

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
LORD'S PRAYER
INVITATION TO THE TABLE
LAMB OF GOD (See screen for music and words.)

VIDEO:

COMMUNION, PRAYERS AND OFFERING

*Please take an empty cup when you come forward for communion.
We have gluten free wafers—let your server know of this need.
There is both wine and grape juice. You may lift up your prayers
after communion by lighting a candle. Offerings can be placed in
the plates throughout the sanctuary. Make your own way back to
your seat.*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

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

THE BLESSING SONG

**The LORD bless you and keep you,
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace.
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.**

P: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



Please join us for our Gather Together
Fellowship with Treats, Beverages and
Friendly Conversations.

Sunday March 17, 2024
United Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake, MN

Unless a grain of
wheat falls into the
earth and dies, it
remains alone.
— John 12:24



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the People of God.

PRELUDE
WELCOME/GREETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.**

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred.

**For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our
wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Tree of Life* #334 vss. 1-3 and Lent 4

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.

SING: KYRIE ELEISON: Lord, Have Mercy (See screen)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and in song.

SPARK STORY BIBLE: *Serve and Follow* pages 446-447
Reader: Phillip Clauson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL OFFERING Fill The Pews - for the Food Shelf

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Open Your Ear, O Faithful People*
(words and music on screen vss. 1 & 2)

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

Reader: Gary Nelson

L: The Holy Gospel according to John in the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O LORD!

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the

Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

L: This is the gospel of our LORD.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Will You Com and Follow Me* #798 Vss. 1, 2, 5

INSTALLATION OF LEADERS IN THE CONGREGATION

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Petition response to "Hear us O God," is **"your mercy is great."**

