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The Second Sunday in Lent

11 a.m., Sunday, February 25, 2024



arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. God be with you in this holy season of Lent now upon us.

Men of the congregation: Let us get ready to sing the Trisagion, early in this liturgy. The first verse is ours! Then the women sing the second verse, and we all join together for the great third verse.

We are honored and delighted that you are here and hope that you will return. If you do not already have a church home in our city, please consider joining this congregation. We would rejoice to have you. Just send me an email (gpfryer@gmail.com) or speak with Pastor Carol Fryer (ceafryer@gmail.com) or with Pastor Lara Bhasin (lara.bhasin@tsm.edu).

> In Christ, Pastor Gregory Fryer

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One

PRELUDE

Petit Canon

Nadia Boulanger (1887-1979)

THE BELLS

Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

■ In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- **G** Amen
- Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen

■ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

- Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 231

O Word of God Incarnate

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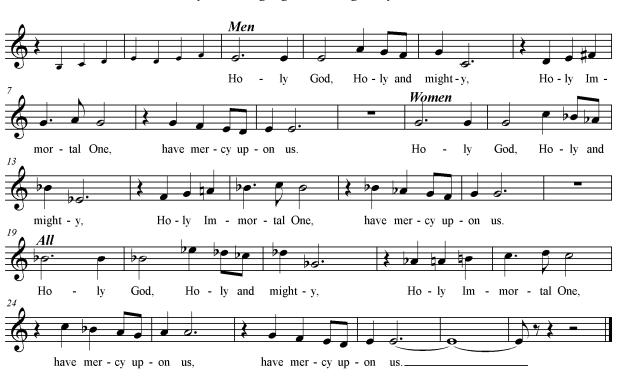


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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

From Mass in Honor of Saint Luke (Men of the congregation sing the first verse) Pedro d'Aquino



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Eternal God, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word of God

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your

name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you...

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her; I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:22-30, LBW

Charles W. Schramm, Jr.



Cantors	²² Praise the LORD, you that fear him;*	
	stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.	
All	²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;	
1 111	neither does he hide his face from them;*	
	but when they cry to him he hears them.	
Cantors	²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly;*	
A 11	I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.	
All	²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,	
	and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:*	
	"May your heart live forever!"	
Cantors	26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,*	
	and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.	
All	²⁷ For kingship belongs to the LORD;*	
	he rules o- ver the nations.	
Cantors	²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;*	
	all who go down to the dust fall before him.	
All	²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descend- ants shall serve him;*	
	they shall be known as the LORD's forever.	
	³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn*	
	the saving deeds that he has done.	

Saint Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what he had promised to accomplish.

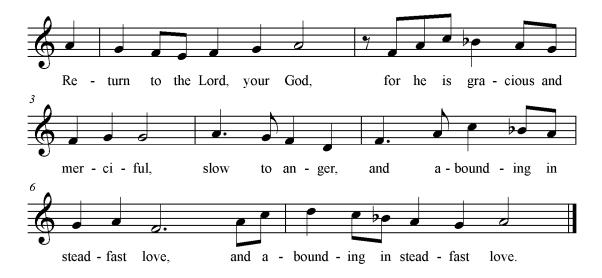
¹³The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants -- not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was "reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³But the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him that raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.





HOLY GOSPEL

Before the Gospel:

▶ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Eighth Chapter:



³¹He [Jesus] then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

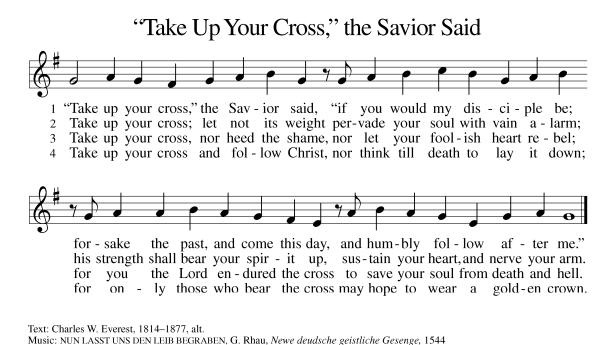
³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

After the Gospel:

₽ The Gospel of the Lord!





Please sit after the minister's opening invocation of the Holy Trinity.

SERMON

Following the sermon, silence for reflection. Then stand for the Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

G I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

INTERCESSIONS

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G And also with you.

Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."

Sit

THE OFFERING You can give your tithes and offerings via our QR code. Just point the camera on your smart phone to this code on your screen:

Or you can donate via this link: <u>Donate</u> *Here are some other options for giving:* <u>*Ways to Give*</u>

The Eucharistic Bread and Wine are moved from the credence table to the altar. The congregation remains in the pews until the Distribution of the Sacrament.

OFFERING

Anthem

Chorale No. 1 from Zwei Motetten, Op. 29

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her Aus Gnad und lauter Güte. Die Werk, die helfen nimmermehr, Sie mögen nicht behüten. Der Glaub sieht Jesum Christum an, Der hat g'nug für uns all getan, Er ist der Mittler worden. Now unto us Salvation comes, by grace and purest favor; our works, they offer help no more: they cannot give protection. But faith shall Jesus Christ behold; who for us all enough hath done: He is our Intercessor!

The gifts are presented.

Offertory Prayer

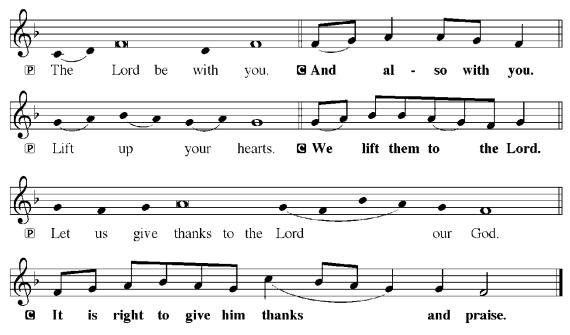
A Merciful Father,

G we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

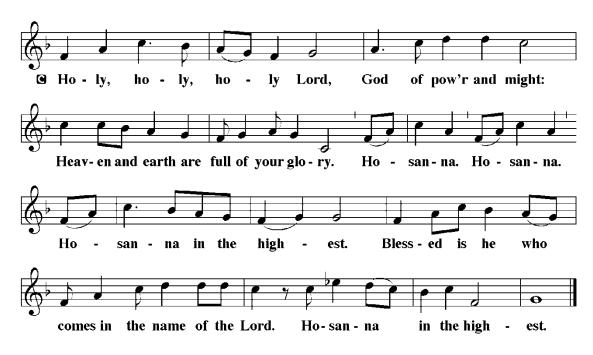
Eucharistic Dialog



Preface for Lent

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Next page)



Eucharistic Prayer I

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

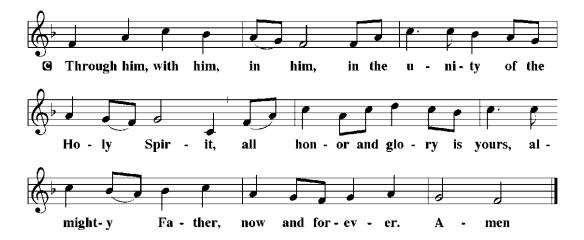
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

G Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

▶ Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

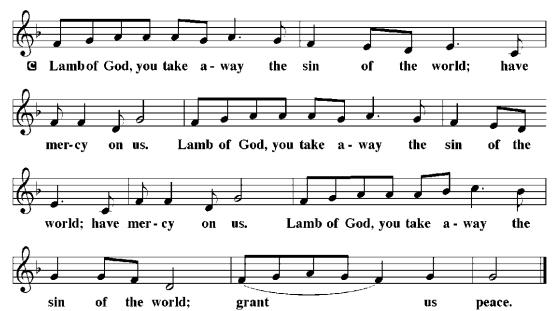
G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- **G** Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.
- Doin our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of 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

Agnus Dei:



THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

+ If you are home, worshiping online with us, here is a possible "Prayer for Spiritual Communion" lifted up in *Forum Letter* (May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

HYMN LBW 496

Around You, O Lord Jesus

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O JESU, ÄN DE DINA



Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite

Music: O JESU, ÄN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, Den danske Psalmebog, 1569

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Silence for reflection.

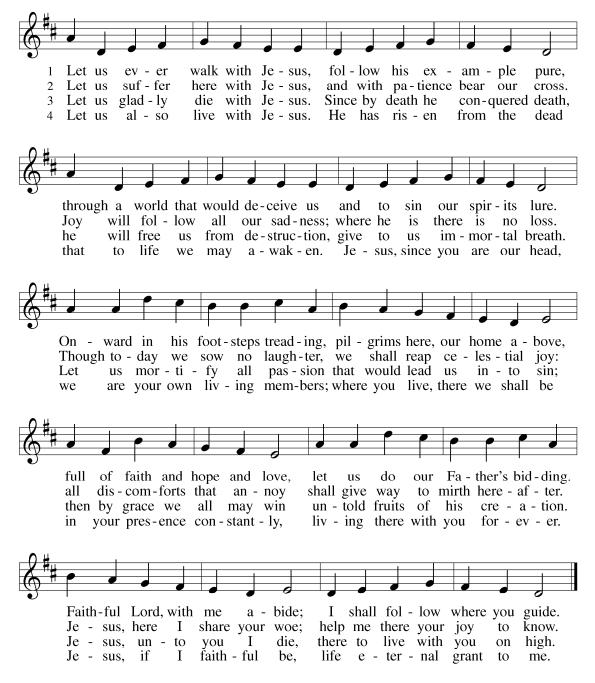
The Sending

BENEDICTION (Spoken)

HYMN LBW 487

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN (Next page)

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



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DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Parish Announcements

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Service Notes

Organist and Choirmaster	Zac Schurman
Cantors	Teresa Castillo, Olivia Ericsson, Kerrigan Bigelow, Tony Beck
Greeters/Ushers	Luz Ortiz, Jazo Ichikawa
Crucifer	
Altar Guild	
Lector	Percy Ranaivohajarivony
Presiding Minister	Rev. Lara Bhasin
Assisting Minister	
Preacher	

Intercessions

FAIRLY NEW TO THE PRAYER LIST: Tamares Perez, Carole Smith, Diane Kinley, Davida Goldman, Clifford Rose, Susan McIntosh (Richard McIntosh's sister), Stephen and Jean Fischer, Sally Graudons.

Some Notes on Our Church Nave and Liturgy

 Our congregation is one of the historic Lutheran churches in town, going back to the middle of the Civil War, 1863.
We are a member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The national bishop of the NALC is Rev. Daniel Selbo.

+ You might be interested to hear about our reredos — the wooden altarpiece at the front of our church. It was hand carved by artists in Germany's Black Forest. The left statue is Moses, with the Ten Commandments in his left arm and the two horn-like rays of light shining forth from his face after his encounter with the Lord on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 34:29-30). The right-hand statue is St. John the Evangelist, with a quill pen in his hand and an eagle at his feet. And the center statue is Jesus Christ, the personal unity and the most perfect meaning of the Law (Moses) and the Gospel (St. John).

+ Our painting of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, above the reredos, pays tribute to the founding liturgy of our congregation, Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, 1863. Our painting shows Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the ground, so that at first glance you might think that it is a painting of the Ascension. But the saintly company with Jesus – Moses and Elijah on either side, with Peter, James, and John fallen down in awe at the sight – point to the Transfiguration. Heaven knows and gives credit to the anonymous painter of our painting, but we note that it is in the style of Raphael's painting of The Transfiguration (1517-1520). Raphael

also placed Jesus, Moses, and Elijah elevated above the disciples.

- + Our church windows were installed in 1973 and constitute a visual meditation on an ancient hymn of the Church, the *Te Deum*. Pamphlets are available in the rear of the church explaining the windows one by one.
- + Our church bells, named *Glaube*, *Hoffnung*, and *Liebe* for Faith, Hope, and Love, were a gift from German Empress Augusta Viktoria.
- + A hint about acoustics: you will be able to hear the choir and organ better if you sit toward the front half of the church. The overhanging choir balcony obscures some of the beauty of the music for those sitting under it.
- + Our worship book is the green hymnal, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* ("LBW"). This book contains both liturgies and hymns, with liturgies in the first half and hymns in the second. Sometimes we include hymns from *With One Voice* ("WOV") or from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* ("ELW").
- + If you have a cell phone, please silence it for the liturgy. And please finish coffee or other drinks out in the narthex rather than in the main nave.

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LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION	11 a.m. Sundays		
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION	6:30 p.m. Wednesdays		
SUNDAY SCHOOL	10 a.m. Sundays		
BIBLE STUDY Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. in the state of the	he Martin Luther Room and Zoom		
PARISH SECRETARY	Karen Katz-Shea		
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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE	Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer		
PASTOR	Rev. Gregory P. Fryer		
Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:			

e extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at ceafryer@gmail.com.

- + HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.
- + HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, home-bound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: gpfryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.
- + We mean for PRIVATE CONFESSION to be available as often as you need. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: gpfryer@gmail.com or ceafryer@gmail.com.

- + LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact either Pastor Fryer.
- + FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: There is a long line of Christians, both rich and poor, who have disciplined themselves to budget a portion of their income, put it into an offering envelope first thing, and give it to the church. Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer live by that tradition and commend it to you. Online giving is also available through our website, or by following this QR code with your phone camera:

