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## MISSION STATEMENT:

*In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,  
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,  
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Order of Worship -9:00 AM

**AS WE GATHER** – *That which is born of flesh cannot inherit the kingdom of God, only that which is born of the Spirit, born from above and born anew. With Nicodemus we marvel at Jesus' words. It is hard for us to admit that we cannot save ourselves but must be redeemed from sin and its death. Even more difficult is to see in the baptismal water that power of the Spirit connecting us to Christ's death and resurrection—giving us this new birth. "How can this be?" Nicodemus marvels at Jesus' words and promise, and so are we in awe of God's gracious favor: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).*

## PRESERVICE MUSIC / DUET

**"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"**

## WELCOME

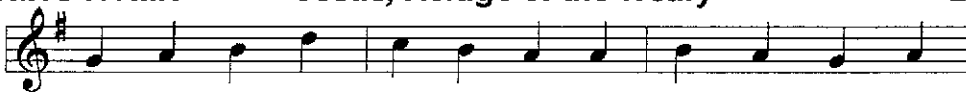
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[♯Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

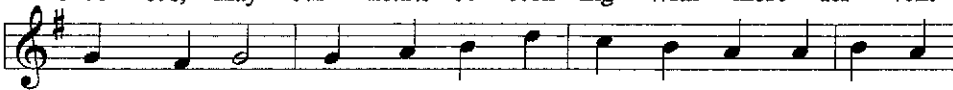
## ♪OPENING HYMN

**Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**

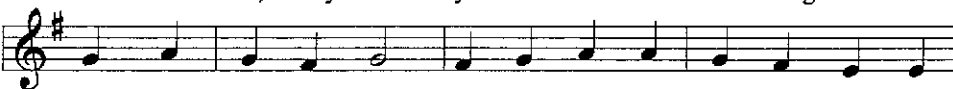
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1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er

Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our  
 cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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## INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**G** **Amen.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Psalms 121:1-2; Philippians 1:6

- P** *From where does my help come?*  
**G** **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

*[Silence for meditation and reflection]*

**P** *O Almighty God, Merciful Father:*

**G** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

**P** *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**G** **Amen.**

**P** *May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**G** **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

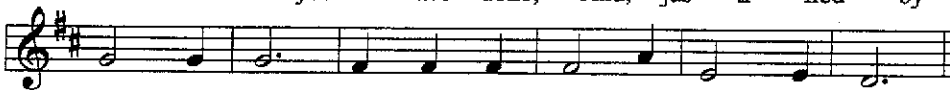
- P** *The Lord be with you.*  
**G** **And also with you.**  
**P** *Let us pray.*

**All:** **O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**





Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5. If you are sick, if death is near,  
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
 That is the firmest ground of faith.
6. Glory to God the Father, Son,  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To You, O blessed Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally! Amen.

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## SERMON

### "BORN FREE"

John 3:1-17

- I. Because we are born spiritually dead in sin,
- II. God gives us a new birth in the waters of Holy Baptism.

## APOSTLE'S CREED

- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERING

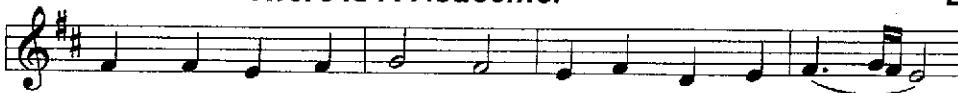
### "God Loved the World"

by Paul Bouman

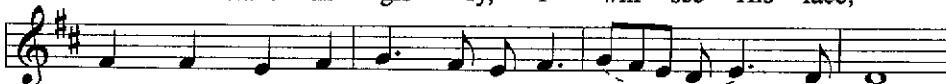
## OFFERTORY

### There Is A Redeemer

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- 1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
- 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
- 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
 There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.

(continued)

*Refrain*

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv - ing us Your Son,  
And leav - ing Your Spir - it Till the work on earth is done.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- [P]** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For grace that we with Abraham hear and follow the call to faith and that God count such faith as righteousness, as once Abraham was commended to God, let us pray to the Lord.*
- [C]** **Lord, have mercy.**
- [P]** *For grace that, having received the new birth of water and the Spirit, we daily manifest this new life and show forth the fruits of this new birth in word and in deed, let us pray to the Lord.*
- [C]** **Lord, have mercy.**
- [P]** *For grace that our government and those who lead us be equipped with wisdom and courage to do what is pleasing in God's sight, for peace among the nations, and for the protection of the unborn and the frail against threat and abuse, let us pray to the Lord.*
- [C]** **Lord, have mercy.**
- [P]** *For grace, that God relieve the suffering and heal the sick according to His will, that He give peace to the dying and comfort the grieving with the hope of the resurrection, [especially. . .], let us pray to the Lord.*
- [C]** **Lord, have mercy.**
- [P]** *For grace that the forces of evil be hindered and for freedom that the Gospel be preached in every place and to every people, that they become with us sons and daughters of Abraham by faith, let us pray to the Lord.*
- [C]** **Lord, have mercy.**
- [P]** *For grace, that God grant His blessing to our Church; to Matthew Harris, presiding in our Synod; Roger Schlechte, our District President; Joe Murphy, our Circuit Visitor; our pastors; and to all of God's people as they fulfill their baptismal vocation, let us pray to the Lord.*
- [C]** **Lord, have mercy.**
- [P]** *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ.*
- [C]** **Lord, have mercy and grant us Your grace always. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

- [P]** *O Lord Jesus Christ, 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.**

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.

**C** Amen.

## DISMISSAL

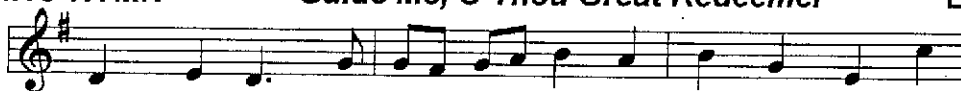
**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING HYMN

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

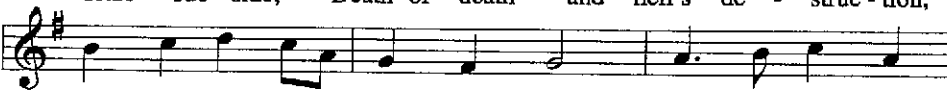
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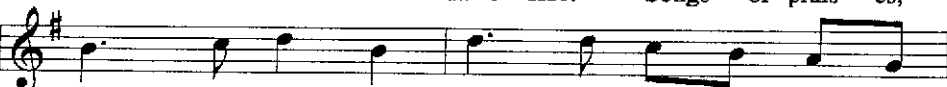
1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



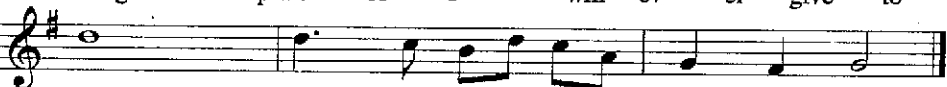
bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.  
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: *Jennifer White*]

## POSTLUDE

*"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"*

by Jeffrey Blersch

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**THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE**  
**KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am**

March 15: "Gracious Confiscation"; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker  
 Confiscation is a bad word. No one likes having their "stuff" confiscated. But what if it's God who does the confiscating? Dr. Michael Zeigler says God may take away some blessings He once gave in order to give back even more. (Exodus 7-8)

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**OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:**

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total General Offering Blessings – (02/01/20 through 02/29/20)..... | \$ 35,165.51 |
| General Fund.....                                                   | 15,923.00    |
| E.C.C. Tuition.....                                                 | 18,759.90    |
| Loose Plate, Sunday School & Other Gifts.....                       | 482.61       |
| Total Expenditures.....                                             | 37,623.51    |
| Surplus / (Deficit) .....                                           | (2,458.00)   |
| Fiscal Year Cumulative Surplus / (Deficit).....                     | 14,299.45    |

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