

# Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 14, 2024**



*Introduction - Join us on the Journey of Healing through Lent.*

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.

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor  
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry  
Lindsey Waltermeyer, Grace band leader

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

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May your worship experience strengthen you  
with God's love and grace.

Prelude *Partita on He Leadeth Me* Charles Callahan

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Welcome

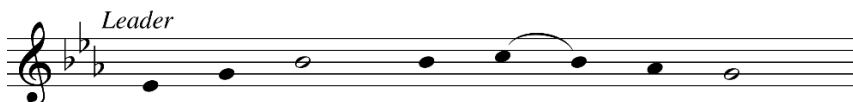
Opening Dialogue and Hymn Carolyn Fleming, leader/cantor



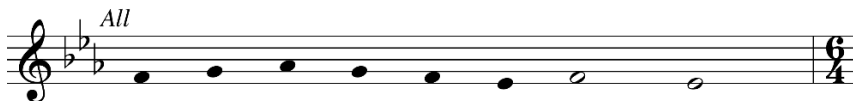
Come and see, the time is here.



Now is the day of sal - va - tion.



Turn to us, O sav - ing God.



Let your light shine in our dark - ness.

*Leader*  
*a tempo*

Come, a - bide a - mong us now.

*All*

Bring to the world a - bun - dant

life.

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*All*

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my  
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my  
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my

Life: Such a way as gives us  
Strength: Such a light as shows a  
Heart: Such a joy as none can

breath; Such a truth as ends all strife; Such a  
feast; Such a feast as mends in length; Such a  
move; Such a love as none can part; Such a

**D.S.**

life as con - quers death.  
strength as makes his guest.  
heart as joys in love.

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## Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

God's mercy, grace, and peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

As tender as parent to child, O God, so gently are you to the poor.  
As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is your love for the world.  
As far as east is from the west, so far you remove our sin.  
Remember how we are made, O God, remember we are dust. Heal our lives, renew our strength, and crown us with your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Word

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

### Psalm 103

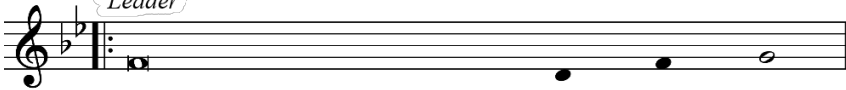


### Antiphon

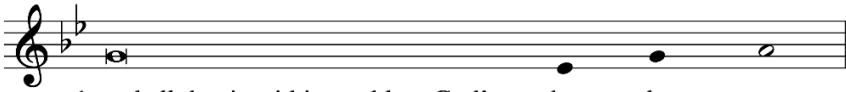


## Verses 1 and 2

*Leader*

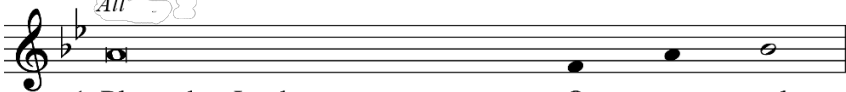


1. Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
2. who forgives all your in - iquity,

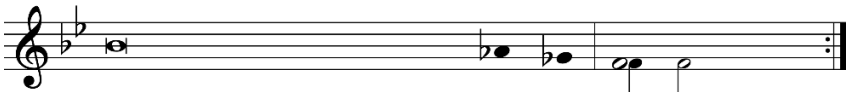


1. and all that is within me bless God's ho - ly name.  
2. who heals all your dis - eases,

*All*



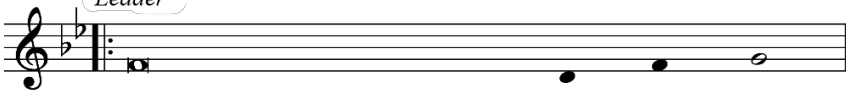
1. Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
2. who redeems your life from the Pit,



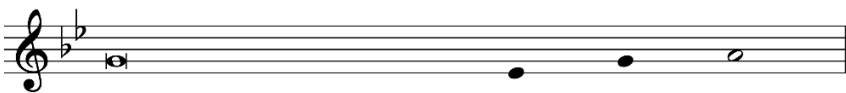
1. and do not forget all God's ben - e - fits, *To Verse 2*  
2. who crowns you with steadfast love and mer - cy. *To Antiphon*

## Verses 3 and 4

*Leader*



3. God satisfies you with good as long as you live  
4. God knows how we were made,



3. so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
4. and remembers that we are dust.

*All*



3. God will not al - ways ac - cuse,  
4. God's love en - dures for - ever.



3. nor will God's anger last for - ever. *To Verse 4*  
4. God's righteousness is ev - er - last - ing. *To Antiphon*

Gospel Hymn

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“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.

<sup>2</sup>“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. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>“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. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Storing Up & Letting Go*

# Intercessions

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for everyone in need, here and throughout the world.



## Refrain

*All*



Watch, O Lord, with all those a - wake this night,



Watch, O Lord, with all those who weep; Give your



an-gels and saints charge o-ver all who sleep.

## Verses

*Leader/Cantor*

*All*



1. Tend your ail - ing ones:
2. Soothe your suf - f'ring ones: in your love, Lord;
3. Hold your griev - ing ones:
4. Guard your lit - tle ones:

*Leader/Cantor*

*All*



- Rest your wea - ry ones:  
Heal af - flict - ed ones: in your love, Lord;  
Raise your fall - en ones:  
Guide your seek - ing ones:

*Leader/Cantor*

*All*

*To Refrain*



- Bless your dy - ing ones:  
Shield your joy - ous ones: in your love, O Lord of all.  
Mend your bro - ken ones:  
Grant us all your peace:

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## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most holy and merciful God,  
**we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole  
company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our  
own fault, by our own most grievous fault, 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, and mind, and  
strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have  
not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We  
have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your  
Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that  
have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**



Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

**The Imposition of Ashes**

*People come forward and receive ashes on hand or forehead, or receive a blessing with arms crossed.*

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 Savior,  
**Bring us with all our saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

Offertory

# Sending

## Announcements

### Nunc Dimittis

*All*  
Now Lord, you let your  
ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful - filled. My  
own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a  
light to re - veal you to the na - tions, and the  
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Now Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace.

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

## Benediction

*Leader* *freely* *All*

Bless God's ho - ly Name. Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

Almighty God bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in peace.

*All* *a tempo*

A - men, A - men,

A - men.

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## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*"The Worship has ended, please go in peace."*

## Postlude

*Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled*

David Paxton

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# Send

## A place of prayer

Jesus taught us to find a place to pray quietly. Color in the cross by each picture that shows a place where you can pray.



Have an older person in your family help you make a prayer corner in your home.



*Dear Jesus, I'm glad I can pray in quiet and noisy places. You always hear my prayers. Amen*



4. Pray

## This week

Find time to talk to God every day.

# Kids Celebrate

Ash Wednesday



## gather

Welcome to worship. Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the church season called Lent. Lent lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays). What changes do you see in your worship space?

Can you find shoes for a journey at the top of this page? Draw your shoes inside this footprint.



Some people call Lent a journey or a trip. The end of the trip is Easter! Follow the footprints to find out what four things people do on their 40-day Lenten journey.



1. Listen to stories about Jesus

# Hear & Celebrate

## Jesus, our teacher

Matthew 6:1-6

Jesus was a teacher. He taught people how to follow God's word. One of Jesus' teachings was to give to people in need. What can you give? \_\_\_\_\_



Five things you can give are hidden in the picture on this page.

Circle a cereal box, a coin, a pair of shoes, a can of food, and a shirt.



2. Give

## The cross

On Ash Wednesday people may receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads. The ashes remind us that we are sorry for the bad things we do. The cross reminds us of our baptism and of Jesus, who died for us.

Every day during Lent, make the sign of the cross to remind you that you are a baptized child of God.

*God be in my head.*  
(Touch forehead)

*God be in my heart.*  
(Touch chest)

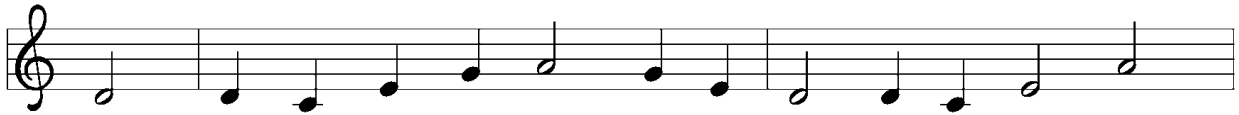
*God be on my left.*  
(Touch left shoulder)

*God be on my right.*  
(Touch right shoulder)



3. Worship

## What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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