



**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

**First Sunday in Lent**

## **Welcome to Worship and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness:**

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

### **Congregation: Amen.**

P 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.*

P Fountain of living water,

**C 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.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

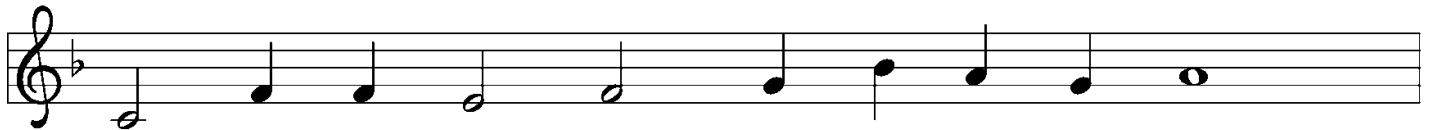
**\*Gathering Hymn: "Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church" ELW 321**



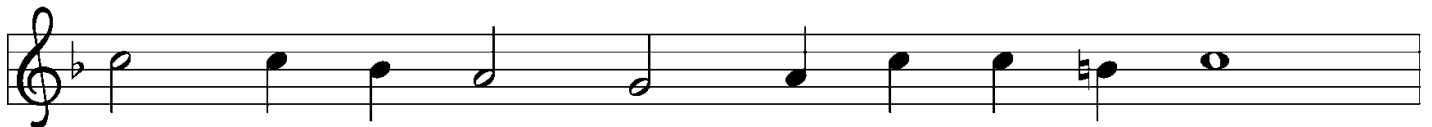
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



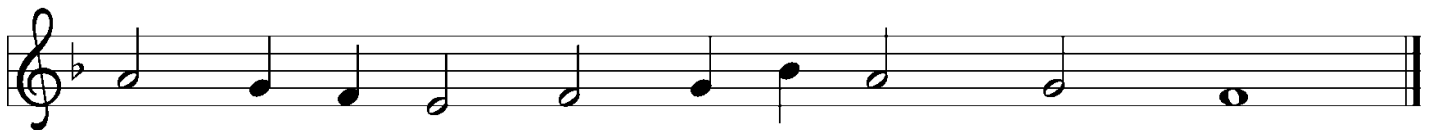
walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

Text: Thomas H. Cain, 1931–2003

Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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**\*Greeting:**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Prayer of the Day:**

**All Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Kidsword:** Pastor Jerry O'Neal

**Our first reading is from Genesis 9:8-17**

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 25:1-10:** (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

### **Our Second reading is from 1 Peter 3:18-22**

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

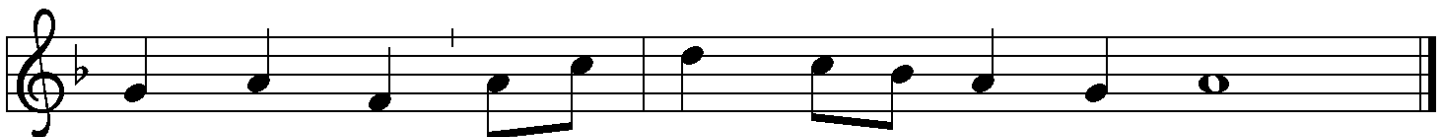
### **\*Gospel Acclamation (setting 3)**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Gospel Reading: 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.*

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C **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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:** – Pastor Jerry O'Neal

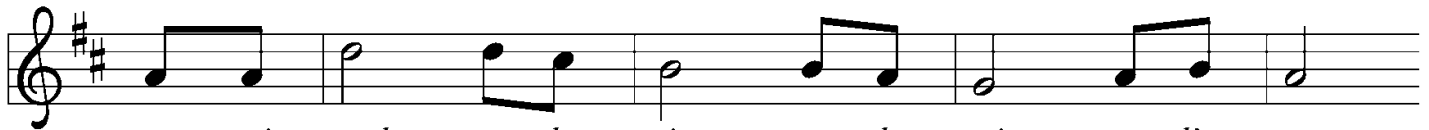
**\*Hymn of the Day: "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" ELW 808**



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931

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**\*Apostles' Creed:**

**P&C 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:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "Hear us, O God" and your response is, "Your mercy is great.."

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer especially to those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In this season of Lent, open our hearts to your cleansing and our minds to your Word. Bless our mid-week Lenten studies and help us to share your Word with those around us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**Offering:**

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1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Store or Apple Play, or

2. Go to our website [www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com](http://www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com) and click on the green "Give" button.

3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

**Offering Music:** "Be Thou My Vision" Chuck Gallatin, Solo; arr. by Nathan Pacheco

**\*Offering Prayer:**

L Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P Blessed are you...

...we join the unending hymn.



(setting 3)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P Enduring God...

...Great is the mystery of faith.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Forgiving God...

...God most glorious, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer:**

L Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)

All **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.**

**Invitation to Communion**

P Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

\*Please stand as you are able.

Communion Hymn "Lamb of God" (setting 3)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Distribution:**

*This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. We invite you to come forward, receive the bread in your hand, and take a cup from the tray and take them back to your seat. After all have been served, we will consume Communion together. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine and are in the cups in the center of the tray.*

**\*Post Communion Blessing**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
All Amen.

**\*Post Communion Prayer**

L God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

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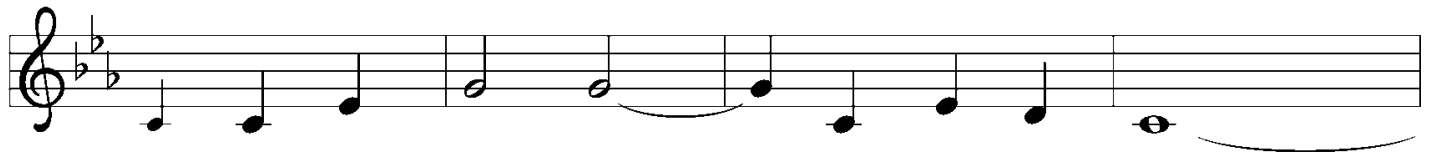
**\*Sending Call and Response:**

L God's work!  
C **Our hands!**  
L God's love!  
C **Our hearts!**  
L God's story!  
C **Our voices!**

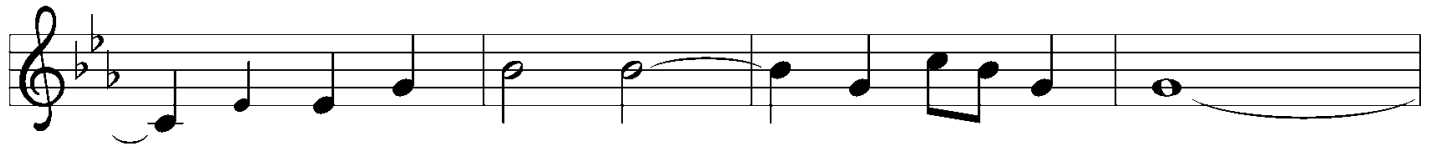
**\*Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card  
C **Amen.**

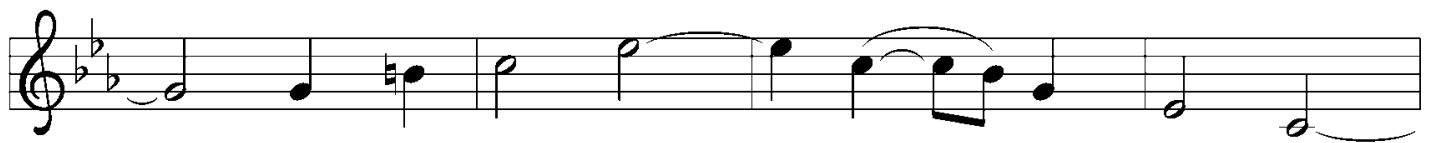
**\*Sending Hymn: "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" ELW 325**



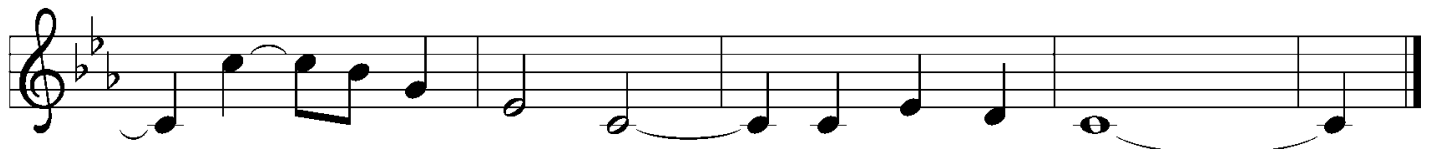
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



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

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\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Dismissal:**

L Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Announcements for February 21, 2021**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of February 21-27, 2021:**

Birthdays:

February 23 – Don Park

February 24 – Jan Segedy

February 26 – Kendra Summers

Anniversaries:

February 23 – Garry and Ruth Dailey

**This week's Prayers:** Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Lou Ellen Botkin

Mary Broughton

Carol Pinckney

Sue Donnellan

Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother

Rachel Wagner, Nancy Wagner's daughter

Denise Amschler

Those who are infected with the COVID-19 Coronavirus and the frontline workers who are caring for them.

**Walking Group**

The HTLC walking group will continue to walk at the Muncie Mall at 10 AM on Tuesday mornings. The entrance is just past the Books A Million entrance.

Coat racks, restrooms, signs regarding distancing, hand sanitizer is available. Masks must be worn. Come join us. Linda Hamilton, Parish Nurse

**A Reminder to Thrivent Members:**

Please remember to direct your 2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31 by logging in at Thrivent.com. Thanks to Thrivent and its clients, Holy Trinity has received \$1,529 Choice Dollars @ grant funds since January 1, 2020 and Project Stepping Stone has received \$624.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Walker (765) 212- 2307. Thank you.

**Lenten Devotionals:**

There are some Lenten Devotionals on the table in the vestibule if you would like one. You can come by any time and pick one up.

## Mid-Week Lenten Book Study:

We will begin our 6-week Mid-Week Lenten Book Study, via Zoom, on Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00pm. We will be joining Lutheran Church of the Cross, Grace Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and Riverside United Methodist Church, in this Lenten Zoom Study.

This year we will be studying Amy-Jill Levine's book "Entering The Passion of Jesus." Below is a link to Amazon so that you can purchase your own copy of the book.

[www.amazon.com/Entering-Passion-Jesus-Beginners-Guide/dp/1501869558](http://www.amazon.com/Entering-Passion-Jesus-Beginners-Guide/dp/1501869558)

**\*\*This week we will be discussing the Introduction and Chapter One.\*\***

Here is the Zoom link information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82224448890?pwd=R2E3d3EwWWwwYW5TaS9WbDU1V085Zz09>

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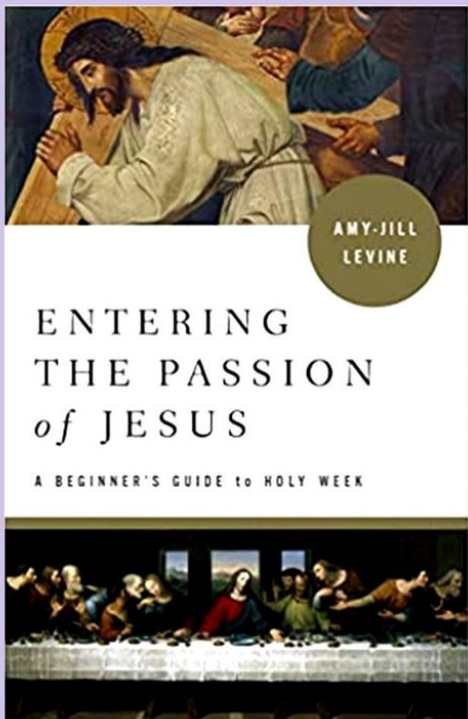
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### Wednesdays in Lent

We invite you to join us for a weekly Lenten book study. This year's choice offers an insightful new perspective from Jewish author Amy-Jill Levine.

We will begin on Feb 24 @ 7pm with a discussion of the Intro and Chapter 1. Please obtain your own copy at Amazon or other sources.

This will be a virtual gathering every Wednesday at 7pm. Please contact the church office for the Zoom link.

\*Please stand as you are able.