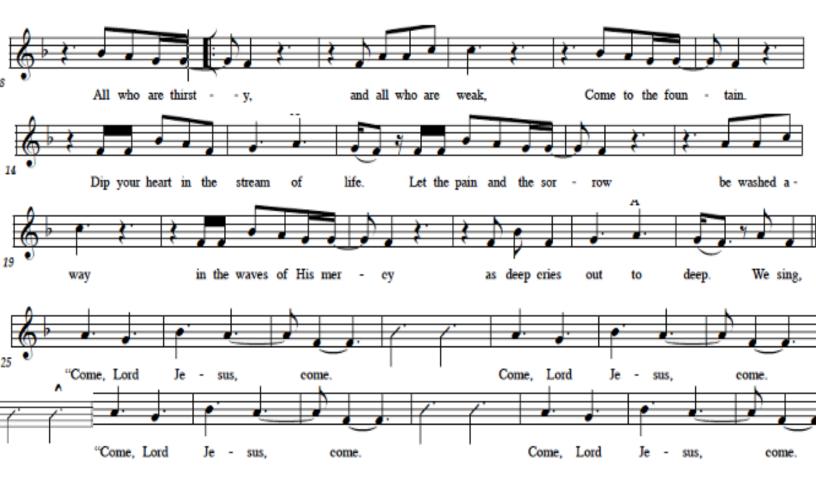
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH Tel: (519) 753-3833 Email: <u>faithlutheran1@bellnet.ca</u> Website: <u>https://faithlutheranbrantford.com</u> 2. SUNDAY IN LENT March 5, 2023

Gathering

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Announcements: Call to Worship: All Who Are Thirsty



^{**} Second Chorus is "Holy Spirit, Come" **

Thanksgiving for Nurturing:

Let us pray:

God our teacher, know that we seek you out with curiosity. Be with us to inspire our continued steps along this Lenten journey. We pray that you word guides us as we go. Give us grace to find the balance between remembering and looking forward.

Gathering Hymn: God Loved the World ELW 323 Verses 1-3

Prayer of the Day:

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your spirit, and through our experiences, we may lift up all the world. Amen.

Word

First Reading: *Genesis 12:1-4* Reading Response: Word of God, Word of life, **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Restore in Us O God ELW 328 (Verses 1-3)

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

Response: The Gospel of the Lord, Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Pastor Mertz

Hymn of the Day: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery ELW 334 (V1-3 & Lent 2 Words)

Prayers of Intercession:

Response to "Merciful God:" Receive Our Prayer.

Lord's Prayer: p. 134

Offertory Hymn: Blessed be your Name

- 1. Blessed be your name when I'm found, in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be your name.
- 2. Blessed be your name, on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be your name.

Refrain: Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be your Glorious name.

Sharing of the Peace:

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer & Distribution:

Learning in Lent: Bible Translations

<u>Sending</u> Sending Blessing Song: The Peace of The Earth (See Insert)

Dismissal: Go in Peace, We learn from Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COFFEE HOUR TODAY: following the Service

LENTEN OFFERINGS: Special Lenten offering envelopes are available at both entrances. Lenten offerings this year are designated to CLWR for earthquake relief.

LABYRINTH PRAYER WALK: Each Wednesday through Lent (2-3:30 and 6:30-8pm), a Labyrinth will be set up in the church basement for any and all to come and use for a meditative time of movement and prayer. A prayer and short explanation by Vicar Bethan will kick off each of these sessions and the remainder is time for quiet contemplation and individual meditation.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: begins next week (Sunday March 12) Please remember to move your clocks forward one hour.

TODAY WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Luke Splettstoesser David Neumann Scott Hagglund Florence Smith Grace Mueller Jackie Otto Philipp Stephen Kovacs Maya James Adam Brown Marlene Sams and Ruby Patty Davis Gladys Souliere Eberhard