

\*congregation standing; **bold print** indicates congregation reading in unison

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME **Drew Herring** 

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** Erbarm Dich Mein. O Herr Gott. BWV 721 (Have Mercy on Me on God) J. S. Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP ("St. Patrick's Breastplate" & Nehemiah 8:10)

Jennifer Clatterbuck

Mark Gourley

We arise today

Through the strength of Christ's birth and baptism,

Through the strength of His crucifixion and burial,

Through the strength of His resurrection and ascension,

Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

We arise today, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.

\*HYMN 310

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

The Church

\*LENTEN PRAYER

Jennifer Clatterbuck

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole. In Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

\*LENTEN RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

The Church

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

(As we sing, the children are invited to come forward for the children's lesson)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jennifer Clatterbuck

(After the children's lesson, preschool children through kindergarten are encouraged to follow the leader to our Extended Session in the preschool area. Grades one and above remain in worship.)

\*HYMN 235

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

The Church

Sean Timmons **PRAYERS** 

**ANTHEM** O My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy (from Stabat Mater) Giovanni Pergolesi

Sanctuary Choir

**SERMON** "God's Math"

Matthew 18: 21-22

\*HYMN 680 I Then Shall Live The Church

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Donna Hatchett

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Christ Be With Me Sanctuary Choir

(St. Patrick' Breastplate) K. Lee Scott

\*LENTEN DOXOLOGY (Tune: OLD 100TH)

The Church

**Drew Herring** 

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

\*BENEDICTION Sean Timmons

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Chorale: Erbarm Dich Mein. O Here Gott (Have Mercy on Me on God) J.S. Bach

Mark Gourley

Thank you to William Collins for assisting in worship today.

## **Next Sunday is Palm Sunday!**

10:00 A.M. Church-Wide Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

Cooper the Donkey will be on the front lawn beginning at 9:30 A.M. Come say "hello" & take Palm Sunday photos!

11:00 A.M. Worship: Children (preschoolers - 6th graders) will process with Palms. Wednesday night children's choir will sing.

**4:00 P.M. Children's Easter Egg Hunt** Youth & other volunteers come at 3:00 to hide eggs. Please drop off candy & other treats for Easter Egg Hunt by THIS Wednesday, March 20th.

## Proposed 2024 West Main Mission Offering: \$20,000

\$0\* Project Ruth/Romania \$6,000 Harvest Pack God's Storehouse \$3,000 House of Hope \$3,500 Good News Jail Ministry \$2,000 Habitat for Humanity \$2,000 Transitions Pregnancy Center Grace & Main \$800 \$1,000 Ascension Lutheran/Grace & Main Meal \$1.700

\* Harvest Pack will be funded through an estate gift through 2026

This is a proposal from our Missions Committee and will be voted on during our regular church business meeting on March 20th. We will begin collecting on Easter Sunday, 3/31.

## **Emmaus Café** March 20

Menu: BBQ, Sides and Dessert Please sign up by Tue. noon

Business Mtg. will follow

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