

BLESSING *After all have communed, the congregation receives a blessing.*

PRAYER *We give thanks for God's presence and ask for God to send us as witnesses into the world.*

SENDING
GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Opportunities for deepening discipleship are shared.*

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG ***Christ the Life of All the Living*** (ELW#339)

DISMISSAL Go in Peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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Today's Worship Volunteers

Acolyte: Nina Weber
 Altar Care: Leah Kulma
 Communion Assistants: Paul Gochnour and Becca Saggio
 Counters: Paul Gochnour
 Lay Assistant: Jennifer Franck
 Reader: Donna Noble
 Refreshments: Dave, Rachel and Becca Saggio
 Ushers: Rachel and Becca Saggio

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Celebration Lutheran Church
March 11, 2018

10:30am

Lenten worship in 2018 revolves around the concept of "Giving Way." Over and over in our life as disciples we are called to submit, to yield, to bend, to collapse, to surrender to God's bigger hopes and dreams for us. During Lent we will explore these verbs and how they impact our relationship with one another and God. Wednesday Evenings we will be worshipping and focusing on our call to be invitational Christians using the prayer practice of lectio divina.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: YIELD

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

PRELUDE ***My Song Is Love Unknown*** arr. M. Burkhardt

WELCOME & GREETING *We greet one another in the name of God.*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS p. 94 (right column)
We come before God seeking forgiveness.

GATHERING SONG ***Day By Day*** (ELW#790)

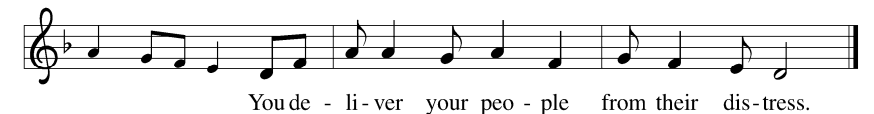
PRAYER OF THE DAY *We gather and center our hearts through prayer.*

THE WORD

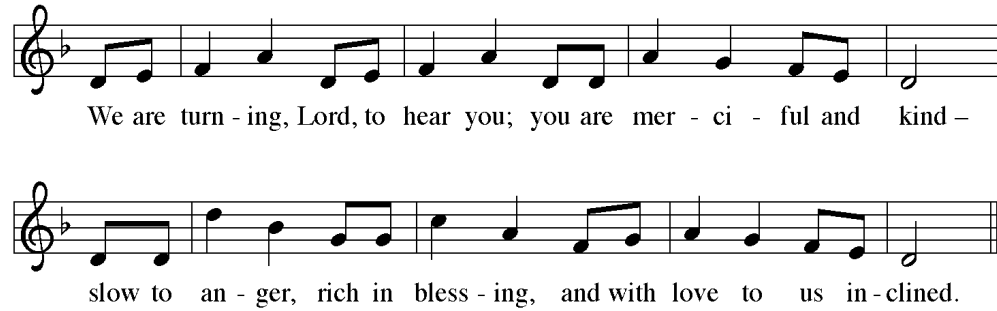
GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG.

FIRST READING Ephesians 2:1-10
After the reading:
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Psalm begins and ends with the refrain as well as being sung during the pauses.
 Refrain:



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL READING

John 3:14-21

The gospel according to...

After the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN ACTION, PRAYER, AND PEACE.

CARES ON THE CROSS

The Pastor will invite you to reflect on the question: "What darkness do you need to yield?" As you have an answer, write it down and bring it to the cross. We begin our time of reflection by reciting the STOW:

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-8

WORD SONG

God So Loved The World (ELW#323)

PRAYER UPDATES

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The prayer petitions conclude with "Hear us, O God" We respond with "Your Mercy is Great"

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

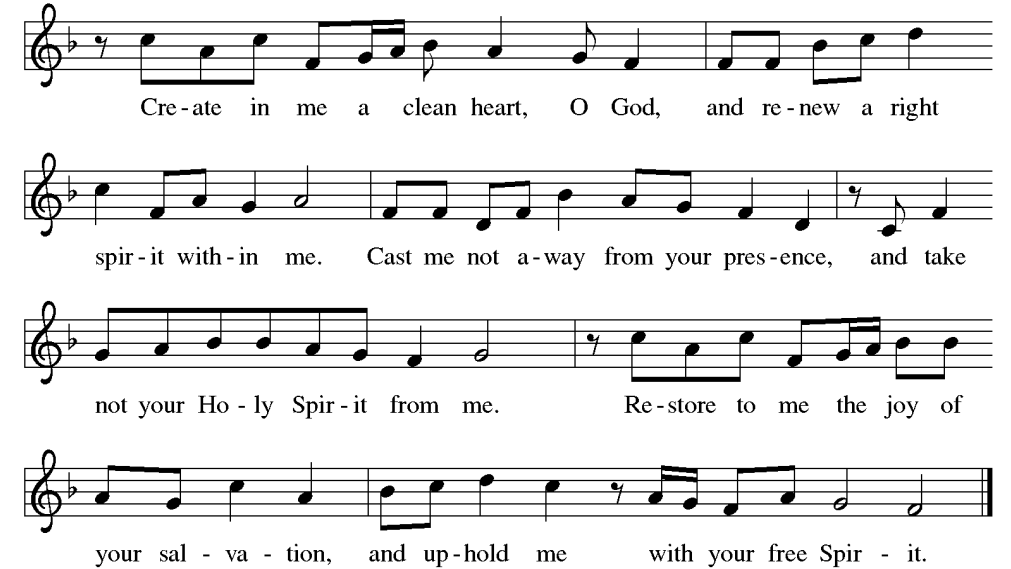
And also with you.

You are invited to share a word and/or gesture of Christ's peace with your worshiping neighbor. "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and other words are appropriate. Handshakes, hugs, and the kiss of peace is also appropriate.

OFFERING AND CHOIR

We receive your tithes and offerings for the church's mission as a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all of God's gifts.

OFFERTORY



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 to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

The Table is set with God's gifts of bread and wine and we give thanks for all that has been gathered.

THE MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(p. 206)
Holy, Holy
Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All who are seeking Jesus as their Savior and are in need of God's grace and forgiveness are welcome to the Table.

DISTRIBUTION

We are communing by gathering around the altar. As the Spirit prompts you, find an empty space at the altar. Receive the bread and dip it in the cup. When you are ready, return to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God (p. 208)