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Being the Body of Christ

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April 13, 2025 9:00 AM Palm/Passion Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK *Lutheran Service in Iowa*

Stand

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

BLESSING OF PALMS (*Congregation raise their branches.*)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

PROCESSION


Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of the Lord.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

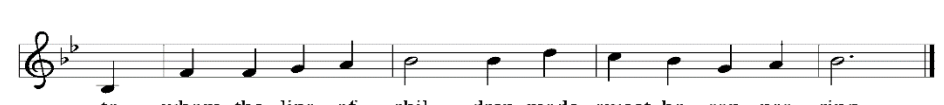
PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Congregation wave their branches.*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

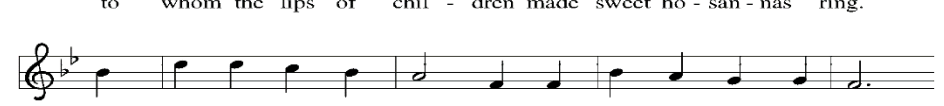
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,




to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring.

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC/ PSALM

God is Our Refuge and Strength SS and Chancel Choirs

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

- ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2: 5-11

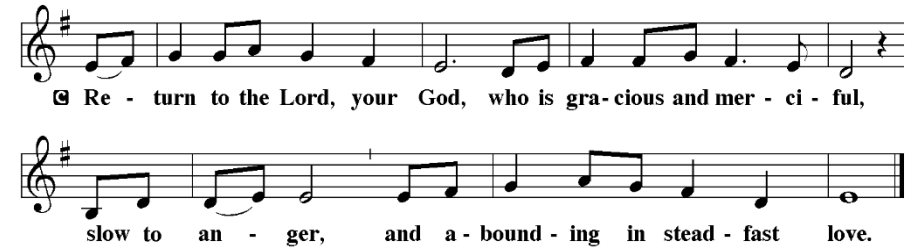
- ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

"and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE (please remain seated)



GOSPEL: Luke 22:14--23:56 (Congregation reads bold print)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22nd & 23rd chapters.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹“Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat,
³²but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you
have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” ³³And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready
to go with you to prison and to death!” ³⁴Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not
crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

³⁵He said to them, “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did
you lack anything?” They said, “No, not a thing.” ³⁶He said to them, “But now, the
one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword
must sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me,
‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being
fulfilled.” ³⁸They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” He replied, “It is enough.”

HYMN *Go To Dark Gethsemane, vs. 1* **LBW #109**

³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the
disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you
may not come into the time of trial.” ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s
throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me;
yet, not my will but yours be done.” ⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and
gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became
like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer,
he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to
them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time
of trial.”

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called
Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but
Jesus said to him, “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”
⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, “Lord, should
we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and
cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and
healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and
the elders who had come for him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I
were a bandit? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay
hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s
house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the
middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant-
girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, “This man also was with him.”
⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” ⁵⁸A little later someone else,
on seeing him, said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not!”
⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, “Surely this man also was with
him; for he is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking

about!” At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹The Lord
turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had
said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” ⁶²And he
went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him;
⁶⁴they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

“Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”

⁶⁵They kept heaping many other insults on him.

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⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests
and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said, “If
you are the Messiah, tell us.” He replied, “If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I
question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated
at the right hand of the power of God.” ⁷⁰All of them asked, “Are you, then, the Son
of God?” He said to them, “You say that I am.” ⁷¹Then they said, “What further
testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”^{23:}

¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They
began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us
to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” ³Then
Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” ⁴Then
Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against
this man.” ⁵But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching
throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when
he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was
himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he
had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was
hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus
gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing
him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then
he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and
Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people,
¹⁴and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people;
and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of
any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us.
Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and
release him.”

¹⁸Then they all shouted out together,

“Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”

¹⁹This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder. ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting,

“Crucify, crucify him!”

²²A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

HYMN *Go To Dark Gethsemane, vs. 3* **LBW #109**

Stand

²⁶As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

**“He saved others; let him save himself
if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”**

³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying,

“If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.”

⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sit

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

They Crucified My Lord



1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
 2 They nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
 3 They pierced him in the side, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
 4 The blood came stream - in' down, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
 5 He hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;



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not a word, not a word, not a word.

mumbalin' = complaining

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SUFFERER, African American spiritual

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**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**

THE PRAYERS

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

After each petition: God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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OFFERING *In The Cross of Christ I Glory*

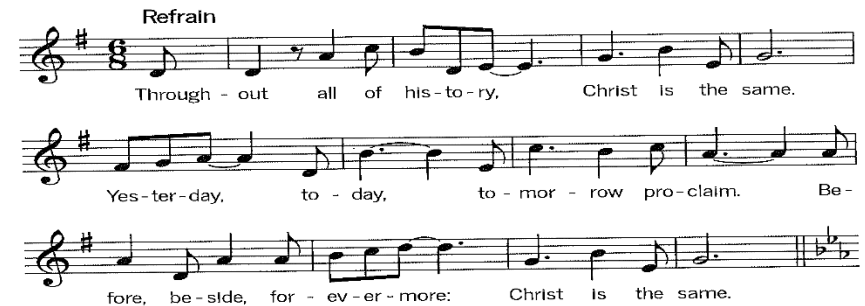
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OFFERTORY

Christ Is The Same (2x)



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. 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**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

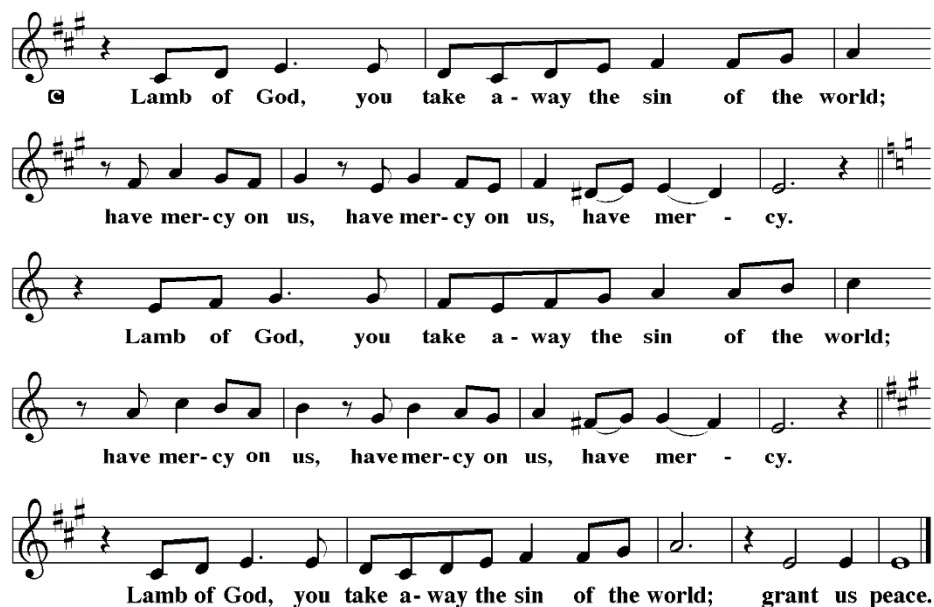
LORD'S PRAYER

**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



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.**

**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

COMMUNION

My Song is Love Unknown

LBW #94

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon-ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be-side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth-er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: LLANGLYFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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POSTLUDE

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Stewardship

...we offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us

Our Selves...

Ministers...The Members of Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Music...Cindy H Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

Greeter...Emma O Fellowship...Roger & Marcia E

Acolyte...Lillian W Crucifer...Olivia R

Lectors...Alice G, Al N, Leah C, John L,
Darwin M, Congregation & Choir Members

Our Time...

March 26...30 LSV...9 April 6... LSV... SS...

And Our Possessions...

April 6...\$ SS...\$

...signs of your gracious love