

"BEFORE THE COCK CROWS TODAY, YOU WILL DENY ME THREE TIMES."





In the order of service,

words spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the congregation are in boldface type.

Out of the Wilderness to Bath and Table

DENIAL

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 • 7:00 p.m.

GATHERING

The congregation gathers at the baptismal font.

Gracious and Loving God in Christ Jesus, your thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are your ways our ways.

Lost in the wilderness of sin, we scan our neighbors, anxious to find a flaw.

On our journey through life, you call us to seek justice and love kindness, you call us to love our neighbor, to care for the poor, the widow, the orphan, the stranger to our land.

Lost in the wilderness of sin, we deny your call of caring and kindness and love, we deny our neighbor, we deny you.

You know that only one who suffers can ultimately save. That is why you walked out of the wilderness. That is why you journey to the cross.

Lost in the wilderness of sin, we fear vulnerability, we fear weakness, which defies our perceived power. That is why we allow the crucifixion.

Your thoughts are not our thoughts.

Neither are your ways our ways.

And yet we know that your way is the way of truth and light, your way is the path of righteousness. Left to our own devices, our way is the path to denial and darkness.

We are lost in the wilderness, yet we are here at the source of life, not to have our worst confirmed, but to have our best liberated.

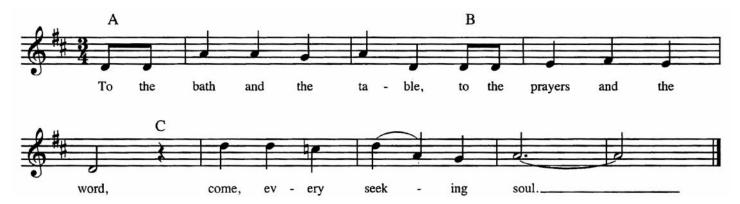
So we pray from the wilderness,

Forgive in us what has gone wrong, repair in us what is wasted, reveal in us what is good.

Lead us from the parched wilderness to the Bath of living water, lead us from the wilderness of want to your Table of Grace. Nourish us with your body and blood that we would not deny but rather embrace your word, your love, your inspiration from Wilderness to Bath to Table our life's journey in the company of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

"To the bath and table"



PRAYER OF THE EVENING

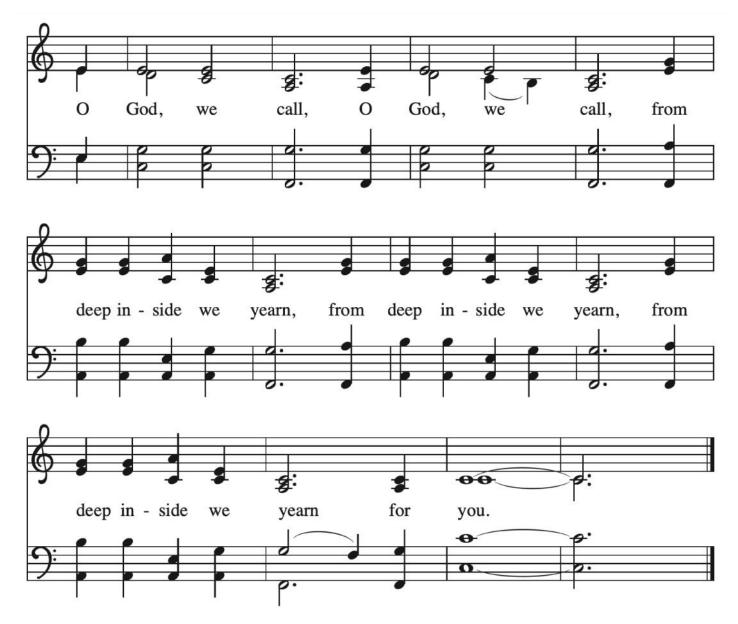
Let us pray.

A brief silence.

O Lord God,

you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. On our Lenten journey turn us from a life of denying you to new life following your Son, so that we may walk safely in the shelter of his wings through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

"O GOD, WE CALL"



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 22:54-62

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, 'This man also was with him.' But he denied it, saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.' A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, 'You also are one of them.' But Peter said, 'Man, I am not!' Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, 'Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.' But Peter said, 'Man, I do not know what you are talking about!' At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL DRAMA

"Cabby"

"WITHIN OUR DARKEST NIGHT"



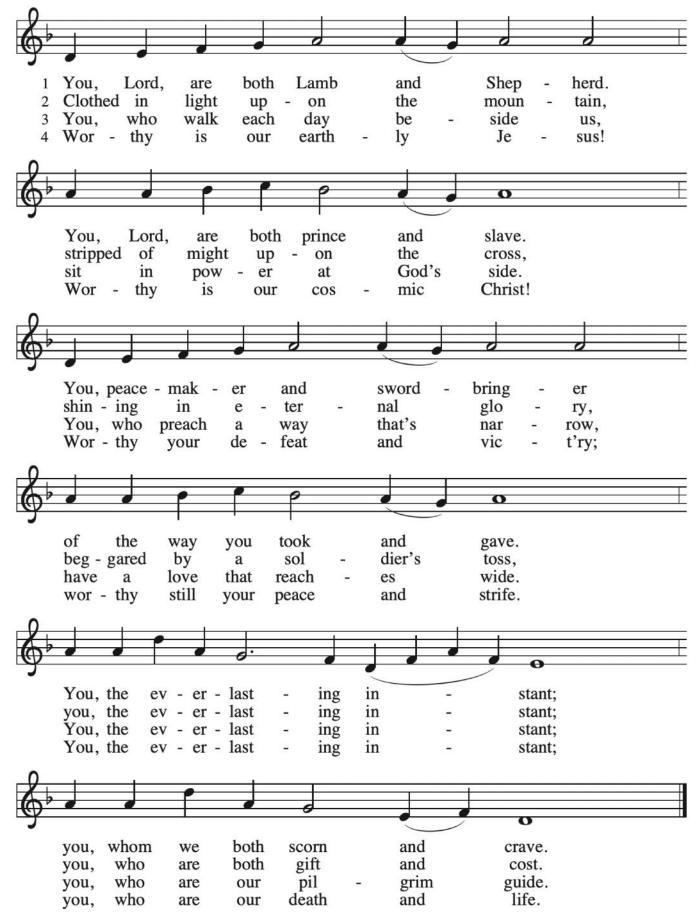
MESSAGE

"Denying Our Denial"

Pastor Dan Wilson

A TIME OF SILENCE

"You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd"



Offering

Our offering tonight is given to the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) "Crisis in Ukraine" fund. All gifts given this evening will be matched by LWR up to \$258,000.

You may also give now at lwr.org/match.

OFFERTORY · "O LORD, I WORSHIP YOU"



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On our Lenten journey through the wilderness to Bath and Table, returning to the Lord with all our heart, let us pray for the whole people of God, the earth, and all who cry out for healing.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear us, according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us out of the wilderness to Bath and Table that we may walk with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Together, we pray.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

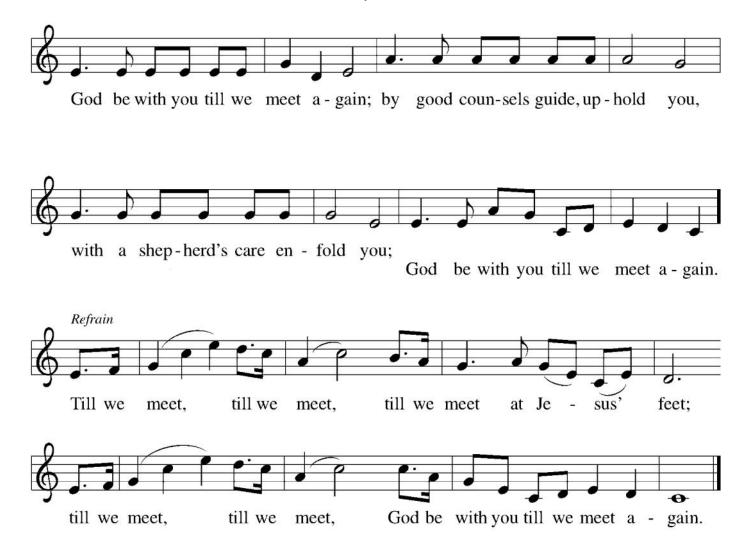
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sung Blessing \cdot "God be with you till we meet again"



"FROM THE WATER TO WILDERNESS"



Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

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ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday, March 13, 2022 • 9:30 a.m. • Life Together Hall

Second class of two-week series.

Pastor Glenn Petersen is teaching "The Easter Vigil: From Darkness to Light: The Downward Ascent into the Life-Giving Waters." Come and learn about this important event in Holy Week and the church year.

Sunday, March 20, 2022 • 9:30 a.m. • Life Together Hall

First class of five-week series.

PLU Professor Brenda Ihssen presents a class on the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Sundays in Lent.

Dr. Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen teaches courses in the history of early and medieval Christianity, and specific topics in historical theology and Eastern Orthodox Christianity. She also teaches in the International Honors program.

Her research is focused primarily on social ethics found in Greek patristic and monastic texts of the late antique/early Byzantine era. She is the author of *They Who Give From Evil: the Response of the Eastern Church to Moneylending in the Early Christian Era* (Wipf and Stock, 2012) and *John Moschos' Spiritual Meadow: Authority and Autonomy at the End of the Antique World* (Ashgate, 2014).