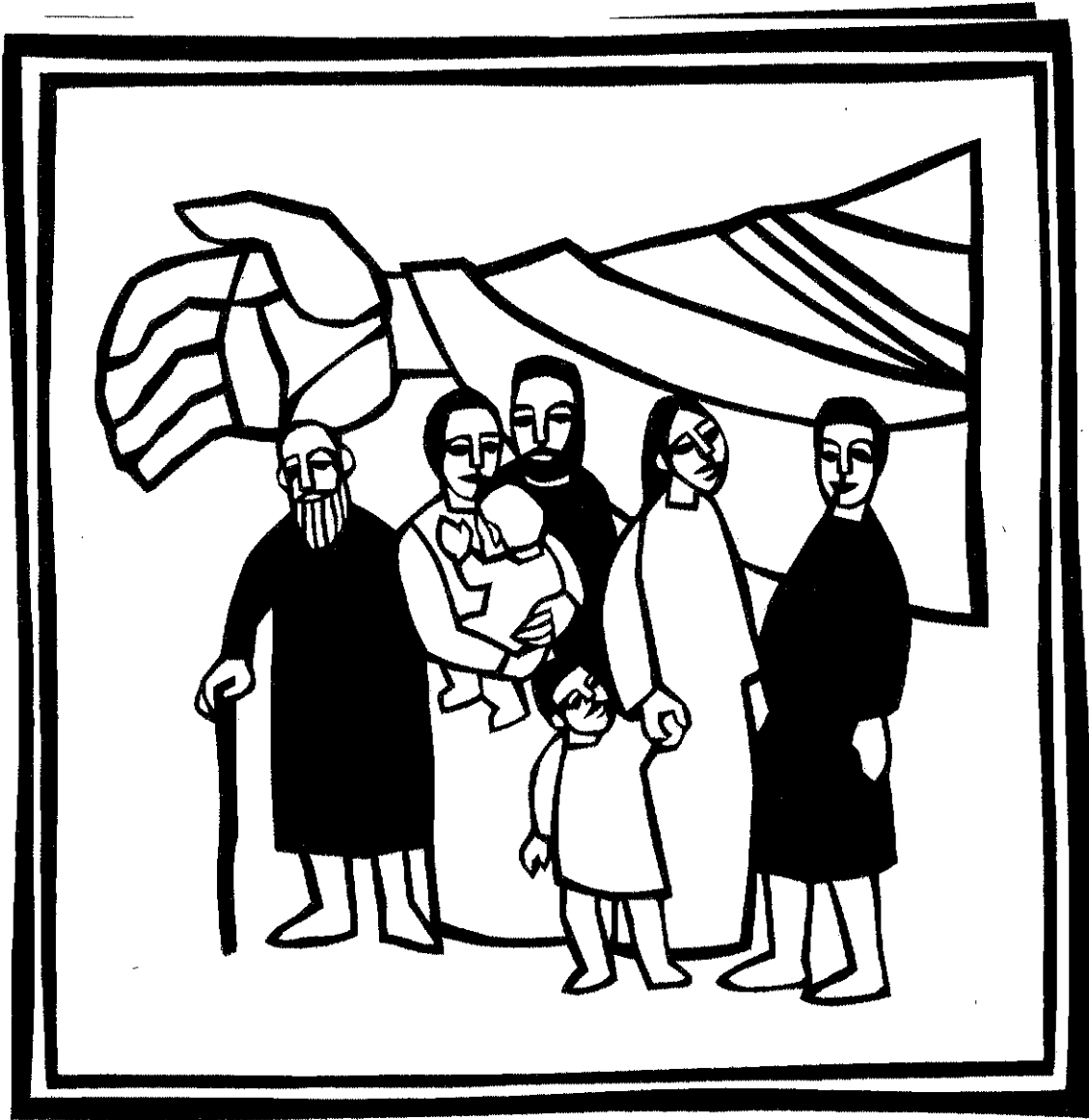


Zion Lutheran

Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance



Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

Coleraine - violin, cello, bodhran
Irish Reels Medley - violin, cello, bodhran

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Children of the Light"
see insert

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's
abiding love.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**
**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**
**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**
**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27

Read Responsively

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰ **Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹² **Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17—4:1

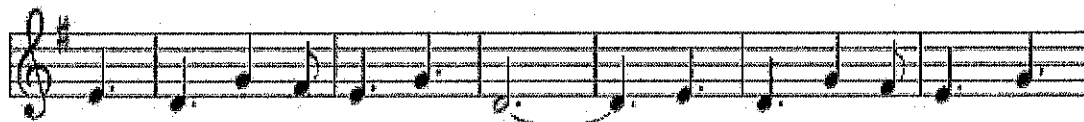
A reading from Philippians.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Word of God Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Setting 5



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your



God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to



an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”

³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Karen Jewell

HYMN OF THE DAY

"When We Are Tested"
see insert

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

Highland Medley— solo whistle

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

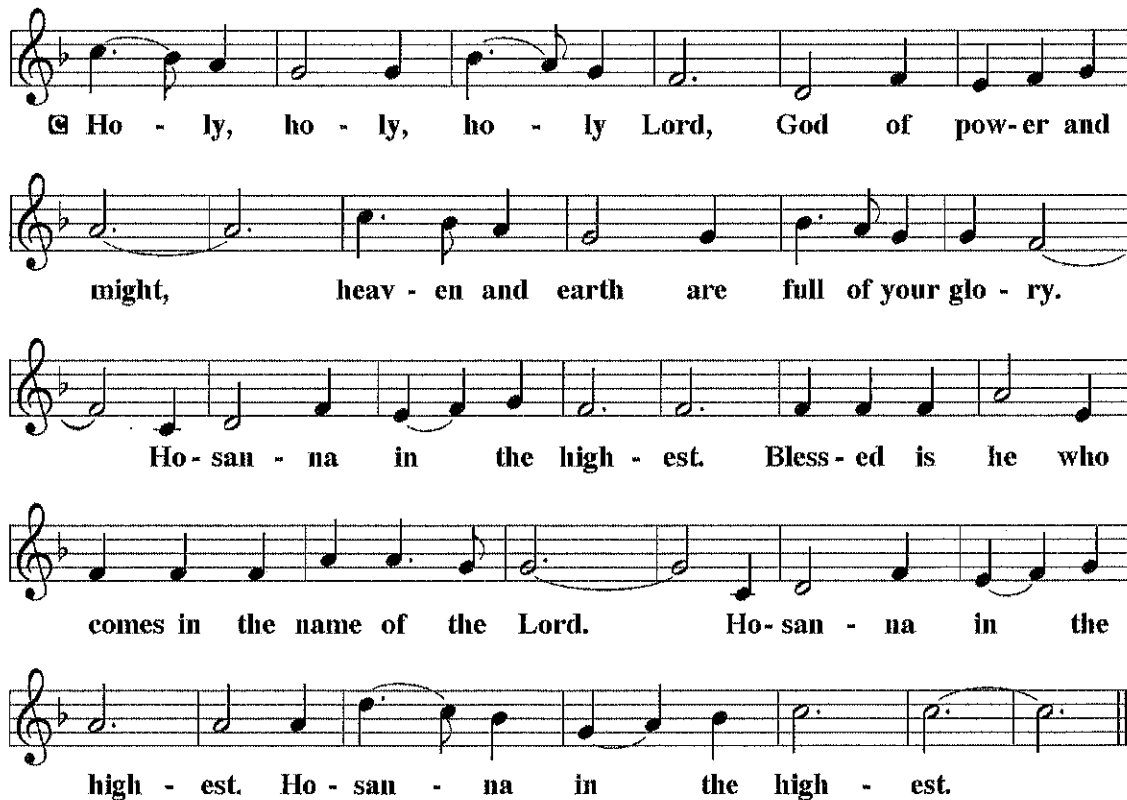
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up 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

Setting 5



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

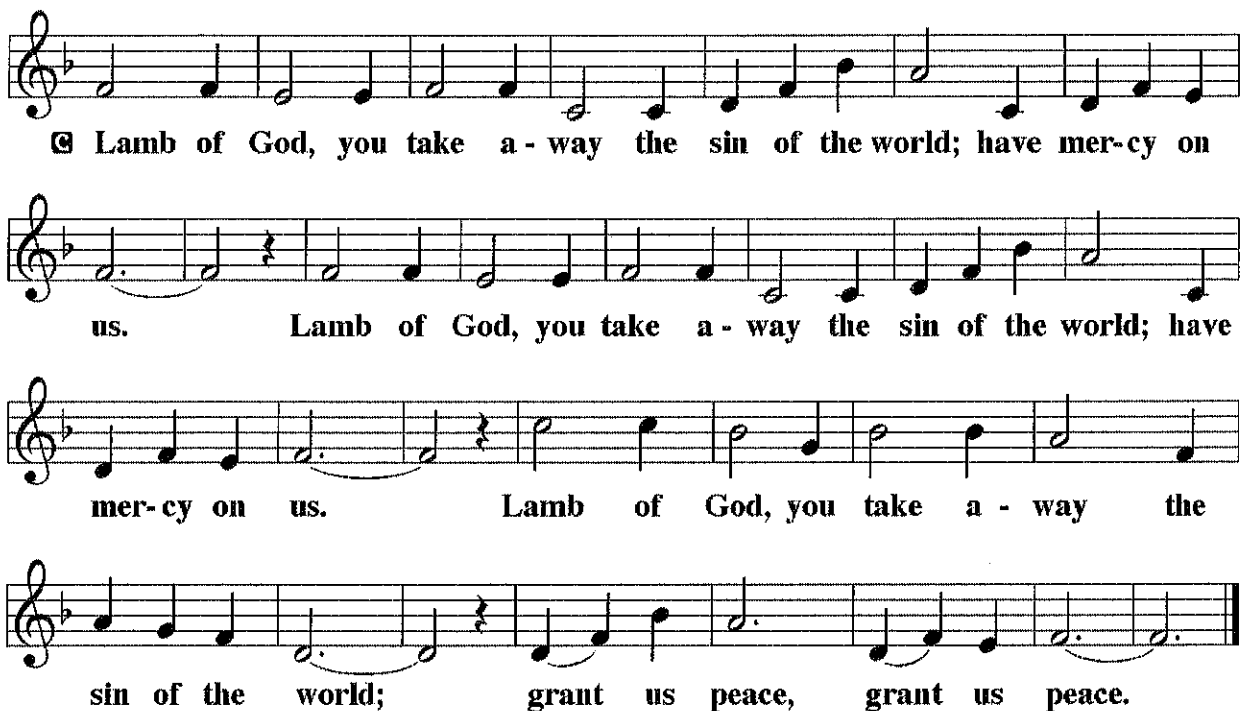
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting 5



☞ 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Si Bheag, Si Mhor - violin, cello, whistle

COMMUNION HYMN

“We Walk By Faith”
see insert

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Benedictus "Someone to Love Me"
see insert

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Creating Community through God's Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Kesh Jig - violin, cello, bodhran

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Attendance:

Last Week: 85

Last Year: 71

Announcements!

This is to advise the congregation that there was an error in printing Page 17 of the church Financial Report that was part of the 2024 Annual Report for Zion. This in no way affects the budget or Zion's financial picture. However, for anyone who would like a corrected page, copies of that affected page have been printed and are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to pick up a copy.

Lenten Study Booklets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to take one home with you.

Lenten Soup Suppers will be March 19, April 2 & April 9. It will be from 5:00pm-6:15pm with the service to follow at 6:30pm. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for help with setup, cleanup & desserts.

On Sunday, April 13th we will be gathering after church for our third annual Palm Sunday Brunch. All are invited for this family event. This event will be a potluck and so we ask that if you are able to, please sign up to bring something to pass. Even if you aren't able to bring something, please let us know that you are coming by either signing up in the Narthex or by registering online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DABA623A6FBC61-55663217-palm> . We hope to see you there!

Order forms are in the back of the sanctuary & in the narthex for Easter Flowers. The cost is \$15. We need them returned by April 13th.

There will be a Maundy Thursday & Good Friday service at Zion at 6:30pm.

Today is our last educational session with Jean from Linwood Community. It will be held from 10:15-11:00 in the chapel. The topic for today is “**When Independent Living No Longer Works for Older Adults**”.

Today is the last day to contribute to the Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive. They will be collecting NEW hygiene and cleaning items for local Fox Cities and New London crisis agencies. Please place your donations in the Help for the Homeless collection box located in the back of the sanctuary or make a secure financial donation for the purchase of supplies that will stay in our community. Some of the most urgently needed items are bathroom tissue, cleaning supplies, dental care, deodorant, diapers/baby care, face/bath soap, feminine care, hair care, laundry detergent, paper towels, razors, and trash bags. Your donations will remain in this community. Thank you!

Lynn has some gift cards available today. They are \$10 Kwik Trip, \$25 Kwik Trip, \$25 Pick N Save, \$25 Piggly Wiggly & \$10 Target.

Linwood Community: A Ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes March 2025 Service: Join them in the Linwood Commons for a worship service during Lent. Wednesday, March 26, 1:00 PM, Pastor Amy Engebose leading us in worship. (Lunch served at 12:00. Please RSVP to lynnann.fvlhomes@gmail.com if you would like to join us for food and fellowship before worship.)

Are You a Safe Driver?-Thursday, April 10th, Linwood Community will be hosting Refresh Your Driving Skills from 10:00 -2:45. This is also known as the AARP Smart Driver Course and is designed to refresh your driving skills. Advanced registration is required. The cost will be \$10 per person. You can register by calling Yon Abel, Wellness Coordinator, at 920-850-3623 or by emailing our resource advocate Jean George at Resource.fvlhomes@gmail.com. Space is limited. Lunch will be provided. Some insurance companies give a discount to people who have successfully completed this course.

St. Timothy Lutheran Church Players, 473 7th St. Menasha will be presenting Lerner & Loewe's Brigadoon on March 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. There is a poster in the narthex with the times. It is a freewill offering. Come & enjoy.

Bonnie Nussbaum attended the Town Makers meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 26. Marissa Downs, principal with Mosaic Property Ventures, spoke with us about affordable housing projects she's completed and has ongoing in the Fox Cities. Marissa shared many interesting facts that have to do with being a developer of affordable housing units, including dealing with Appleton's more restrictive codes compared with neighboring cities. Some new avenues came to light which Bonnie will explore. Bonnie also shared with the Town Makers group about an upcoming event which is listed in case you are able to attend. Plan Appleton Update Meeting on Tuesday, March 18th at the newly reopened Appleton Public Library beginning at 4 pm. This will be a chance for the City to share what they've learned thus far from their previous listening sessions about desired changes to the City of Appleton Comprehensive Plan and taking a deeper dive into opportunities including affordable housing. Presentations will be given at 4, 5, and 6 pm followed by activities designed to learn more from us as to what's wanted and needed in Appleton. You can learn more about the Plan and this event at www.planappleton.org.

<p>Sunday, March 16 Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 27 Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am Followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation Educational Session 10:15-11</p>	<p>2nd Sunday of Lent Pastor Karen Jewell Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs Reader: Sue Joosten Acolyte: Freya Budde Musician: Heather Watney Opens: Greg Pettigrew Closes: Tammy Mossholder "When Independent Living No Longer Works for Older Adults"</p>
<p>Monday, March 17</p>	<p>Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 19 Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm Lenten Supper 5:00 pm Worship Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Lenten Service Leader: Wendy Sachs Musician: Heather Watney Opens: Jim Schley Closes: Gwen Schwandt</p>
<p>Sunday, March 23 Isa 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8 1 Cor 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am Followed by Coffee Hour</p>	<p>3rd Sunday of Lent Pastor Jan LaVake Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt Reader: Paula Staedt Acolyte: Charlee Weiland Musician: Jim Schley Opens and Closes: Jim Schley</p>

Children of the Light

C C7 F C

(piano chords)

Look for joy in the eyes of the chil-dren of the
 There's a warm, ra-diant glow from the chil-drem of the

6 Bb C

light. It's a sign of the pres - ence of God. Look for
 light. It's a sign of the pres - ence of God. It's a

11 C7 F C

hope when the day - time is filled with dark of night. It's a
 way we should know as we jour - ney through the night. It's a

15 Bb C

sign of the pres - ence of God.

19 Ab Bb Cm Ab Bb C

Oh! Oh! Chil-dren of the light! Thats all right!

When We Are Tested



- 1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
- 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
- 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
- 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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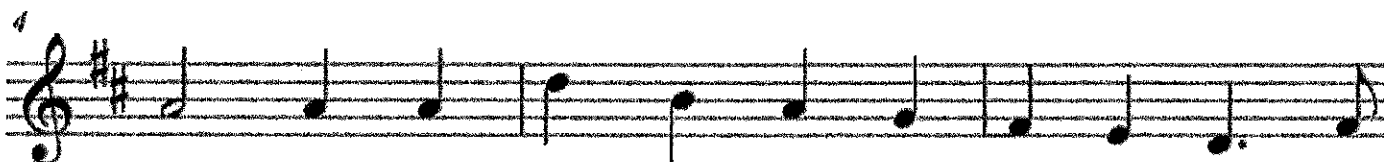
We Walk By Faith

"St. Colomba" trad. Irish

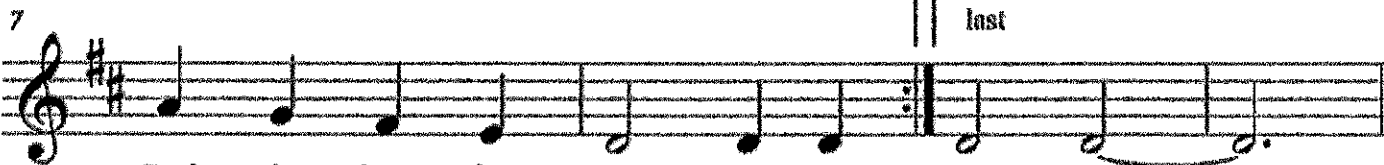
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1. We walk by faith and not by sight, what - ev - er our en -
2. We walk by faith and not by sight, when - ev - er e - vil
3. We walk by faith and not by sight, wher - ev - er we may
4. We walk by faith and not by sight, what - ev - er our en -



deav - or. Through dark - ness hides the good and wise, our
tempts us. The de - mons show their pow'r and might, but
wan - der. We're bathed in God's e - ter - nal light, and
deav - or. Though dark - ness hides the good and wise, our



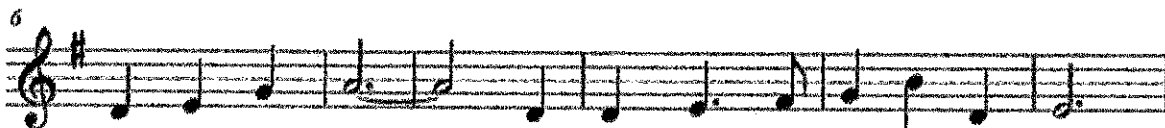
God is there for - ev - er. We
an - gels will de - fend us We
heav'n is wait - ing yon - der. We
God is there for - - ev - er. _____

Benedictus

"Someone to Love Me" trad. Irish



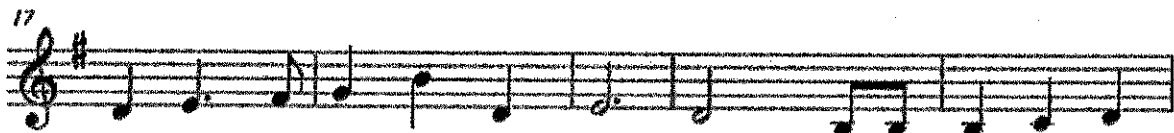
How blest is the Lord, God of Is - rael, who speaks through the
O child, you're a pro - phet of Yah - weh, so go out and



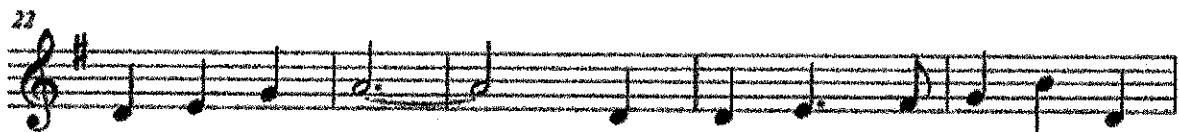
pro - phets of old, who vis - its a wa - ver - ing peo -
gath - er them in. Make straight in the des - ert a high -



ple, and saves them, both bod - y and soul, who
way an - nounce the for - give - ness of sin. The



rais - es the horn of sal - va - tion in the lin - leage of
dawn of the day breaks up - on us and the mer - cies of



Da - vid the king, who res - cues a fal - ter - ing
God nev - er cease. Give light to the peo - ple in



na - tion, the cov - e - nant re - mem - ber - ing
dark - ness and show them the path - way of peace.