

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**ALL: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

One: God Most High, thank you for signs of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing, that we may enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

**Hymn: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” (Blue Hymnal #80/Screen)**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**ALL: O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

One: Bring your word near to us, O God. May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your word with our whole lives until you become our dwelling place; through Jesus Christ, we pray.

**ALL: Amen.**

**EPISTLE READING: Psalm 25**

**SERMON: “The Path”**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**