

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TELL ME A STORY *The Parables of Jesus*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING DIALOG

Lt Tell me a story;

Tell me about seeds scattered on hard ground and on good soil.

Give me hope;

Hope that a lost coin can be found, a lost child forgiven.

Teach me service;

Help me see God in the face of "the least of these."

Soften my heart

To learn how to forgive others as I have been forgiven.

Help my faith grow

As a mustard seed into a magnificent tree.

Tell me a story;

Inspire me to live a life worthy of my calling.

Let us be reminded that we are the light of the world.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

At the introduction to the hymn, please rise, in body or spirit, to sing and to hear the Gospel.

HYMN BEFORE THE GOSPEL

See page 3.

Lc GOSPEL: THE PARABLE OF THE DAY

The community is seated.

REFLECTIONS ON THE PARABLE

SUNG RESPONSE

See page 4.

SERMON

CREED

Lt We believe in God, who created all life and continues to create new life within us.

We believe in Jesus, our brother and our example.

By his life, we can know the true depth of human possibility and experience the true joy of abundant living.

By his death and resurrection, we can sense a mystery which we will never fully understand, but which leads us to the future.

We believe the Holy Spirit is present now and always, calling us to faith, giving us gifts, and empowering us for service.

We believe the church is the community of faith, and that we are called to experience the full joy of life, both when we are gathered and as we serve others. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition:

Lt God, you shape the story of our lives,
Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Lt The one who taught in parables gave us
peace that the world cannot give.
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with others.

The community is seated.

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

Please rise, in body or spirit.

P OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P God is with us,
And God is within us.
Let us lift our voices in an act of praise.
Great God, we praise you!
Let us thank God as well.
Thanks be to God forever.
Let us recall the history of this sacrament.

P WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

The community is seated.

WE SHARE IN A SACRAMENT

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

See hymn numbers on screen or in insert.

P COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise, in body or spirit.

HYMN

See hymn number on screen or in insert.

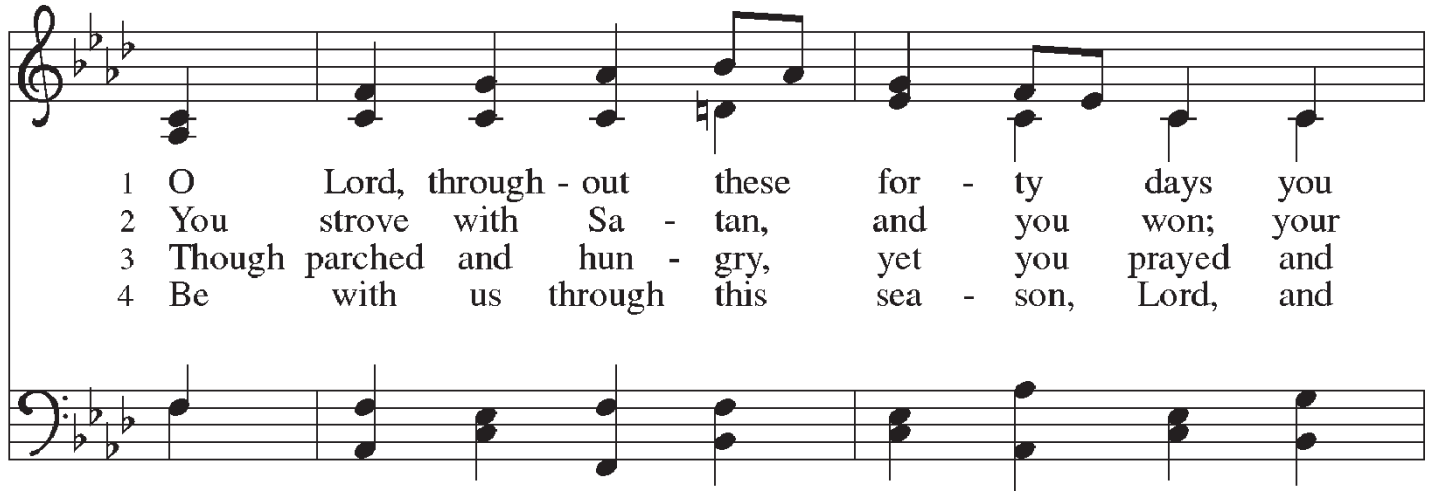
SENDING PRAYER

Lt God, you shape the stories of our lives.
**Make us good soil to receive the gift
of your sowing.**
Teach us to grow as the mustard seed,
**To become what you have created
us to be.**
Be our guide
**As we seek to bring home lost coins
and lost sheep.**
Be our example
As we forgive and are forgiven.
Give us opportunities to make the way we
live
**A parable of your love and grace.
Amen.**

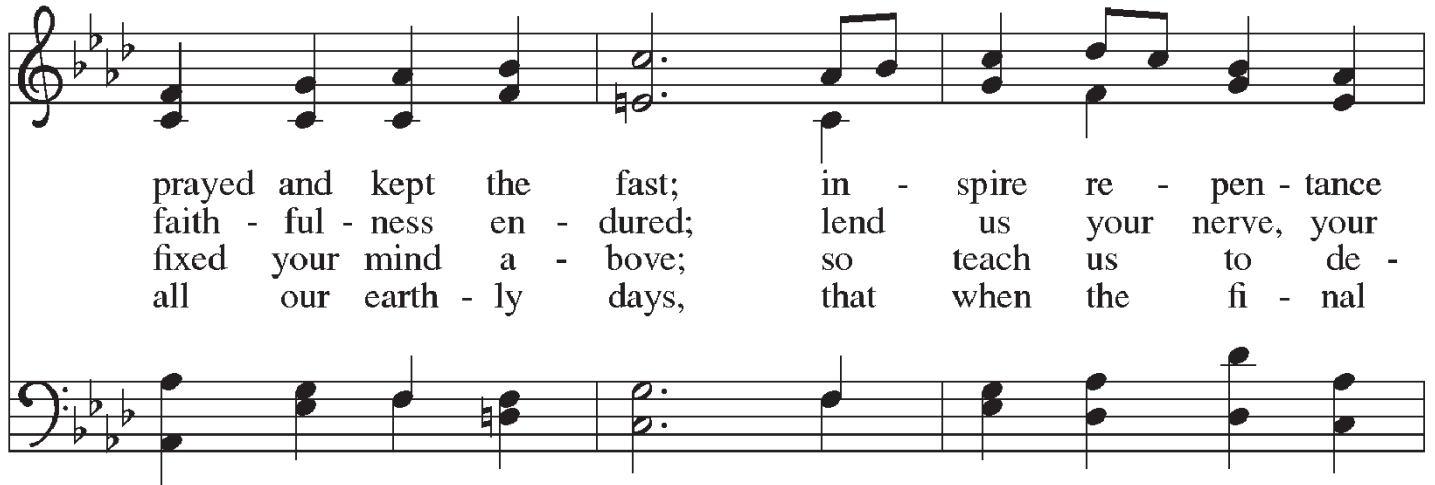
POSTLUDE

HYMN BEFORE THE GOSPEL

O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

SUNG RESPONSE TO THE PARABLE

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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