

**Southeast Michigan Synod - ELCA**  
**Worship for February 2021**  
**In Partnership With**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI**

**The Gathering**

**Prelude** - “*Be Thou My Vision*” – arr. Ilse de Ziah

**Call to Worship**

*The ringing of a bell gathers us for worship.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,  
**pour out your mercy over us.**  
**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**  
**Rebuild what we have ruined**  
**and mend what we have torn.**  
**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**  
**Make us alive in the Spirit**  
**to follow in the way of Jesus,**  
**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails.  
 The promise rests on grace:  
 by the saving love of Jesus Christ,  
 the wisdom and power of God,  
 your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.  
 Journey in the way of Jesus.  
 Amen.

### Gathering Hymn – “We Gather Together”

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - umphant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known.  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

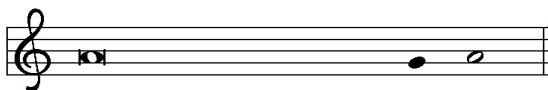
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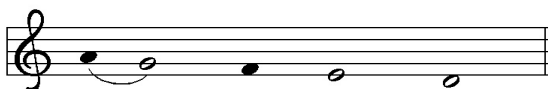
## Greeting

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.

## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



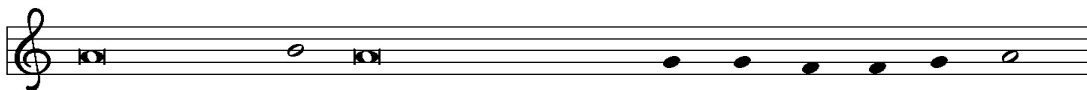
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Word

### First Reading – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

A reading from **2 Corinthians**.

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

The Gospel according to **Mark**.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*"Spirit Upon Us"*

Rev. Alex Clark

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

# Hymn of the Day - "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" - ELW 325

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 when in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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## **Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**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 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**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Southeast Michigan Synod: for ministries of healing and wholeness, and for all who proclaim freedom and release in the name of Christ, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For creation here in southeastern Michigan: for insects in the grass, clouds on the mountaintops, for the humility to take our place among all creatures of the earth so that all may flourish, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations: for all who lead in cities and towns especially Ypsilanti, states and countries, especially Michigan; for community organizers, and school officials; for international health organizations, especially the WHO, that in these times of trial, fear, or hopelessness of COVID-19, they find freedom in service to those most in need, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For all wearied by life's burdens: for those who are poor, for those lacking supportive relationships, for those crushed by debt, for those struggling with chronic pain or other sickness, for those exhausted from overwork or stress, and for all who cry out to you, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For this congregation, Emmanuel: for outreach and social ministries centered here, especially the Clothes Closet, Medical Loan Closet, Food Pantry, FedUp, and the many efforts of volunteers in the community; for ministries of companionship and support, especially FedUp, and for the young people in this place who open us to new understandings, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For what else do we pray? Prayers may be said aloud or silently in your hearts...

*Brief Pause to respond.*

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, who were called by name and now rest from their labors, that their lives serve as witnesses to the goodness of God, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share the peace. You are welcome to call or text someone and simply say "peace!"*



## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## The Sending

### Blessing

You are what God made you to be:  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved,  
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ✝ that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**Amen.**

# Sending Hymn - "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" - TFF 234

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart,  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart,  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart,  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart,

in my heart, in my heart,  
 in my heart, in my heart,  
 in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

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 Music: IN MY HEART, African American spiritual

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** – “Courante” – from Cello Suite No. 1 by J.S. Bach

**Serving in Worship:**

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Minister of Choral Conducting..... Jamie Gallupe

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