

# Welcome to Moe Lutheran Church

3rd Sunday in Lent - March 20, 2022



*The forty days of Lent invite us on a journey. This journey is a new opportunity for us to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God...

**we confess that we are captive 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" – ELW 337**

**KYRIE:** *Holy Communion Setting 3, page 138*

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

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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

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

**GREETING** followed by the **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *by Moe Lutheran Choir*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

**PSALM 63:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

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**<sup>2</sup>So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.**

**<sup>3</sup>Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.**

**<sup>4</sup>So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

**<sup>5</sup>My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips**

**<sup>6</sup>when I think of you on my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

**<sup>7</sup>for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

**<sup>8</sup>My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.**

**GOSPEL VERSE:** *Holy Communion Setting 3, page 142*



**GOSPEL: Luke 13:6-9**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON SONG: "O God of Mercy, God of Light" – ELW 714 (Vs 1-4)**

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

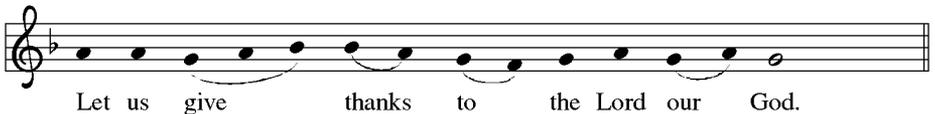
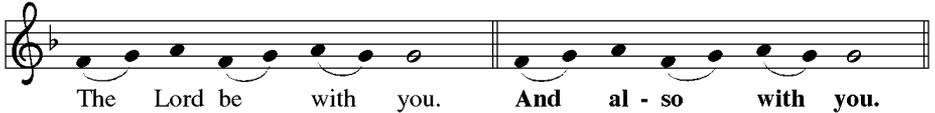
I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he will come 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.

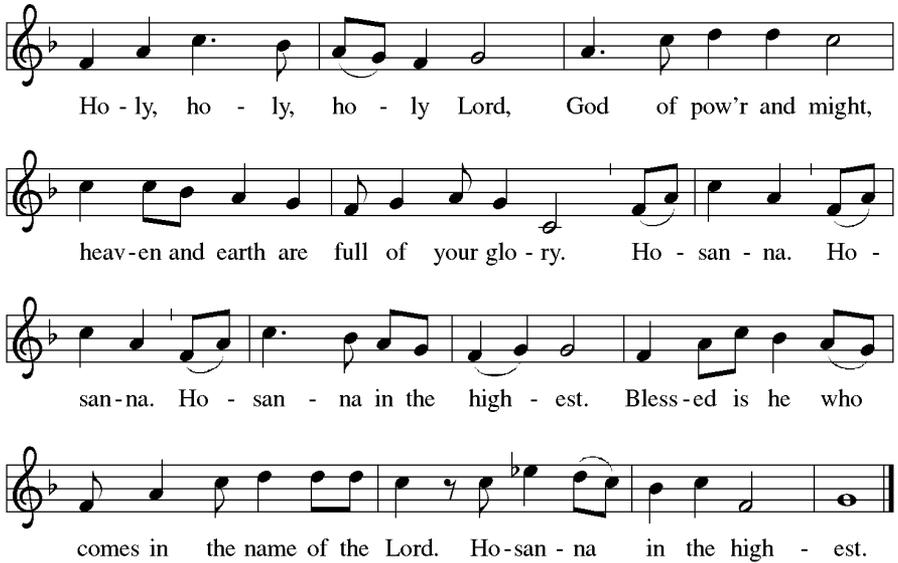
**PRAYERS**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING:** *Holy Communion Setting 3, page 144*



## PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: *Holy Communion Setting 3, page 144*



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

### 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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

**LAMB OF GOD** *Holy Communion Setting 3, page 146 (See next page)*

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.

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION** *begins as “Lamb of God” is sung*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

*Sending*

**BENEDICTION** *with Three-fold Amen.*

**SENDING SONG:** *“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” - ELW 494*

**DISMISSAL:**

Go in peace. Jesus walks with you!  
**Thanks be to God.**

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Join us for  
"Sojourners in Lent"



*This Lenten season, be sojourners with us! Join us for supper from 5:30-6:15 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. sojourn with us into Jesus' day and hear amazing stories of those who experienced his life changing power!*

*As we journey together, we will draw closer to our Lord in faithful devotion. We challenge you to consider each Wednesday a step on the trail of your Lenten sojourn. See you on the trail!*



*Step 1, 2, & 3 is accomplished!*

*Join us this week for Step 4!*

*Hosted at Moe - Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Featuring the story of Mary Magdalene*

*5:30 p.m. meal by Moe Parish Education Committee*

*6:30 p.m. worship*



*Step 5 is hosted at Messiah - Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>*

*Featuring the story of Martha*

*5:30 p.m. meal by Messiah 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation*

*6:30 p.m. worship*



*Step 6 is hosted at Moe - Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Featuring the story of Lazarus*

*5:30 p.m. meal by Moe Women of ELCA*

*6:30 p.m. worship*