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North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

North Texas/Oklahoma Mission District

*Bringing Joy to the
Heart of Rockwall*

We are a community of faith, formed in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's sure and unfolding promise to mend His creation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms and Christian worship, fellowship and service to others.

COME SHARE THE JOY!

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“³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”

Luke 13:34.

**Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025**

To our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone. Pastor Martin is available to meet after the service if you desire individual prayer.

Children in worship are a blessing! A worship bag (filled with coloring pages and crayons, children's bulletin, etc.) is available at the back of the sanctuary to use during worship. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

PRELUDE

*You may use this time for silent meditation
to prepare your heart for worship*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Guests, please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate.
- We are pleased to welcome Dennis, Bobbie & Matt Chubbs into membership!
- Lenten Service scheduled March 19th at 7:00 p.m.
Come early (6:00 p.m.) for a meal hosted by Judy Randolph, Rhonda White and Sandra Lacroix; Setup/Cleanup Crew by Trey Phillips
- Family Work Party – Join us on Saturday, March 29th at 8:00 a.m. to work on the front garden area & give some TLC to our plants; extra shovels & rakes may be needed; enjoy pancakes & coffee from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. before we start
- Please sign up to bring a light meal for one of the remaining Wednesday night Lenten services (03/26; 04/02 and 04/09); meal served at 6:00 p.m. and service begins at 7:00 p.m.

**"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him."**

(Psalm 96:9)

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – **"IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY"**

(LBW 104)

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Galatians 6:14*

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

Tune: Ithamer Conkey, 1815-1867

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics. Chord symbols (Bb, F, C) are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic structure. The lyrics are: In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, When the woes of life o'er - take me, When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, Tow'r - ing o'er the wrecks of time. Hopes de - ceive, and fears an - noy, Light and love up - on my way, By the cross are sanc - ti - fied; All the light of sa - cred sto - ry Nev - er shall the cross for - sake me; From the cross the ra - dianc - e stream - ing Peace is there that knows no meas - ure, Gath - ers round its head sub - lime. Lo, it glows with peace and joy. Adds more lus - ter to the day. Joys that through all time a - bide.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor (P): "In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen

(P): "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."

(C): Amen.

(P): "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Silence is kept for reflection and private confession.

(P): "Most merciful God,"

(C): 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.

(P): "In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

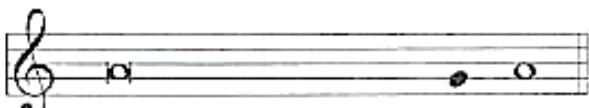
(C): Amen.

GREETING

(P): "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

(C): And also with you.

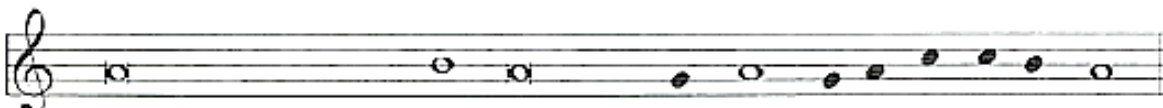
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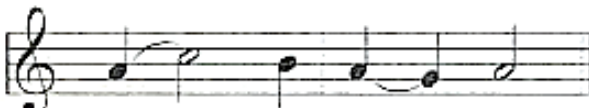
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



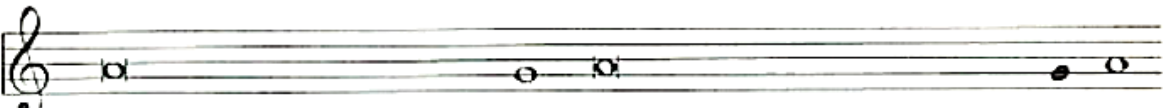
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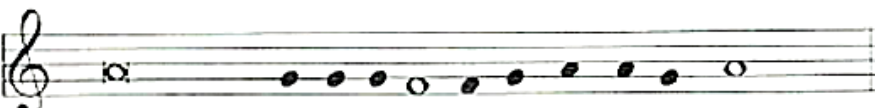
A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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 uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al-might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(P): "The Lord be with you."

(C): And also with you.

(P): "Let us pray."

(P): "Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

(C): Amen.

Please be seated

HOLY WORD

(GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG)

First Reading: Jeremiah 26:8-15

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die!
⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?'" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." ¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

L: The Word of the Lord.

(C): Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;*
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and
hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;*
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false
gods?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;*
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;*
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices*
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"*
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,*
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

⁸**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;*
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

L: The Word of the Lord.

(C): Thanks be to God.

New Member Reception (see Insert)

Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel

Gospel Canticle ~ "RETURN TO THE LORD"



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.

(P): "The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke."

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

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

(P): "The Gospel of the Lord"

(C): **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Homily for Lent 2C: "What's Your Image of God?"

"They worshiped worthless idols and became worthless themselves."

- Jeremiah 2:5

We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God. This is true not only of the individual Christian, but of the company of Christians that composes the Church. Always the most revealing thing about the Church is her idea of God.

- A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

"What people revere, they resemble, either for ruin or for restoration."

- G.K. Beale, *We Become What We Worship*

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY – "LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME"

(LBW 309)

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. Psalm 119:133

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; trans. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896

Tune: Daman, Psalms, 1578

Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin; From
Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed; Let
Lord Je - sus, think on me, Nor let me go a - stray; Through
Lord Je - sus think on me, That, when the flood is past, I

self - ish pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
me your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste your pro - mised rest.
dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out your cho - sen way.
may the e ter - nal bright - ness see And share your joy at last.

Please Remain standing.

APOSTLES CREED

(P): "With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(P): "Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs."

A brief silence.

(P): "... Lord in your mercy." **(C): hear our prayer.**

(P): "Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

(C): Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

(P): "The peace of the Lord be with you always."

(C): And also with you.

(P): "Let us share that peace with one another."

Please be seated [after sharing the peace - ushers will collect offering]

GATHERING & PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS
As the gifts are brought forward to the altar,
we will sing the Offertory Response

[Motion ushers to come forward with the Offering plates]

Please stand.

"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

(P): "Let us pray,"

(C): God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

(P): "The Lord be with you."

(C): And also with you.

(P): "Lift up your hearts."

(C): We lift them to the Lord.

(P): "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."

(C): It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

(P): "It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

Please remain standing.

HOLY MEAL

(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(P): 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.*

(P): 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.*

(P): Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(C): Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(P): Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

(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

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(P): "Come, for all has been prepared."

AGNUS DEI - LAMB OF GOD

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, grant us peace.

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

(P): "May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace."

(C): Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(P): Let us pray. "We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord."

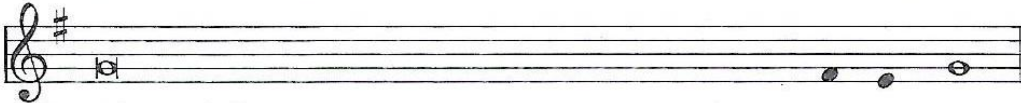
(C): Amen.

Please remain standing.

SENDING

(God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.)

BLESSING



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.



SENDING HYMN - "WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER"

(LBW 346)

When Peace Like a River

When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul. Psalm 94:19

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Tune: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my
 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 My sin oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 And, Lord, haste the day when the faith - shall be
 way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What -
 come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That
 thought My sin not in part, but the whole, Is
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The

8 D^b G^b E^b A^b

ev - er my lot Thou hast taught me to say: "It is
 Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate, And hath
 nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more; Praise the
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven

12 D^b G^b A^b D^b A^b

well, it is well with my soul." It is well _____ with my
 shed his own blood for my soul.
 Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 so" it is well with my soul.

17 D^b G^b D^b A^b7 D^b

soul, _____ it is well, it is well with my soul!

DISMISSAL

(P): "We are called by Christ"

(C): To JOYfully share Jesus and ourselves with our neighbors.

(P): "Go in peace. Share the good news."

(C): Thanks be to God.

OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING:

Greeter:	Brianna & Nick Pegelow
Ushers:	Wendy & Loren McCrillis
Altar Care:	Linda Manak
Lector & Communion Assistant:	Rhonda White
Acolytes:	Jacob Hart
Music Monitor:	Rhonda White
Facebook Live:	Paul Manak
Hospitality:	Rhonda White
Offering Count Team:	Rhonda White & Paul Manak
Presiding Pastor:	Pr. Martin Moore

The Altar flowers this morning are provided by
Sharon Johnson in memory of loved ones.

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