

# *First Sunday in Lent*

*March 9, 2025*



*Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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# Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you **welcome!***

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SILENT OFFERING

### GATHERING

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,  
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,**

**even though you have set us free again and again.  
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.  
Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In + Christ your sins are forgiven.  
You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

**GATHERING SONG** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine: Leaning on the  
Everlasting Arms* (ELW 774)

## **GREETING**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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

**And also with you.**

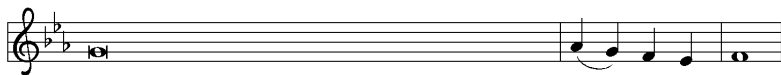
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



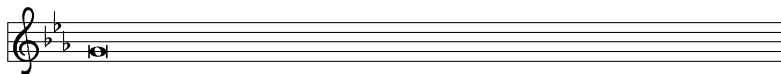
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



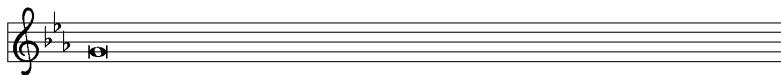
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## PRAAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Deuteronomy.

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (*Ps. 91:11*)

<sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of <sup>1</sup> the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of <sup>1</sup> the Almighty—

<sup>2</sup> **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge <sup>1</sup> and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I <sup>1</sup> put my trust.” R**

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the <sup>1</sup> LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your <sup>1</sup> habitation,

<sup>10</sup> **no evil <sup>1</sup> will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come <sup>1</sup> near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge <sup>1</sup> over you,  
to guard you in <sup>1</sup> all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> **Upon their hands they will <sup>1</sup> bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot a- <sup>1</sup> gainst a stone. R**

<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion <sup>1</sup> cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion <sup>1</sup> and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> **I will deliver those who <sup>1</sup> cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they <sup>1</sup> know my name.**

<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will <sup>1</sup> answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and <sup>1</sup> honor them.

<sup>16</sup> **With long life will I <sup>1</sup> satisfy them,  
and show them <sup>1</sup> my salvation. R**

**SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13**

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Romans.

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

<sup>8b</sup> “The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be

saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

## GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’

<sup>11</sup> and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (ELW 325)

#### APOSTLES CREED

**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.**



## PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the need to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill (*especially*). God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

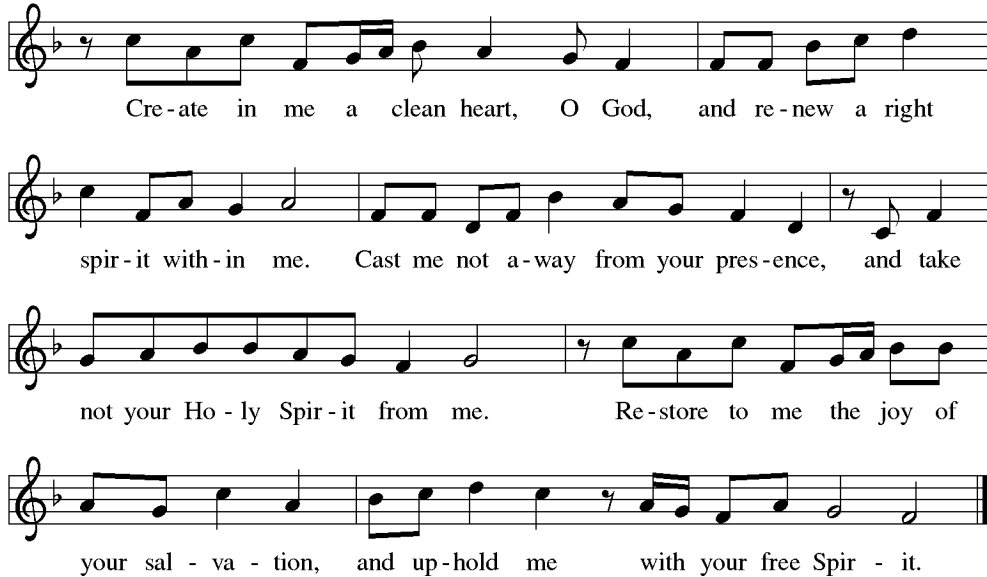
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **MUSICAL SELECTION**

## OFFERING

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church* (ELW 321)

### DISMISSAL

The worship has ended, let the service begin.  
Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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### ***DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ***March 9, 2025***

***The Altar Flowers*** are sponsored today by Courtney Van Fossen in honor of son Seth.  
***The Bulletins*** are sponsored today by Courtney Van Fossen in honor of Jessica & Seth Van Fossen.

Flower and bulletin charts for **2025** are on the bulletin board above the stairs. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. **All weeks are open for the Memorial Bowl. It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you very much for your cooperation.**

#### ***Office Hours:***

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00- 2:00  
(610)377-4242

***The Week Ahead:***

Today	9:00AM	1st Sunday in Lent Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
Monday	10:00AM	Palmer House Hymn Sing
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
	6:30PM	Choir
	7:30PM	Chime Choir
Sunday	9:00AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
	12:30PM	Confirmation (SJ)

Silent offering to benefit Always on Mission.

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY March 9 to March 15***

03/11 Kylie Cichowicz  
03/11 Zeke Green  
03/11 Patricia Walck  
03/12 Wanda Crostley  
03/12 Carol German  
03/12 Eric Williams

03/13 Colby Smith  
03/15 Corey Haupt  
03/15 Brian Heiland  
03/15 Logan Hine  
03/15 Kathleen Zanders

**Giant Gift Cards:** If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

**Anniversary Celebration:** In 2026 Dinkey Memorial will be celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the congregation in 1851. A team is being formed to coordinate the celebration and we are looking for people interested in sharing the history of the congregation and having some fun while doing so. If you are interested, the team will be meeting on March 17, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

**Altar Guild:** We are in need of people willing to help with the altar guild. Responsibilities include setting up and cleaning up communion, refilling candles, updating the hymn boards, and changing paraments. Our goal is to form altar guild teams that will rotate on a monthly basis. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pr. Tony (610-377-4242 or [prdinklc@ptd.net](mailto:prdinklc@ptd.net)).

**Fundraising:** Dinkey is selling Rita's cards for 10% off your purchase, cost is \$5.00. Please see Karen Schleicher (610)390-1125. Dinkey is also selling Streak free cloths; \$5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested.

**Vacation Bible School:** The time is now for us to plan VBS for Summer 2025, however, we are in need of help. If you are able to help in any way with coordinating, teaching, assisting in the classroom, planning snacks or games, or teaching music, please speak with Pr. Tony. Let's make this VBS another wonderful experience for our children!

**Stained Glass Windows:** Help preserve our stained glass windows by making a donation today. Your support will help us complete the work necessary to repair and upgrade the windows and preserve them for the future. You can donate by marking "Stained Glass Windows" on your envelope and memo line of your check, or by scanning the QR code to download the Vanco Mobile app. Thank you for your support and commitment to this project.



**Mamma Mia!**: The Lehigh drama club is presenting Mamma Mia on March 27, 2025 – March 29, 2025. Doors open at 6:30 PM; Show begins at 7:00 PM; Cost is \$15/ Adults, \$10/ Seniors, \$5/ Students.

March newsletters are available in the back of the church.

***MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL***

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1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Benjamin Cordova, 9300 Valencia St., Tucson, AZ 85747

***HOMEBOUND MEMBERS***

Tess Hinger	Debbie Meckel	Alice Scitney
Ruth Keck	Gordon Scherer	Debbie Strohl

***SICK/HOSPITALIZED/SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS***

Faith Beck	Joseph Gorman	Kenny Schleicher
Eli Bowland	Sonny Hack	Lukas Schleicher
Sherri Bowman	Stephen Hoffman	Todd Schleicher
Willard Doll	Doug Keller	Trisha Schleicher
Lauren Dugan	Joe Kluk	Patti Walck
Candy Everett	Deb Lilly	Sandy Walter
Ann German	Family of Dan Oswald	Betty Weber
Dick German		

We are in need of volunteers as greeters/ushers, lectors, communion assistants and altar guild. Please let the office know if you are willing to volunteer.

***WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS***

<b><u>Ministers:</u></b>	The Congregation
<b><u>Pastor:</u></b>	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
<b><u>Music Director:</u></b>	Bridgette Gorman
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	Frey
<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b>	Chase Oswald
<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	Lori German

Worship Participants for March 16, 2025:

<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	Wetzel
<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b>	Bryn Schleicher
<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	Jim Koch

## 2025 Lent and Easter Schedule

### **Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025**

2:00PM at Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church  
1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighton, PA 18235  
7:00PM at Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church  
1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighton, PA 18235



### **Midweek Lenten Worship at 7:00PM on the following dates:**

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at  
St. John's Lutheran Church, 826 Mahoning Drive West, Lehighton  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at  
St. Peter's Church, 184 St. Peter's Road, Tamaqua, PA 18252  
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at  
Zion Stone Church, 45 Cemetery Road, New Ringgold, PA 17960  
Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at  
Ben Salem UCC, 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighton, PA 18235  
Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at  
Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church, 1825 Dinkey Road, Lehighton

### **Spring Bazaar at St. John's LC, Mahoning**

Friday, April 11, 2025, 5:00 – 8:00PM  
Saturday, April 12, 2025, 8:00AM – 2:00PM  
Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday at 11:00AM

### **Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025**

7:00PM at St. Peter's Church, Tamaqua

### **Good Friday, April 18, 2025**

7:00PM at Ben Salem UCC, Lehighton



### **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

6:30AM Sunrise worship in Dinkey Memorial Cemetery  
7:00AM Breakfast at Dinkey Memorial LC  
9:00AM Worship at Dinkey Memorial LC  
10:15AM Easter Egg Hunt in Dinkey Memorial Cemetery  
10:45AM Worship at St. John's LC, Mahoning





# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

## *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

*Refrain*

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;  
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.  
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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# I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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

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

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. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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## Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

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.

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