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W E D N E S D A Y

# Welcome to Worship

*Please turn off all cell phones.*

*If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.*

*Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.*

In the order of service, the words that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

**Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.**

# ASH WEDNESDAY

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.*

## **Out of the Wilderness to Bath and Table** **What does God desire of us?**

What does God expect of us as we are tempted  
during our journey through this wilderness of life?

# Silence

*The congregation gathers in silence.*

# Gathering • "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

Shirley Murray

F Gm/F F Dm Bb F

1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we lead, find the  
 2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it  
 3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's pain, let our

5 Gm/F F Dm Bb F

room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed; clear the  
 is who speaks and names us knows our be - ing, touch-es base, mak-ing  
 loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain; there's a

9 C(sus4) C Dm Am F Bb C

cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the  
 space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais-ing  
 place for deep-est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the

13 Dm Bb F Gm Am Bb F

things that real - ly mat - ter, be a peace, and sim - ply be.  
 cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.  
 Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

# Confession

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who brings us safely through the sea,  
who gives us water from the rock,  
who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

**Amen.**

None of us comes to the end of our lives  
without having contributed something regrettable,  
of our own making, to the great abyss of suffering.  
No one comes to the end of life without  
having been wounded by the sin of another.  
So let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Please kneel or sit, as you are able.  
Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
**have mercy on us.**

For self-centered living,  
and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For longing to have what is not ours,  
and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For misuse of human relationships,  
and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For jealousies that divide families and nations,  
and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God,  
and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For hurtful words that condemn,  
and for angry deeds that harm:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ,  
and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

Sobered by these truths, but not alone,  
we make our way though this season  
with truth, humility, and gratitude  
until the light of resurrection breaks.

*On Ash Wednesday we conclude with confession only, as we focus this day  
and during the season of Lent on our return to the Lord.*

*So we do not hear an absolution for this particular confession, and will  
not\* until Maundy Thursday, where a resounding absolution will be  
pronounced in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy  
Spirit.*

*\*We will hear absolution on Sunday mornings for the confessions we  
make during those worship services.*

# Kyrie • "Lord, Have Mercy"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 157*

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

**mer - cy. A - men.**

# Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you hate nothing you have made,  
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.  
Create in us new and honest hearts,  
so that, truly repenting of our sins,  
we may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
full pardon and forgiveness through your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*On Ash Wednesday, we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.*

## Imposition of Ashes

*Those who desire to receive ashes may come forward and kneel before the altar.*

*The pastors apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words **“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”***

*Upon returning to your seat, you are invited to sing “Dust and Ashes,” found on pages 12 and 13.*

# Hymn • "Dust and Ashes"

Gather, Third Edition 468

## Verses

*Melody:*

1. Dust and ash - es touch our face,
2. Dust and ash - es soil our hands—
3. Dust and ash - es choke our tongue

- Harmony:*
1. Dust and ash - es touch our
  2. Dust and ash - es soil our
  3. Dust and ash - es choke our

mark our fail - ure and our fall - ing.  
greed of mar - ket, pride of na - tion.  
in the waste - land of de - pres - sion.

face,  
hands—  
tongue

mark our fail - ure and our  
greed of mar - ket, pride of  
in the waste - land of de -

Ho - ly Spir - it, come, walk with us to - mor - row,  
Ho - ly Spir - it, come, walk with us to - mor - row,  
Ho - ly Spir - it, come, walk with us to - mor - row,

fall - ing.  
na - tion.  
pres - sion.

take us as dis - ci - ples, washed and wak - ened by your  
as we pray and strug - gle through the mesh - es of op -  
through all gloom and griev - ing to the paths of res - ur -

call - ing.  
pres - sion.  
rec - tion.

Refrain

Take us by the hand and lead us,

Take us by the hand and

lead us through the des - ert sands,

lead us, lead us through the des - ert

bring us liv - ing wa - ter,

sands, bring us liv - ing

Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

wa - ter, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

# Dialogue

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Gracious God,  
out of your love and mercy  
you breathed into dust of the ground your breath of life,  
creating us to serve you and our neighbors.  
Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness,  
and strengthen us to face our mortality  
with confidence in the mercy of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

## Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 51 • "O Lord, You Love Sincerity of Heart"

*Psalm Songs 2*

*Cantor sings refrain; then all repeat.*

*Cantor sings verses; congregation sings refrain.*

O Lord, you love sin - cer - i - ty of heart.

Teach me the se - crets of wis - dom.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Have mercy on me, God, in your goodness,  
in your great tenderness, wipe away my faults.  
O wash away my guilt and purify me from my sin.  
For I truly know my faults; my sin is constantly in mind.  
I have sinned against you alone. I have done evil in your sight.

***Refrain.***

O purify me till I am clean, O wash me whiter than the snow.  
Instill into me joy and gladness;  
let my bones which you crushed dance for joy.  
Turn your eyes away from my faults, and wipe away all my guilt.  
Create a clean heart for me, O God. Give me a new and constant spirit.

***Refrain.***

Do not banish me from your presence;  
do not deprive me of your Holy Spirit.  
Be my savior again, renew my joy, keep my spirit steady and willing.  
O save me from death, God my helper, and I will proclaim your goodness.  
Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will speak your praise.

***Refrain.***

# Second Reading

A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

## 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Acclamation • “Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting 8*



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

## Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

[Jesus said to his disciples]: “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*“Disillusioned—Is that a bad thing or a good thing?”*

Pastor Dan Wilson.

# Hymn of the Day • “Savior, When in Dust to You”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 601*



1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom-age due;  
2 By your help-less in-fant years, by your life of want and tears,  
3 By your hour of dire de-spair, by your ag-o-ny of prayer,  
4 By your deep ex-pir-ing groan, by the sad se-pul-chral stone,



when, re-pen-tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes;  
by your days of deep dis-tress in the sav-age wil-der-ness,  
by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc-ing spear, and tor-turing scorn,  
by the vault whose dark a-bode held in vain the ris-ing God,



oh, by all your pains and woe suf-fered once for us be-low,  
by the dread, mys-te-rious hour of the in-sult-ing tempt-er's pow'r,  
by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread-ful sac-ri-fice,  
oh, from earth to heav'n re-stored, might-y, re-as-cend-ed Lord,



bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
turn, oh, turn a fa-v'ring eye; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
lis-ten to our hum-ble sigh; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

# Apostles' Creed

Together, we confess our faith.

**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 power of 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 of Intercession

Drawn close to the heart of God,  
we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God,  
on behalf of a world in need,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

# Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

*You can mail an offering to:*

Mountain View Lutheran Church  
3505 - 122nd Ave E  
Edgewood WA 98372

*You can give electronically:*

ONLINE via the MVLC WEBSITE

- ) Visit [www.mtviewlutheran.org](http://www.mtviewlutheran.org).
- ) Hover over the “GIVE” dropbox.
- ) Choose “Make a Donation via Bank Account” or “Make a Donation via Credit/Debit Card.”
- ) Fill out all information on the page and then click the blue “GIVE” button.
- ) If you want it to remember your information, visit “SIGN IN” and create an account.
- ) NOTE: Online giving is a one-time gift unless you check “Make this Gift Recurring.”

*For those worshipping in person, you are invited to leave your offering in the offering plates located in the side aisles as you come forward for Holy Communion.*

# Offertory Response • “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 188*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

# 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.**

## Communion

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

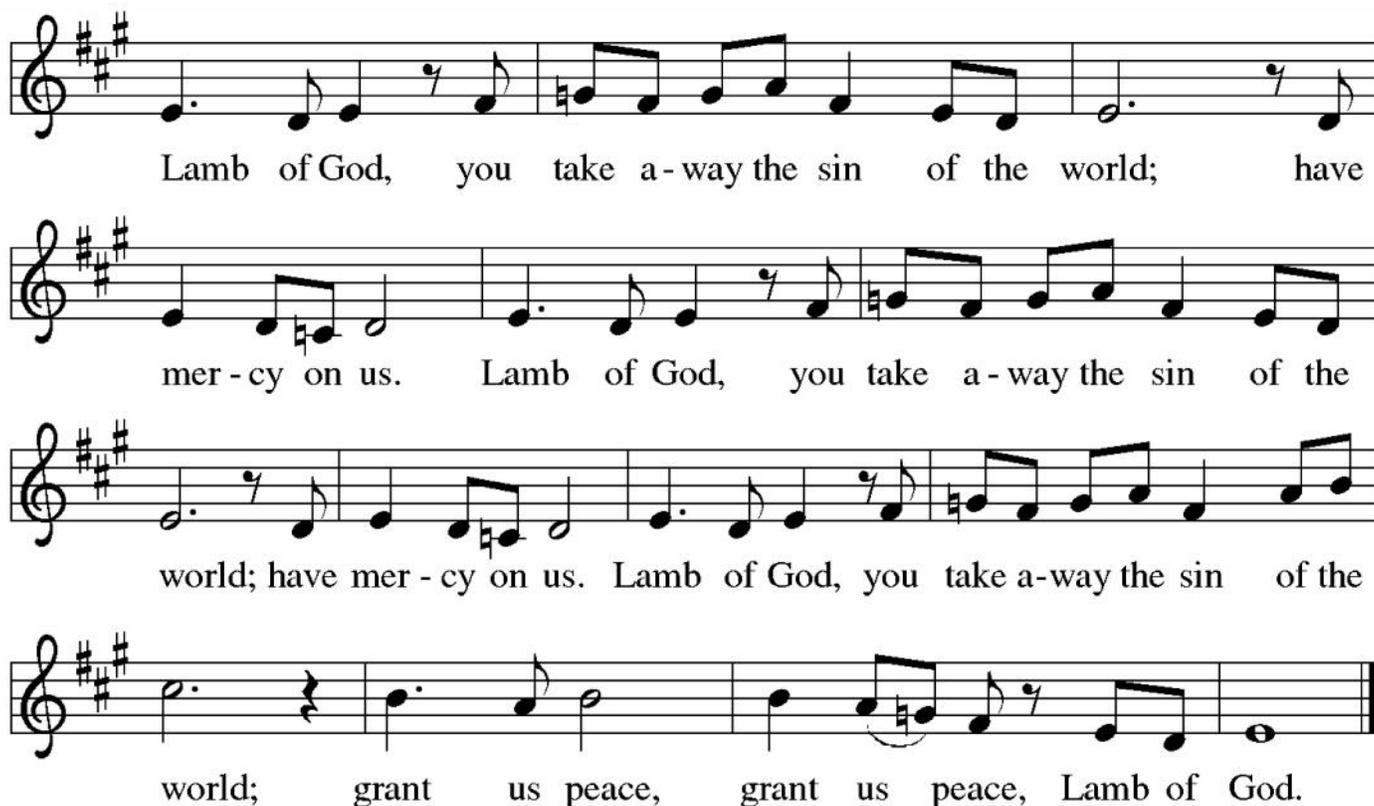
# Distribution

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.*

*If gluten-free wafers are required for health reasons, then please ask the pastor serving communion for a wafer.*

## Lamb of God • “Lamb of God”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting 8*



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, Lamb of God.

# Communion Hymn • “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 592*



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

# Communion Hymn • “To You All Hearts Are Open”

*All Creation Sings 1012*



To you all hearts are o - pen, to



you all de - sires known. To you there are no



se - crets, al - mighty - y God; we come to you.

# 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.**

# Blessing

You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
+ bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

# Sending

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

*After the pastors depart the Sanctuary and the candles on the altar are extinguished, please depart in silence.*

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*Both services*

- ) PREACHER: Pastor Dan Wilson.
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- ) DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
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- ) ALTAR GUILD: Marie Philipsen, Dotty Shireman, Sandi Swanson, Betsy Tunstall.

*1:00 p.m.*

- ) USHERS: John Dahle, Lindy Nelson.
- ) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Diane Nelson, Anne Roff.
- ) LECTOR: Pat Clement.

*7:00 p.m.*

- ) USHERS: Ken Edmonds, Keith Wright, Bob Yost.
- ) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jeanne Anderson, Terry Jensen.
- ) LECTOR: Lori Neptun.
- ) SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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# Out of the Wilderness to Bath and Table

## LENTEN MIDWEEKWORSHIP

**Wednesday evenings • 3/9 + 3/16 + 3/23 + 3/30 + 4/6**

**Soup and bread dinner at 6:00 p.m. • Worship at 7:00 p.m.**

*In our human brokenness,  
we live in a wilderness of sin and separation from God.*

*As a people we have also endured a COVID wilderness  
as we have “wandered” through despair and division during the pandemic.*

*Yet, in our wilderness, through God’s grace and forgiveness,  
God provides us the Means of Grace  
through Baptism (Bath) and Holy Communion (Table)  
to lead us safely out of the wilderness of life.*

*Come and explore these themes  
of wilderness, Bath, and Table,  
as we gather together for worship.*