



First Sunday in Lent
2/21/21
Lutheran Book of Worship
Holy Communion Setting One

GOD GATHERS US IN EVERY PLACE AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE

Lent is a 40-day season of contemplation, spiritual discipline, recalling the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness. Throughout the season, we reflect upon our sinfulness and God's grace. As we take up spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting (denying oneself), and giving to the poor, God calls us to turn from serving ourselves, repent of our sins, and return to Him.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

Please, stand as you are able.

In remembrance of Baptism, you may trace the sign of the cross on your chest or forehead.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.

Holy and Gracious God, have mercy on me, a poor sinner.

In your compassion forgive me my sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.

Uphold me by your Spirit so that I may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God has mercy on us. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, He forgives us all our sins.

May He strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" (LBW #93)

Printed on following page.

1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest re - deem - er, whom we love,
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re - pen - tant vow,
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent love for you;

Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior from the world a - bove:
 Though we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing, See your thorn - en - cir - cled brow?
 May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be - hold your cross a - new;

Of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed, Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall;
 Yet your sin - less death has brought us Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest;
 Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side,

Yet up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
 On - ly what your grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
 Grav - en in our hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

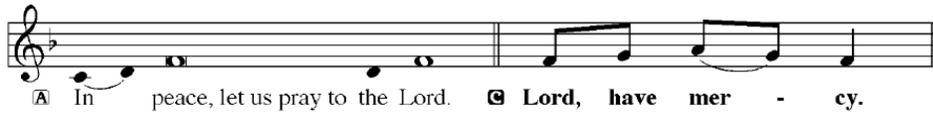
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 Tune: *Herrhut, c. 1735*

AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*
 We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.
 We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.

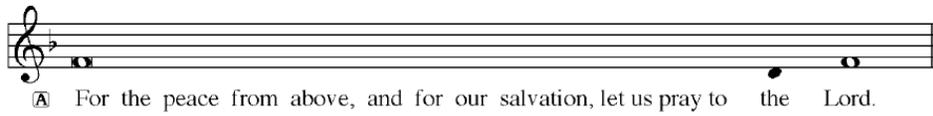
APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57) 2 Corinthians 13:14

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.**

KYRIE (“Lord, have mercy...” LBW pp. 57-58) Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1



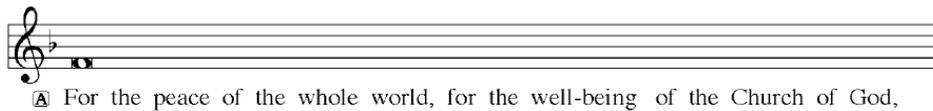
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



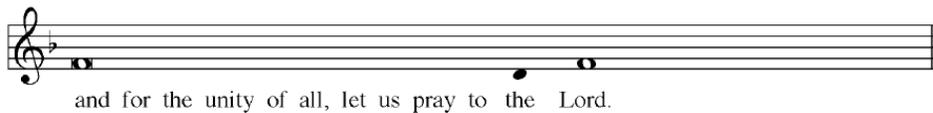
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



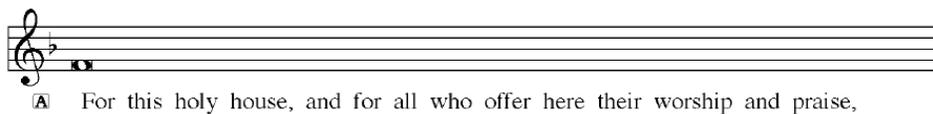
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



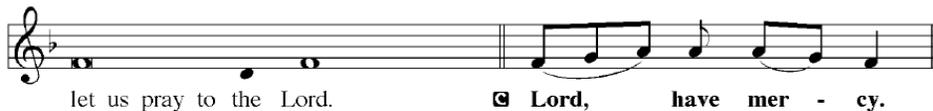
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



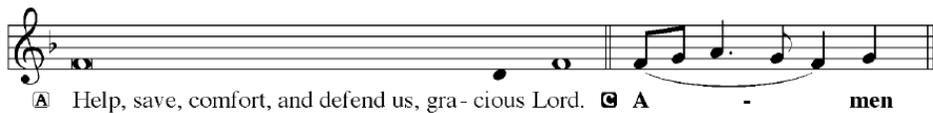
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

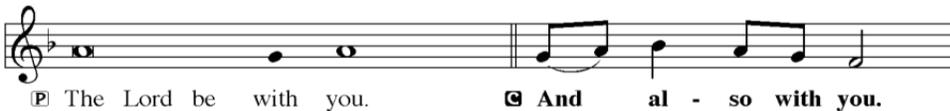


let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

SALUTATION



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62) Ruth 2:4

Let us pray together:

O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-18 ¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." ¹⁵And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-10 - *Sung responsively with the cantor.*

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;*

let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

²**Let none who look to you be | put to shame;***

let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.

³Show me your | ways, O Lord,*

and teach | me your paths.

⁴**Lead me in your | truth and teach me,***

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁵Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,*

for they are from | everlasting.

⁶**Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;***

remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

⁷Gracious and upright | is the Lord;*

therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

⁸**He guides the humble in | doing right***

and teaches his way | to the lowly.

⁹All the paths of the Lord are | love and faithfulness*

to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

¹⁰**For your name's | sake, O Lord,***

forgive my sin, for | it is great.

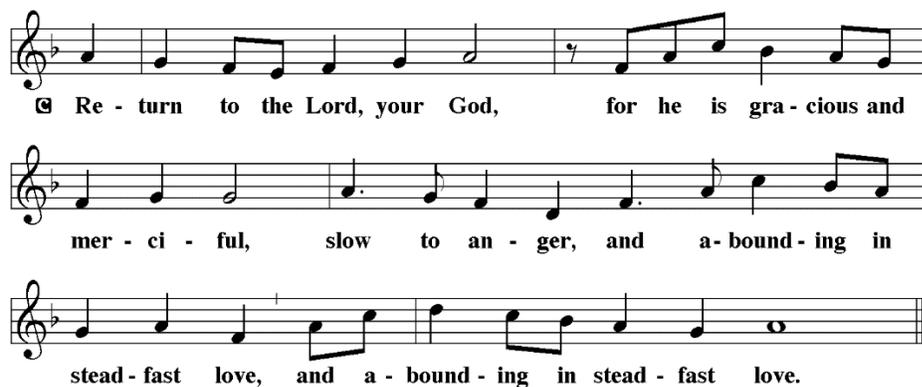
SECOND READING: James 1:12-18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE (LBW p. 63) *John 6:68*



☐ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he 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 ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 63)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter



☐ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)



☐ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (WOV #771)

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

NICENE CREED (LBW p. 64) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in the trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need...
*Each petition ends with these words: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

*The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.***

OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

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

Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.

OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC as available

We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.

Place your gifts in the offering plate as you exit the chapel or drop them in the mail.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN (LBW p. 67)



☩ What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will



of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,



in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)

Let us pray... Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)



☩ 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 him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 68) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of the grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (“Holy” LBW p. 69) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW Minister’s Desk Edition p. 201-261)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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 (LBW p. 71) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

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.

COMMUNION HYMN (“Lamb of God...” LBW p. 72) *John 1:29*

☪ 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 be seated.

WE RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward by family groups or individuals to commune. The usher will direct you and offer you hand sanitizer. Pull your mask down below your mouth before taking the bread and wine in your hand. Each group or individual will commune separately and return to their seats before the next group or individual comes forward.

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament altogether, you have full forgiveness of sins by Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (LBW p. 72)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: "What Wondrous Love is This" (LBW #385, **verses 1 & 3**)

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G Dm C Am C Dm F Em Dm

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

Am Am7 F Em Dm Dm7 G Am Am7 Dm G

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

Am Bbmaj7 C Dm G Dm C F Em

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
 is the great I Am, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing his love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

Dm G Em Dm Am Am7 F Em Dm

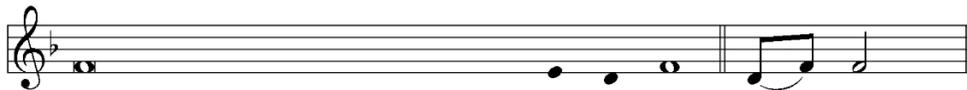
soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: American folk hymn, alt.
 Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING (LBW p. 74)

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you. ☐ A - men
 The Lord make his face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

SENDING HYMNS: "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" (LBW #99)

1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days You prayed and kept the fast;
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; Your faith - ful - ness en-dured;
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed And fixed your mind a - bove;
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And all our earth - ly days,

In - spire re - pen-tance for our sin, And free us from our past.
 Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
 So teach us to de - ny our-selves That we may know God's love.
 That when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

© Text: based on *Claudia F. Herniman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930*
 Tune: *Psalter, Edinburgh, 1635*

CAITHNESS
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"Jesus, Remember Me" (WOV #740, Sing 3 times)

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Text: Luke 23:42
 Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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REMEMBER ME
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Serve with joy in Jesus' name.
worship + fellowship + discipleship

Who We Are -

As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we hold four core values, to be:
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