



# HOLY COMMUNION

Feb. 27, 2013

Page numbers refer to the front of the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)*, hymn numbers refer to the back.

\* -- those who are able may stand

## GATHERING

- \* Confession and Forgiveness p. 116
- \* Gathering Song #618  
*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*  
(st. 2 may be sung in harmony)
- \* Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

## WORD

First Reading Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27: 9-16

*refrain sung by choir then by all at the beginning, and as indicated throughout the psalm*

One thing I seek; that I may dwell in the  
house of the LORD all the days of my life.

Choir: One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
to behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

All **REFRAIN**

Choir For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.  
Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

All **REFRAIN**

Choir Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

All **REFRAIN**

Choir Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; Have mercy on me and answer me.  
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek.

All **REFRAIN**

Second Reading	Philippians 3:17 - 4:1	
* Gospel Acclamation	<i>Let Your Steadfast Love</i>	p. 125
* Gospel	Luke 13:31-35	p. 125
Sermon		
* Hymn of the Day	<i>God of the Sparrow</i>	#740
* Prayers and Peace		p. 127f.

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**MEAL**

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* Offering	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i>	#186
* Great Thanksgiving		p. 129
Communion		
<i>Lamb of God</i>		p. 135
<i>Restore in Us, O Lord</i> (may be sung in harmony)		#328
<i>Thy Holy Wings</i> (may be sung in harmony)		#613
* Blessing and Prayer after Communion		

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**SENDING**

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* Blessing		
* Sending Hymn	<i>O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate</i>	#722
* Dismissal		

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

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Presiding Minister	Robin Steinke <i>Dean of the Seminary</i>
Preacher	Gilson Waldkoenig <i>Professor of Church in Society</i>
Assisting Minister	Daniel Burris ( <i>Senior MDiv</i> )
Lector	Tristan Benson ( <i>Junior MAR</i> )
Cupbearers	McFred Brown ( <i>Junior MDiv</i> ) Martha Boyd ( <i>Junior MDiv</i> )
Director of Music	Stephen Folkemer <i>Seminary Cantor</i>

Seminary Choir  
Barbara Braband, *accompanist*

## RECEIVING COMMUNION

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“Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion when they are visiting in the congregations of this church.” (from the ELCA’s sacramental practices statement)

As a sign of the unity the sacrament gives, we all share the same elements. If you are unable to receive wine, be sure that in a single element you receive the Presence and all the gifts of the sacrament.

We'll be receiving the sacrament at stations today. Simply come forward by the center aisle (in two lines), receive the bread from the person in the center, then go to the side to receive the wine from a common cup or pouring chalice.

If you are not prepared to receive the elements today, but would like to come forward for a blessing, bring a copy of the bulletin with you -- that'll be the sign of your intention for the distributors.

## UPCOMING IN CHAPEL

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- Thurs., Feb. 28 11:55 AM** Celtic Morning Prayer led by James Farnsworth
- Fri., Mar. 1 11:55 AM** Commemoration of George Herbert, with Robin Steinke preaching
- Mon., Mar. 4 11:55 AM** Preparation for Affirmation of Baptism at the Vigil: Confession of Faith, led by a group of first year students
- Tues., Mar. 5 11:55 AM** Morning Prayer led by Anthony Setley
- Wed., Mar. 6 11:55 AM** Holy Communion, with Virginia Price presiding and Hank Langknecht preaching.

## JANUARY’S AND FEBRUARY’S OFFERINGS

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All the offerings from Communion services during these months will be donated to Survivor’s Inc., which provides education and safe housing for Adams County residents affected by domestic abuse.

## SAVE THE DATES!

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### **Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8 AM in Valentine 311**

Anyone interested is welcome to join in a **prayerful reading of Scripture**, using Luther’s version of *lectio divina* to attend to the lessons for the next Sunday. For more information, see Pr. Oldenburg

### **Thurs., Feb. 28 at 5 PM at the El Hibri Charitable Foundation in DC**

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Al-Alwani Lectures will focus on “The Laws of Religious Communities & the Law of the Land.” The lectures will be given by Azizah Y. al-Hibri , professor emerita of law at the University of Richmond and Richard J. Jones Al-Alwani Chair in Muslim-Christian Studies, of the Washington Theological Consortium.

### **Sun., Mar. 3, at 7:30 PM in our chapel**

Gettysburg Big Band plays the original charts in a multi-media presentation that will surround you with the sights and sounds of the 30s and 40s. Like all Music, Gettysburg! events, it is free and open to all.

## LENT – MORE THAN GIVING UP CHOCOLATE!

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For seventeen centuries or so, the weeks before Easter have been ones of intensive, intentional preparation for Christians. The Great Three Days – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter – are the Christian Passover, a time when we do not simply remember Christ’s passage through death into life, but share in it. In that great service we are embraced so closely by Christ that he carries us with him in that passage.

Lent, then, is a time to prepare for that transformation. If we pass from death into life, from bondage into freedom because we are so tightly embraced by Christ, then it makes sense to prepare for that passage by breaking, or at least relativizing, all other embraces. As you map out your Lenten discipline you might want to consider these questions:

1) **What are the embraces about which I need to be concerned?** What is claiming the kind of attention *and* energy that only your relationship with God should? Are there other places you are looking for your identity or security? What are your besetting sins?

2) **How might the historic disciplines of Lent serve as allies in freeing me from those embraces?** Might **fasting** (of food, or television, or internet sites) free up time or resources, and free you from some temptation? Might **study** (keeping a short, perhaps memorized text as a companion throughout the day and exploring its meaning) replace some of the unhealthy “tapes” now playing in your head with the Word of God? Might **prayer** provide the constant, consistent communication on which any relationship thrives? Might **good works** provide you with a focus outside of yourself, and a way of mirroring the ministry of Jesus?

3) **How can the community be of support?** The most obvious way would be to be more diligent in attendance at worship, where the prayers and proclamation of the whole community can provide sustenance in your efforts. But you might also want to establish a partnership with another person, asking them to pray for you throughout the 40 days, and meeting weekly to report on how the effort is going.

## LORD INSTRUCT US TO IMPROVE OUR FAST

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It’s true, we cannot reach Christ’s forti’eth day;  
Yet to go part of that religious way,  
Is better than to rest:  
We cannot reach our Saviour’s purity;  
Yet we are bid, ‘Be holy ev’n as he,’  
In both let’s do our best.

Who goeth in the way which Christ hath gone,  
Is much more sure to meet with him, than one  
That travelleth by-ways:  
Perhaps my God, though he be far before,  
May turn and take me by the hand, and more:  
May strengthen my decays.

Yet Lord instruct us to improve our fast  
By starving sin and taking such repast,  
As may our faults control:  
That ev’ry man may revel at his door,  
Not in his parlour; banqueting the poor,  
And among those his soul.

From the poem “Lent” by George Herbert (+1633)  
Commmorated on Friday.