

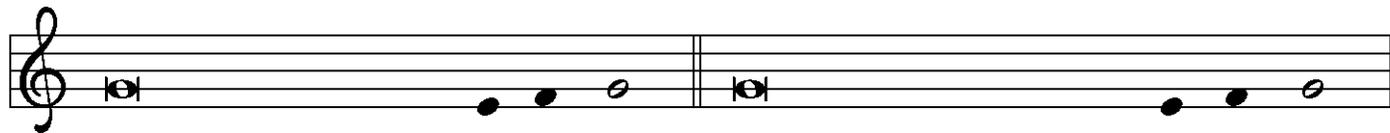
Lent 2024 Midweek Services

“Lent in Plain Sight”

This year’s Lenten theme comes from Jill J. Duffield’s book, “Lent in Plain Sight.” Her devotional book challenges us to focus on regular, everyday objects to help us see how God is present and speaking to us in plain sight when we are attuned to the holy in mundane things. As we focus on a different object each week, we’ll be revisiting Bible stories where these items are present and be invited to contemplate how the kingdom of God is close at hand and present in our midst, inviting us to enter into a deeper relationship with God. As we see God anew, we will be challenged to consider how we are called to participate in bringing the presence of the kingdom of God to the attention of those around us.

					
Ashes/Dust Feb. 14	Bread Feb 21	Cross Feb 28	Coins March 6	Shoes March 13	Oil March 20

*OPENING



Jesus Christ is the light of the world, **the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**



Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, **and the day is al - most over.**



Let your light scat - ter the darkness **and illu - mine your church.**

God is our light and our salvation,
our refuge and our stronghold.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
we praise your name, O God.

For with you is the fountain of life,
and in your light we see light.

***HYMN OF LIGHT “Your Canopy of Vigil Lights”.....ACS 999**



1 Your can - o - py of vig - il lights, each
 2 You walk with us a - long the way, your
 3 Re - freshed by sab - bath rest this night, a -



star your hand has set in place, be - stows a bless - ing
 Word, a lamp to pil - grim feet; stay with us now at
 wak - en us to your sha - lom: the reign of Christ, un -



on the night, and all cre - a - tion sings your praise.
 close of day, our un - known guest, our host and feast.
 fail - ing Light, where peace and jus - tice are at home



You formed the moon and fired the sun, you
 Grant those who share this eve - ning meal the
 and saints need nei - ther moon nor sun to



quick-ened dust with ho - ly breath, and bind - ing us to
 faith and vi - sion to be - lieve that hearts might see what
 sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly, O mer - ci - ful, im -



your dear Son, re - newed our life, de - stroyed our death.
 eyes con - ceal: by grace your pres - ence we re - ceive.
 mor - tal One, O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

***THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being,
and you set light in the sky to govern night and day.

In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night
you led your people into freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:

may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;

for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,

and with all your creatures we give you glory,

through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

PSALMODY

All



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Group One or All

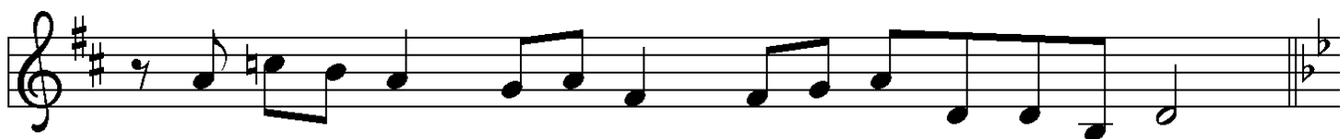


O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when

All



I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Group Two or All



Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

Group One or All



Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

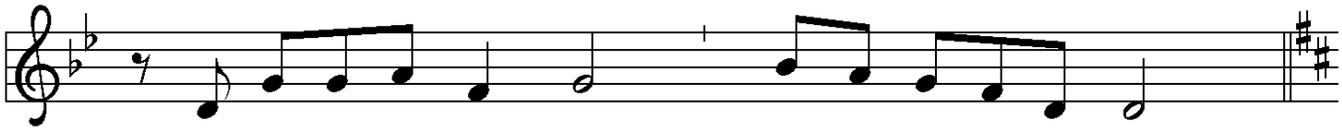


let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -

Group Two or All



do - ers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;



in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.

All



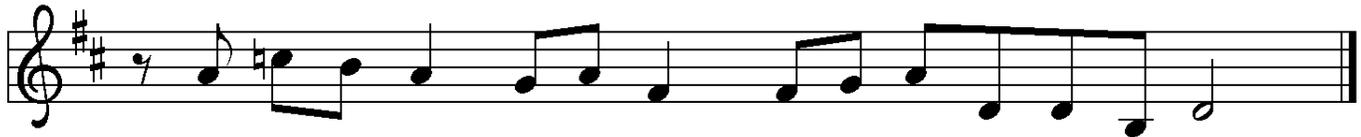
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

SCRIPTURE READING

MESSAGE

HYMN

Feb. 18 Week 1. ELW #480 *“O Bread of Life from Heaven”*

Feb. 23 Week 2. ELW #335 *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”*

March 6 Week 3. ELW #685 *“Take My Life, That I May Be”*

March 13 Week 4. ELW #808 *“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”*

March 22 Week 5. ELW #614 *“There Is a Balm in Gilead”*

*PRAYERS

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, for bishops, pastors, deacons and all other leaders in the church; and for all servants of God, let us pray to the Lord.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in every place, let us pray to the Lord.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who travel, for those who are in captivity, for those who have no place to call home, and for those who are sick and suffering this day..., let us pray to the Lord.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, for peaceful times; for our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and need, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
That awake we may walk with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace. Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us sing and pray with confidence the words our Savior gave us:

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

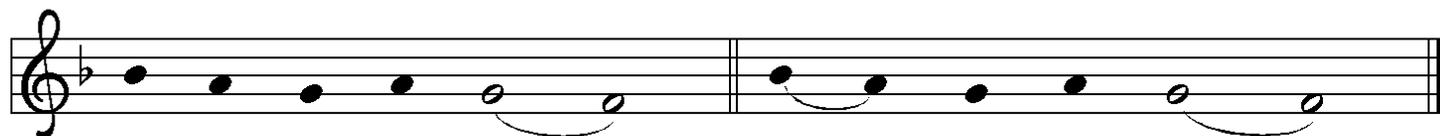


and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

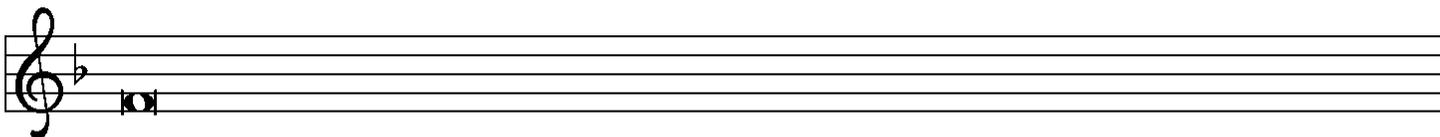


and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

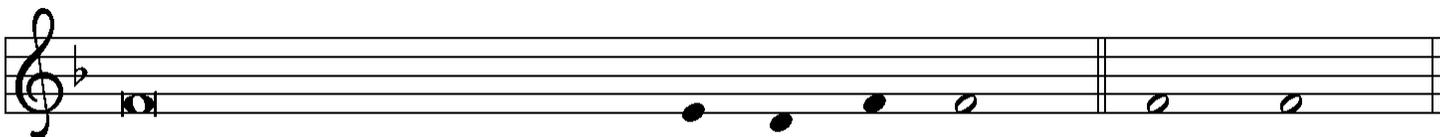
***BLESSING**



Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,



keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Je - sus. **A - men.**

All depart in peace sharing signs of peace.

****Please leave your bulletin in the back so we can use it again next week.****

Your Canopy of Vigil Lights

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Our special Lenten/Easter offerings will be split 50/50 to support the missions of Foodbank for the Heartland and Lutheran Disaster

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24th at 9am, with palms and Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 7pm with Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 29th at 7pm

Easter, March 31st at 9am with Holy Communion

**A Free-will Youth Continental Breakfast will be provided on Easter*

before worship from 8:15-8:50am, and after from about 10ish-10:30am

During Lent, we encourage you to read along through the book/devotional, "Lent in Plain Sight," by Jill J. Duffield. Pastor Becky has a few of these books available for \$10 each if you'd like to get one from the narthex. The adult forums on Sunday will be a time to ponder/reflect together about the object(s) we have been reading about each week.

During Lent, you are invited to spend some time in prayer stations around the church to connect with God during the week. You may call the church office at 402-492-2946 to see if the church is open. There will be a labyrinth to walk with a different object to focus on each week. There will be a coloring station for you with pages to take home or color at church as a way of slowing down and focusing on God's presence with you right now. Another prayer station will invite you to sit bathed in the light of a candle to focus and pray.