

We pray for our family, friends and neighbors who are laboring beneath burdens too heavy to bear...

.....Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

We pray for those who have died....

.....Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

Gracious God, our refuge and stronghold, the God in whom we put our trust; guide your people through our Lenten wilderness, have mercy on us and answer us as we call, as we pray together....

Lord's Prayer

Sending Song: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song, ELW 808

Blessing & Dismissal

May the God who formed you from dust
and breathed life into you
meet you in your weakness
and remind you that you are beloved.

May the cross traced on you
in water and in ash
remind you who you are
and whose you are.

When faith feels thin
and the way uncertain,
may grace hold you,
love send you,
and hope sustain you.

Go in peace,
marked with the cross of Christ—
now and forever. Amen.



“Marked”

Leader: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

L: We come before God carrying so much— the weight of the week, the worries we name, and the ones we cannot.

P: We come seeking mercy and truth.

L: God knows our dust and remembers that we are made of it.

People: We remember our limits and our need for grace.

L: From the beginning, God has breathed life into dust and called it good.

P: Even in our fragility, we are held by God.

L: In baptism, we were marked with the cross of Christ and named as God's beloved.

P: We belong to Christ.

L: This mark does not fade—not in failure or fear, doubt or death.

P: We are marked by grace.

L: Lent is not a journey we take to earn God's love.

P: It is a season to remember the love already given.

L: Come, let us return to the Lord.

P: For God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

L: Let us worship God.

Opening Song: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory, ELW 561

Prayer of the Day

Week 1: Faithful God, you have called us by name and claimed us in the waters of baptism. When we are confused, afraid, or uncertain, draw us back to the promise that holds us. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may live as people who belong to Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Week 2: God of compassion, you meet us with grace before we have the words to ask. When we carry shame, regret, or fear, run toward us with mercy. Free us from what weighs us down and restore us to the joy of being your beloved children, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Week 3: God of justice and mercy, you meet us in the lives of our neighbors. Open our eyes to see you in the hungry, the lonely, and the forgotten. Shape our lives by your love, that what we believe may take flesh in how we live, through Christ, who comes to us in the least among us. Amen.

Week 4: God of life, you speak hope into places that feel beyond repair. When grief weighs heavy and the future feels uncertain, hold us in your promise. Strengthen our trust in the resurrection you have spoken, even now, through Jesus Christ, our hope and our life. Amen.

Week 5: God of faithful love, you call us to trust you even when the way is costly. Teach us to let go of what we cling to in fear and place our lives in your hands. As we walk toward the cross, hold us fast in the promise of life that cannot be lost, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings:

Week 1: Acts 8:26-39

Week 2: Luke 15:11-24

Week 3: Matthew 25:31-46

Week 4: John 11:17-27

Week 5: John 12:20-26

Message

Marked By Water: Pastor Kayla Hill

Marked By Grace: Pastor Brooke Phelps

Marked By Love: Pastor Carter Hill

Marked By Promise: Pastor Kayla Hill

Marked For Life: Pastor Brooke Phelps

Song

Week 1: Baptized and Set Free, ELW 453

Week 2: Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling, ELW 608

Week 3: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love, ELW 708

Week 4: When Peace Like a River, ELW 785

Week 5: Take My Life, That I May Be, ELW 583

Prayers of the Church

O God, eagerly we seek you. Guide us with your mighty hand and outstretched arm. Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

We pray for your church throughout the world.....
.....Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

We pray for this nation...
.....Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

We pray for your world that is fractured by greed and fear,
and by privilege and discrimination....
.....Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.