

# Welcome to Worship

Today is March 1, 2020– Stewardship Drive/2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

“Joy, A Gift for You, My 1st Love”- Matthew 26:6-13

Pastor, Rev. H. Christopher Sheets



## PRELUDE

"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley"- H.S. Livingston Jr.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

"Come, Thou Almighty King"- arr. Hanson; GSLC Orchestra

Stand

## OPENING HYMN: "GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER"

LSB #918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.  
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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## INVOCATION

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

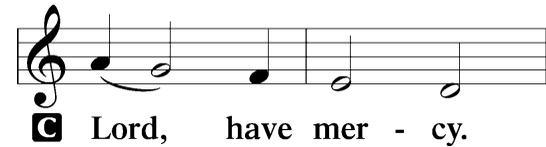
**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION

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**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

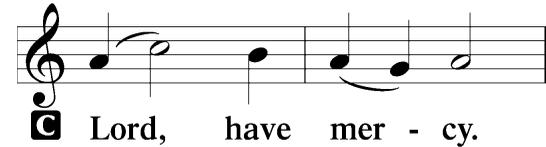
## CONFESSION OF SINS

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**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

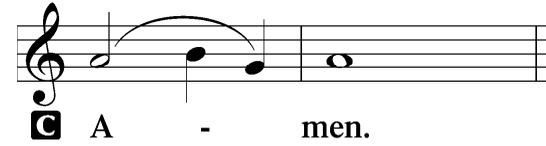
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**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, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## ABSOLUTION

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**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY: LENT 2

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## KYRIE

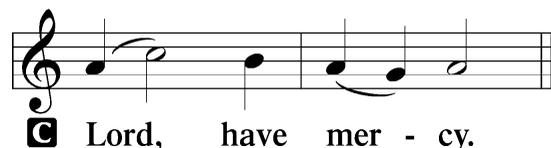
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**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.

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:***Genesis 12:1–9*

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**CHOIR ANTHEM***"Above the Hills of Time"- arr. Strommen***EPISTLE READING:***Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

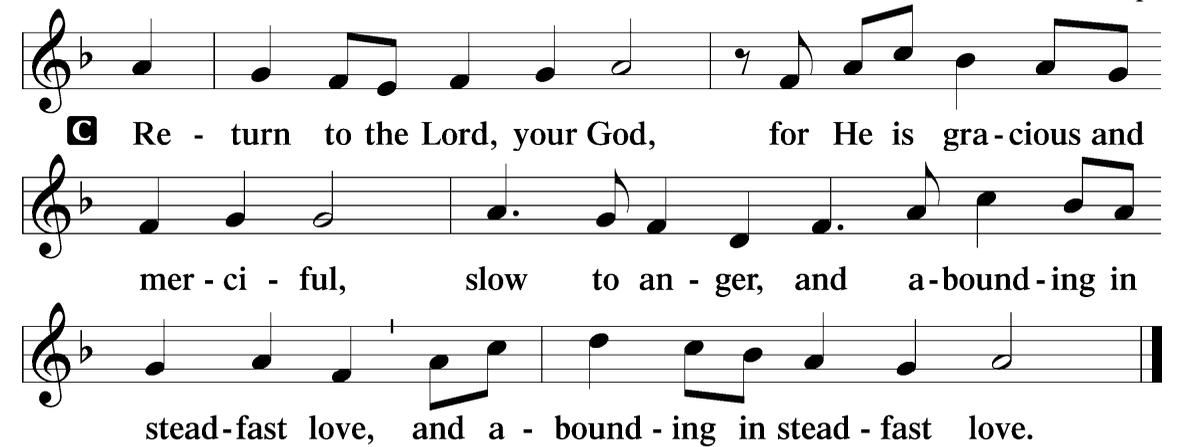
What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

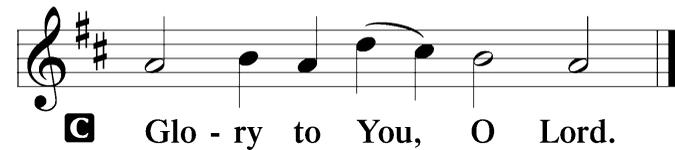
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand***VERSE FOR LENT***p. 173*


**C** 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.

**HOLY GOSPEL:***Matthew 26:6–13*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. Truly, I say to

you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

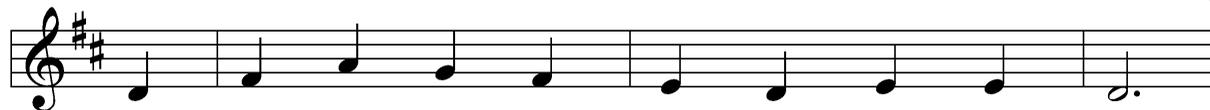
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "FORGIVE US, LORD, FOR SHALLOW THANKFULNESS"**

*LSB #788 sts. 1-3, 6*



1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,  
 2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,  
 3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,  
 6 O - pen our eyes to see Your love's in - tent,



For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,  
 For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,  
 For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds;  
 To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;



For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,  
 For Christ Your Son, and for each hu - man face  
 For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways  
 May thank - ful - ness be days in ser - vice spent,



While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:  
 That shows Your mes - sage ev - er new and near.  
 Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs:  
 Re - flec - tion of Christ's life and love and light.

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**SERMON**

*Joy, A Gift for You, My 1st Love—Sermon Text: Matthew 26:6-13*

**OFFERING**

*"At Daybreak"- T. Chesterton*

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY**

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**C** 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.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** 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.

**BENEDICTION**

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** A - men.

*Sit*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Stand*

**CLOSING HYMN: "ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING" LSB #732 sts. 1-3, 5**

1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
5 Well He knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing

grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.

They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are  
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
I shall doubt His wis - dom nev - er; As God wills, so

not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
be it ev - er; I com - mit to Him my way.

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**POSTLUDE**

*"Divertissement"- G. Young*

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

## GSLC CONGREGATION

**NEW:** Catelyn McCoy & Family-*healing and God's peace*, Leona Hunter- *healing*, Sara Reeves- *healing; Hospice care*

**SHORT-TERM:** Gene Ebert & Family, Josiah Wicknick, Wayne Babb, Family of Erma Miller, Family of Petie LaRoche,

**LONG-TERM:** Shirley Berry, Rick & Karen Brines and Kaitlin, Joanne Brownlee, Makala Bumgarner, Debi Cate, Karen Colbert, Hope Crawford, Bill & Barbara Dautrich, Kay Dintsch, Bertie Fann, Joan Hearn, Pattie Henze, Desiree Humphrey, Penny Jordan, Mark Lumpkin, Dave Mietzner, Doris Morris, River Polley, Bob & Roberta Robinson, Myra Steele, Bob Twomey, Clyde Whisenant

**OUR HOMEBOUND:** Sheila Arnold, Sandy & Wayne Babb, Gloria Bevill, Connie Foster, Arlene Feinauer, Betty Frischmann, Bob & Sara Newman, Hilda Ramsey, Sara Reeves, Virginia Smith, Jane Williamson

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Adam, Andrew, Alex, Brenley, Brogen, Chloe, Christopher, Cole, Edna, Evan, Grayson, Jackson, Jacob, Kaitlynn, Kirsten, Lexie, Mary Catherine, Megan, Miranda, Sara, Sophie, Tabitha, Taylor, Tyler

## FAMILY MEMBERS

**NEW:** Missy Swope & Family (*Gene & Ruth Ebert's Daughter-in-law*)- *Her step-father, Roy Sunday, passed away*. Abby Fridell (*Toni Overby's niece*)

**SHORT-TERM:** Jim O'Kelley, Family of Mitchell Fisher, Wayne Adkins, Caitlyn, Linda Hopla

**LONG-TERM:** Bud Adkins, Melissa & Jeff Austin, Joanne Barney, Jeanie Buckingham, Bernice Celick, Carl Charlton, Samuel Charlton, Sharon Coleman, Karen Diehm, Lee Ewton, Rhonda Gilliland, Lee Hane, Fred Hein, Leatrice Jackson, Jerry & Nancy Lee, Bethany M., Jean & Dale Morris, Kim Morris, Schaefer Family, Melanie Skelton, Diane Smith, Myra Slaten, Arnold Torkelson

## COMMUNITY & FRIENDS

**SHORT-TERM:** Axel Aziz, Jack Curry, Lester G., Sanchez Family, Lisa & Jerry Foster, Janet B, Brayden Jones Wells, Paul Griffin, Michelle Walden, Bethany Tumolo, Family of Perky Long, Jerry G., April G., Robin T., Kim Patton, Mark H.

**LONG-TERM:** Kyle Baker & Family, Susan Bettinger, Celeste Caroland, Harold Cash, Rob Chadwick, Jerry Gann, Charles Geter, Sarah Glenn, Donna Gobert, Leslie A.H., Kerwin Hetzler, Michelle Iffert, Bob Kennedy, Werner Kierschberg, Lindsey, Phil M., Dean Matthew, Lizette Williams-Marlow, Ricky McConnell, Lindsey Monbarren, Kevin O'Brien, Amy Rossi, Betty S., Gene S., Phil & Carol S., Marlene Schiavon, Jan Stutzman, Bob & Linda Thompson, Olivia Weatherford, Carolyn White,

## WE ALSO PRAY FOR

All those affected by the tornado around Nashville-Cookville, Our school, BCA, students & staff. Our Pastors, All those who are homeless. All marriages & families. All those unemployed. All those battling addictions. All those persecuted. All those actively serving in the Military-*Wes Morris, Matthew George, Corey Brown, Christian Warnock, Christina Miller*. Israel & our Political Leaders. Missionaries around the world- *Rachel Meyer in Uganda. Josh Woodrow- Bridge City Church*. All unspoken prayers in our hearts.