



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

10:30am

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚

Voluntaries

The Glory of These Forty Days

David Cherwien

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

The congregation kneels as 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.

<We stand.>

... You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

The Glory of These Forty Days

ELW Hymn 320

GREETING

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 a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. Holy One of mighty power, **Your word is powerfully dangerous. Your word casts out demons. Your word heals incurable diseases. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

<We sit.>

READING

Psalm 122

Pew Bible page 498

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem – built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and security within your towers." For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

♩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

The Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

Pew Bible page 848

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.'"

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Titus

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Holy Wings

ELW Hymn 613

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

<We kneel.>

*Each prayer petition will end with "God, in your mercy," and the response is "receive our prayer."
At the conclusion of the prayers, we respond with ... in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. "Amen."*

<We stand.>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

..... ✚ MEAL ✚

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

Aaron David Miller

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW Hymn 188



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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious Provider, ... through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

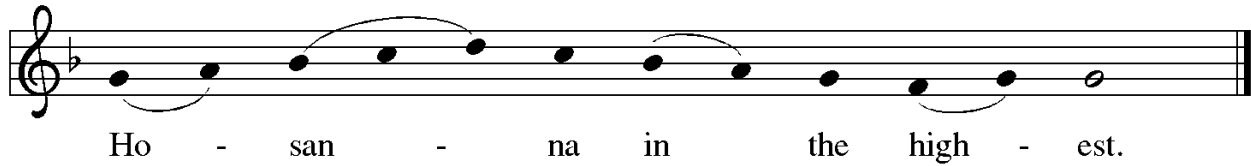
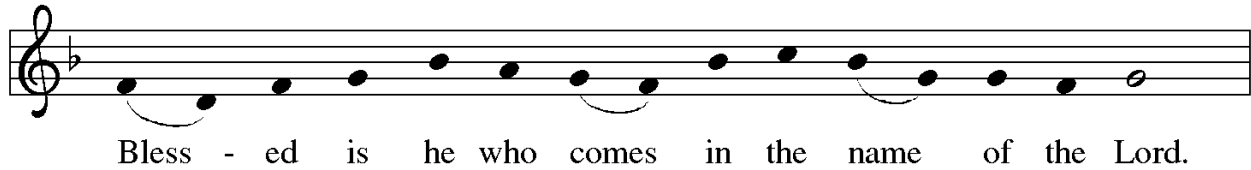
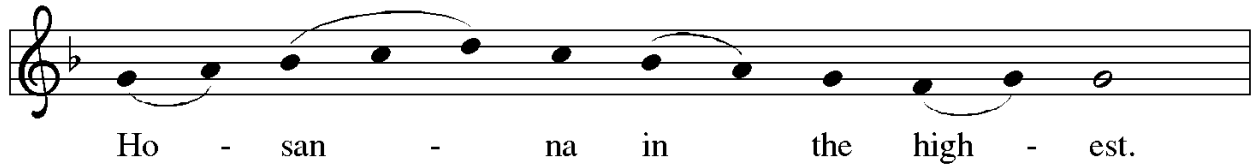
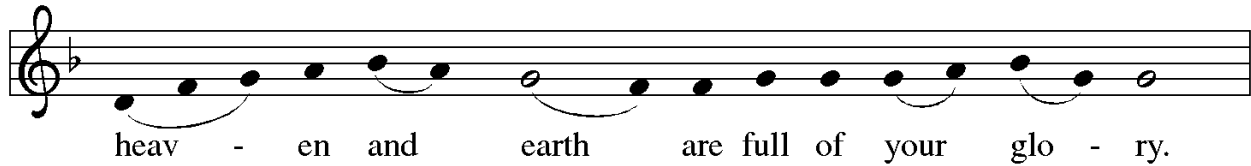
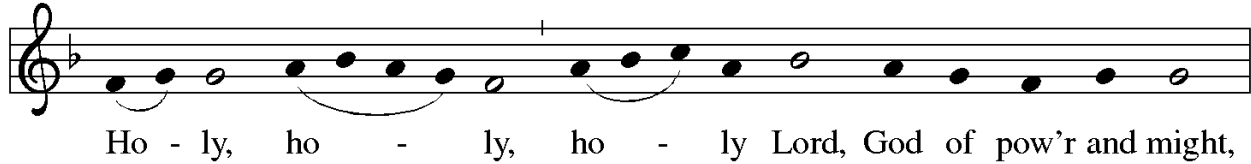
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... *here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW setting 5 page 162



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

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.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

<We sit.>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice of wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you in your pew. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request for those who need it.

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Host, ... in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

..... † **SENDING** †

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

ELW Hymn 327

<Please turn and face the rear of the nave.>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

Paul Manz

..... **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Journey with us through the season of Lent - Lenten Wednesdays - March 12th - April 9th
meal served at 6:15pm, service at 7pm in the FLC.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
16 Sun. School - 9:30am Sunday Worship - 10:30am Handbell Rehearsal - directly after worship	17 Cong. Council Mtg - 6pm	18 Library Reserved	19 Meal & Lenten Service - 6:15pm Choir Rehearsal - 8-8:45p	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23 Sun. School - 9:30am Sunday Worship - 10:30am

Worship Leadership - This Sunday
Worship Asst: Anne Caughman
Acolyte: Dennis Caughman
Crucifer: Piper Haskett
Comm Prep: Susan Hayes & Kathy Lindsay
Ushers: Tommy Fellers, Joey Nicosia,
Aubrey Guyton, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, March 23rd
Worship Asst: Mary Alex Kopp
Acolyte: Thomas Boozer
Crucifer: Gavin Garner
Comm Prep: Kathy Lindsay
Ushers: Elmer Long, Mack Garner,
Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for March 9, 2025:

Attendance:
Sunday School: 18
In-Person: 72
Online: 149
Total: 221

Offering:
Gen Operating Account: \$2,490.00
Maintenance: \$130.00
Dedicated Accounts:
Card Making Class: \$25.00

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor
Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director
Aubrey Guyton, Youth Director
Annette Belcher, Wayden Deen, or Nikki Chapman, Audio · Matt Bowers, Video
Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper

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