

Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism

- ✚ to *live* among God's faithful people,
- ✚ to *hear* the word of God and *share* in the Lord's supper,
- ✚ to *proclaim* the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,
- ✚ to *serve* all people, following the example of Jesus
- ✚ and to *strive* for justice and peace in all the earth

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 + 7:00pm

The 25th Day of Lent

St. Martin's Lutheran Church + Archbold, Ohio

Rev. Paul Reichert

Sunday Worship, 9am + Sunday School, 10:30am

Welcome to Wednesday worship. Our worship themes are based on the covenant promises made in the baptismal service and the affirmation of baptism.

Tonight's Theme... *"To serve all people, following the example of Jesus"*

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gracious gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, You are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah, his family, and the animals survive the flood.

Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all your beloved creation.

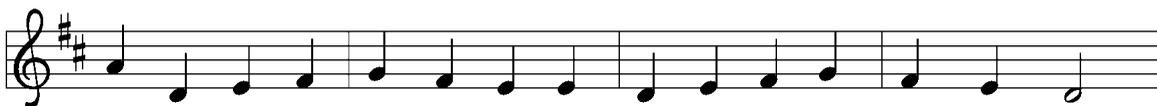
Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin that is within us, and drown the evil that surrounds us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS"



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Through baptism we have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

In this covenant we promised to serve all people, following the example of Jesus.

As we carry out the life of this Christian community and its mission in the world,

Together let us give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. (*Isaiah 11:2*)

Amen.

PSALMODY

PSALM 25:1-10



¹To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,*
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;*
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your | ways, O LORD,*
and teach | me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,*
for they are from | everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;*
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;*
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice*

and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness*

to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

In many and various ways God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets.

But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son. (*Hebrews 1:1*)

REFLECTION

“To Serve All People, Following the Example of Jesus”

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

The first line of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. It features similar rhythmic patterns and chordal structures, ending with a double bar line.

PRAYERS

Prayer petitions are offered...concluding with...

I give thanks to you, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected me today, and I ask you to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously to protect me tonight. For into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen *(Martin Luther's Evening Prayer)*

Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ, we pray with confidence:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

BENEDICTION

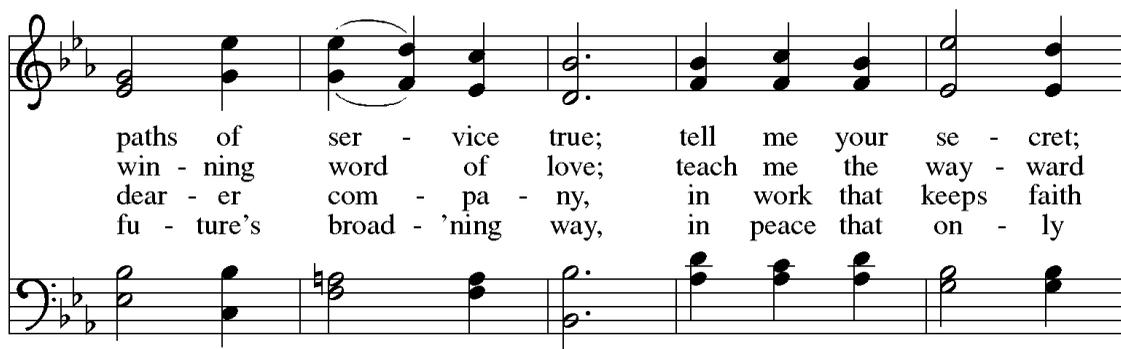
Marked with the cross of Christ, go in boldness, as a beloved child of God.
Walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.
Journey in peace, under the shelter of the Spirit.
Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you this night and always.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

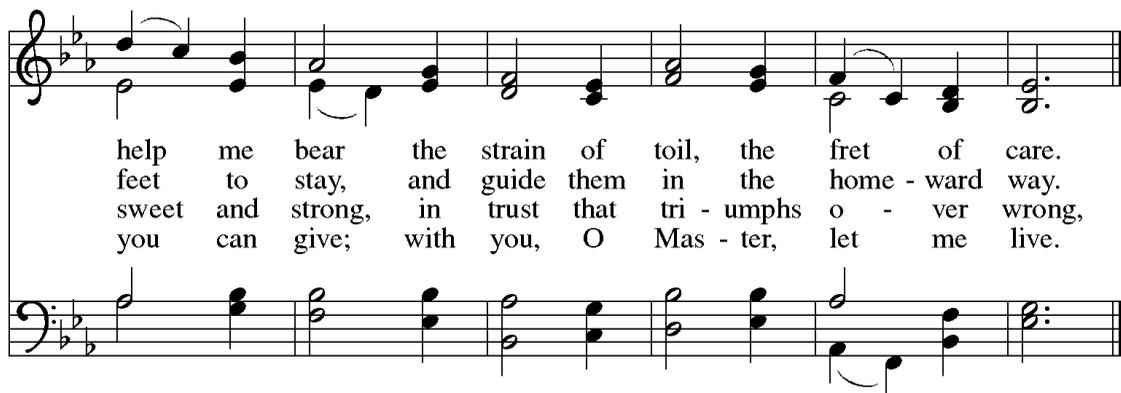
"O Master Let Me Walk with You"



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.

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Wednesday Worship during Lent will continue at 7:00pm through April 8.

Thank you for joining us online as we respond to this national health crisis. Regularly scheduled worship services will happen through Facebook Live and will be posted later to YouTube.

Please join us again on Sunday morning at 9am.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Martins-Lutheran-Church-221017637926372/>

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WEDNESDAY WORSHIP THEMES

In the Baptism liturgy, parents and sponsors make promises to nurture the faith of the young person being baptized. At Confirmation, those baptized young people make that same commitment to continue in the covenant of baptism for themselves. Each of the Wednesdays in Lent will focus on a different part of that baptismal covenant. Our Wednesday series concludes next week.

MARCH 4 – *TO LIVE AMONG GOD’S FAITHFUL PEOPLE*

MARCH 11 – *TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD & SHARE IN THE LORD’S SUPPER*

MARCH 18 – *TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS THROUGH WORD AND DEED*

MARCH 25 – *TO SERVE ALL PEOPLE, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS*

APRIL 1 – *TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN ALL THE EARTH*

Plans are underway how to best observe Holy Week through this online format. The time schedule as published in April’s newsletter will be followed.