



**Central Lutheran Church
Midweek Worship during Lent
12:30pm Holy Communion**

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. **Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Gracious God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ God give the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **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

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 *(see insert)*

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GOSPEL *(see insert)*

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY *(see insert)*

DIALOGUE

Show us your mercy, O God, **and grant us your salvation.**

Give us the joy of your saving help, **and sustain us with your presence.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, **and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.**

Lord hear my prayer, **and let my cry come before you.**

PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole creation and for all people according to their needs.

(During the prayers, you will be invited to add your own petitions. Each petition concludes with the words “God of mercy,” and the gathered community responds: “hear our prayer.”)

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we’ve prayed, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, † speaking, spoken, and inspiring, bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**