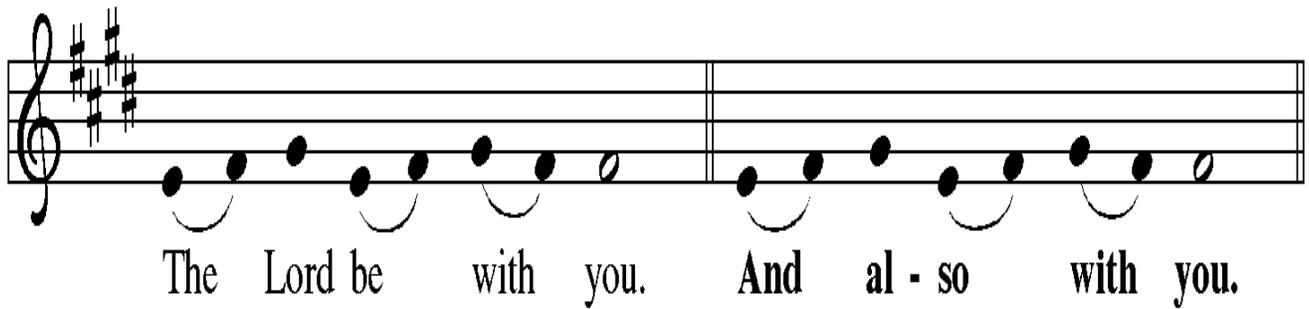
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving

and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross,
we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

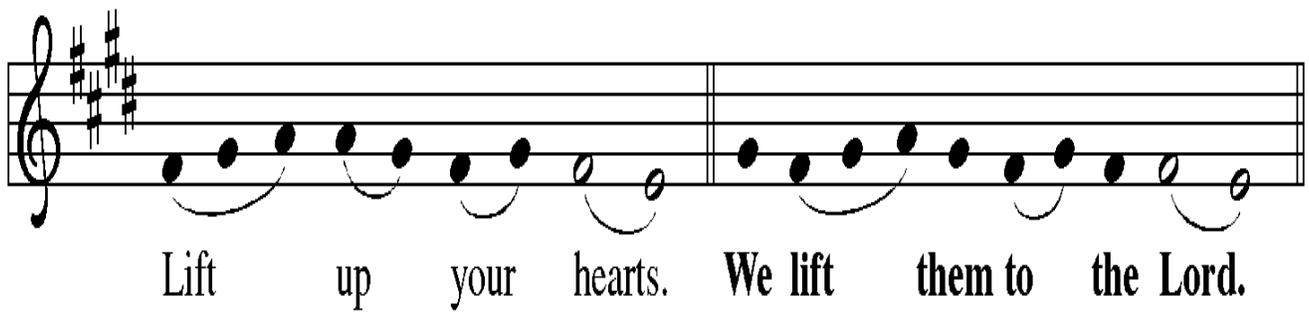
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

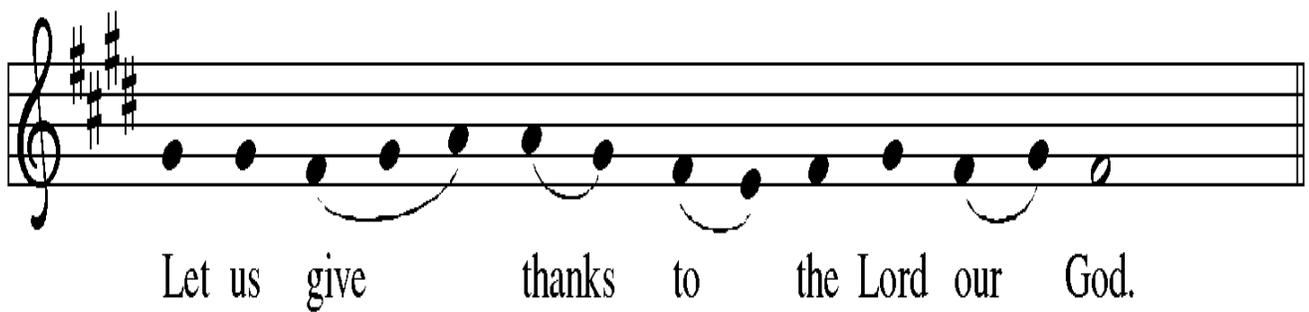
*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

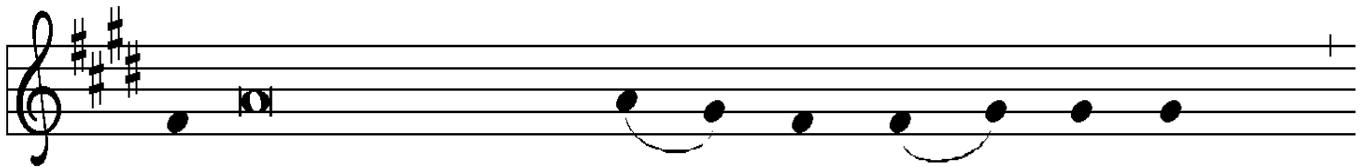


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

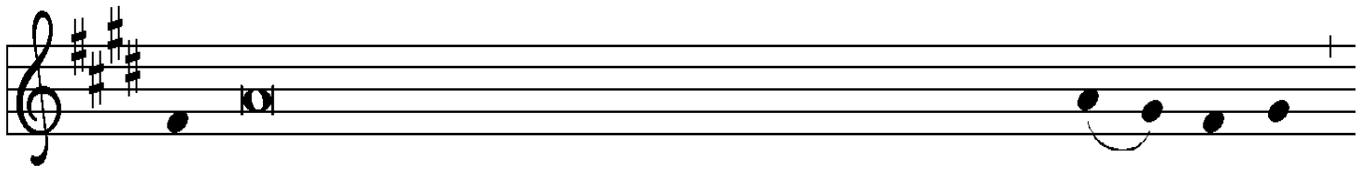


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

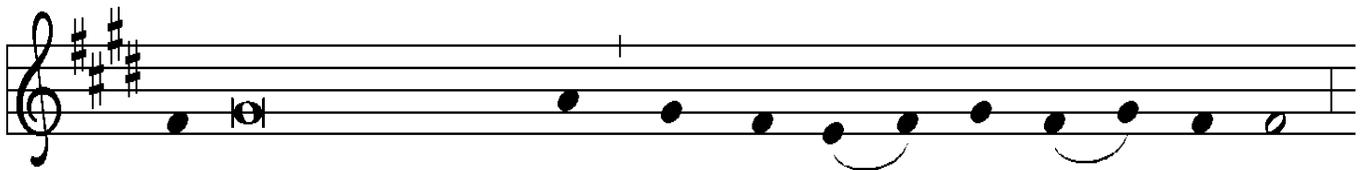
*PREFACE



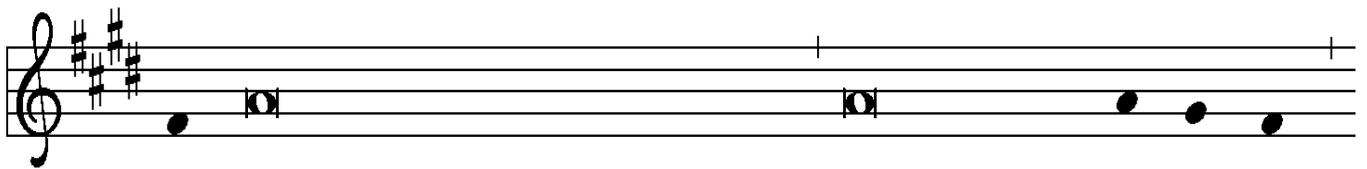
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



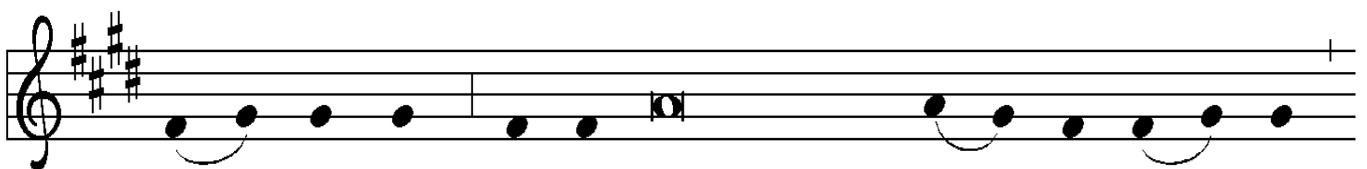
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



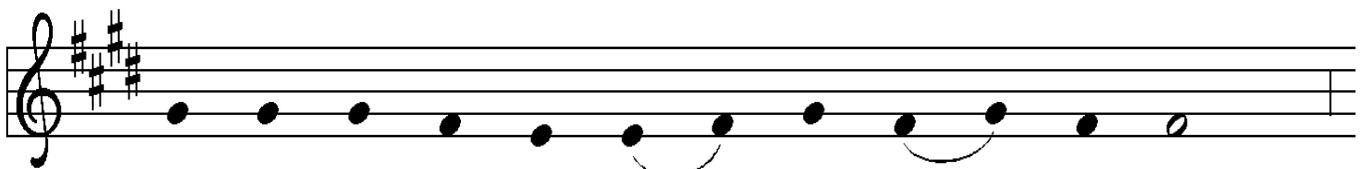
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



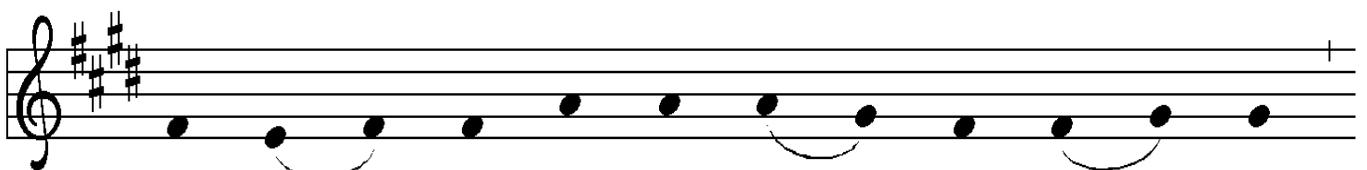
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the



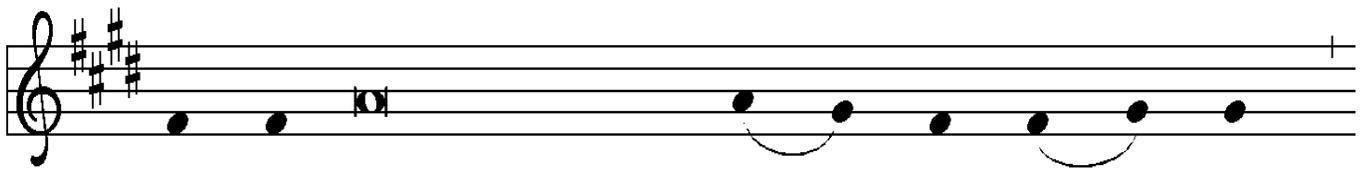
pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,



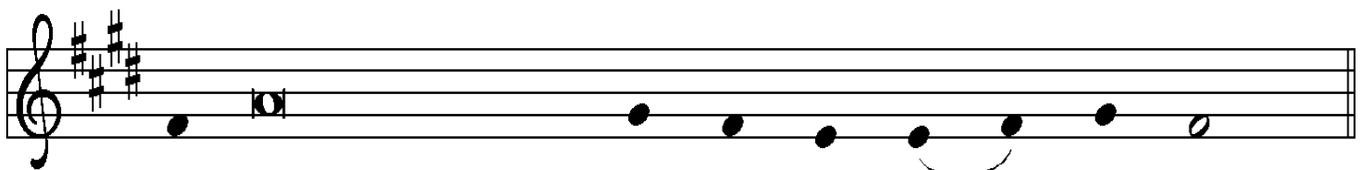
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

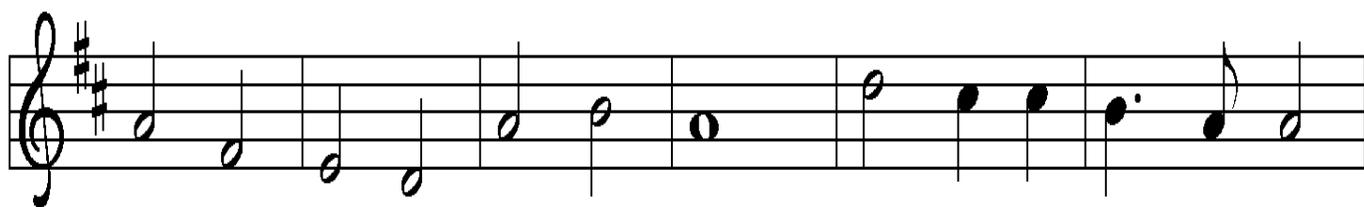


with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

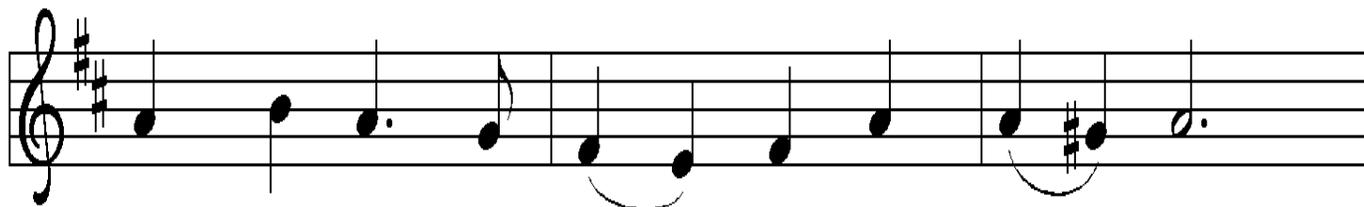


we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

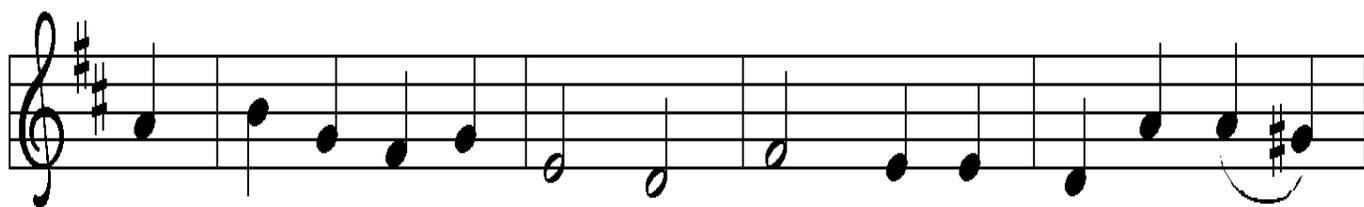
*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



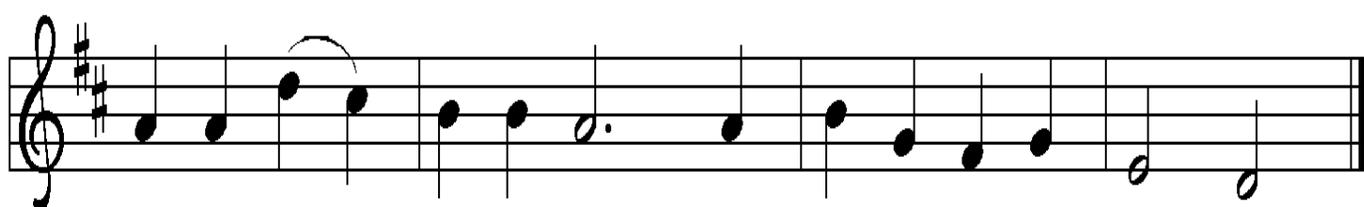
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

Return to God with all your heart.

Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN (ELW 343)

My Song Is Love Unknown

343



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might
 stow; the world that was his own would not its
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
 Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
 to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
 life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
 suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624–1683, alt.
 Music: John Ireland, 1879–1962
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LOVE UNKNOWN
 66 66 44 8

Alternate tune: RHOSYMEDRE

***P.** The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor

and give you ✝ peace.

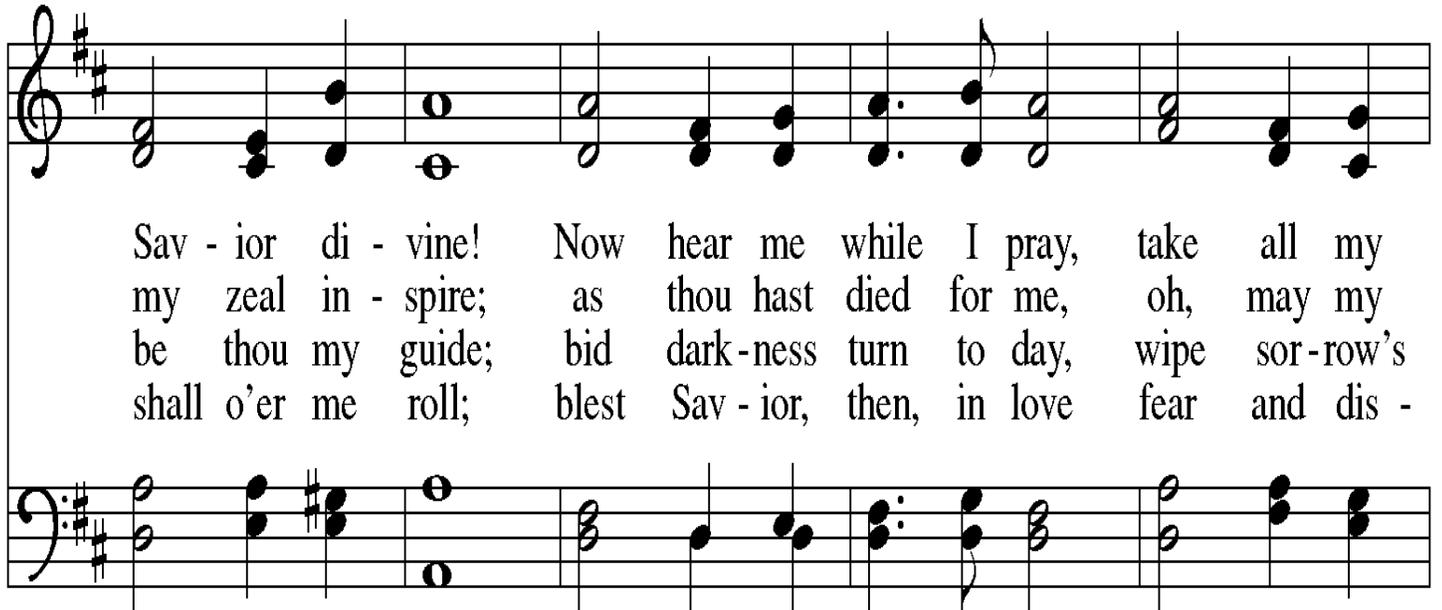
Amen.

***SENDING SONG (ELW 759)**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

*DISMISSAL

A. God calls us to:

Unite in Christ, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, and Share the Good News!

A. Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Consolation in Db major, *F. Liszt*

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Names remain on the prayer list for **4 weeks**. Please contact the Church Office 410.668.8089, or office@christusvictoronline.org to **request a longer listing.**

Homebound Members:

Robert Bryant	Kay Diggs	Jean Doty
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Mildred Taylor	Linda Walck	George Warren
Ruby Wilt		

Attendance: 3/4/18: 8:30 – 45; 11:00 - 35

Count Our Blessings: 3/4/18 - \$

Thank you for your generous support!

Christ Flowers: None This Week

Chancel Flowers: None This Week

The **2018 Flower Book** is available in the Narthex. In order to defray the cost of flowers, we are increasing the price to \$20.00. Once again, we will offer Chancel flowers for \$20.00.

Please remember Christus Victor Lutheran Church in your will.

Have ideas to help show God's love? Please E-mail them to victorsstew@gmail.com.

LifeLine Screening:

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on **4/12/2018 at Christus Victor Lutheran Church**. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441) or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar. 11** – First Holy Communion Class after 11:00 Service
Mar. 12 – WELCA 10:00 AM
Mar. 12 – The Good Vibe Tribe Women’s Meeting 6:00 PM
Mar. 12 – Council Meeting 7:00 PM
Mar. 13 – Pastor – Visitation
Mar. 13 – Christus Comforters 9:30 AM
Mar. 14 – Coffee, Cake & Commentary 10:00 AM
Mar. 14– Lenten Services 12:00 Noon & 7:00 PM
Mar. 15 – Pastor – Office Hours
Mar. 15 – Oakleaf Articles Due
Mar. 16 – Pastor’s Day Off
Mar. 16 – New Beginnings 7:00 PM
Mar. 18 – First Holy Communion 11:00 AM/Reception 10:15 AM
Mar. 20 – Worship & Music 7:00 PM
Mar. 21 – LMS Pickup
Mar. 24 – Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 AM
Mar. 27 – PCRC 7:00 PM
Mar. 29 – Maundy Thursday Services Noon & 7:00 PM
Mar. 30 – Good Friday Services Noon & 7:00 PM
Apr. 1 – Easter Services 7:00 AM (Sunrise), 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Apr. 12 – Lifeline Screening
Apr. 28 – 60th Anniversary Celebration 2:00 – 6:00 PM

VICTOR’S VITTLES:

March 17 – Linda Meyer, Cathleen Burkins, Cindy Brazil (C)

Driver Pick-up – March 16 – Tom Lehman, Herb Crum

Happy Birthday Wishes: March 11- Jane Bowie; March 13 – Butch Falloni, Teresa Meley; March 14 – Brianna Lewis; March 15 – Natalie Patrick; March 17 – John Ruthke

Happy Anniversary Wishes: None this Week

Congregation Council meeting minutes for January are available in the Narthex & on the Council bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

On the third Wednesday of every month, the LMS comes to Christus Victor to pick up any donations from the congregation. Please leave any donations in the fellowship hall behind the coat rack and label your items **LMS**. The next pickup date is **Mar. 21**.



SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday April 28, 2018:

Our 60th Anniversary Celebration!

2:00-6:00 PM

**Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Avenue
Nottingham, MD 21236
Adult Ticket \$25, Children ages 6-12 \$12.50,
Children under 6 FREE.**

**Tickets will be available for purchase in the Narthex between
services February 18 - April 1**

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