



# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

10:30am

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚ .....

## Voluntaries

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Joyces Jones

*Ave Verum*

Everett Titcomb

## 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**

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

*ELW Hymn 803*

## 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.**

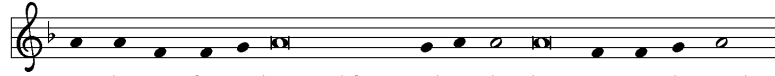
# KYRIE



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.



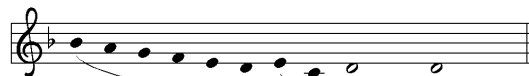
Lord, have mer - cy.



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. Rejoicing Father, **You celebrate when one of your lost children is found because no one is worthless to you. We stand humbled and in awe that you would count us among your most prized possessions. Give us eyes to see the priceless value of every living soul, for the sake of the one who became human for the sake of our souls, Jesus Christ our seeker. Amen.**

<We sit.>

**READING**

**Psalm 119:167-176**

*Pew Bible page 497*

*My soul keeps your decrees; I love them exceedingly. I keep your precepts and decrees, for all my ways are before you. Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word. Let my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise. My lips will pour forth praise, because you teach me your statutes. My tongue will sing of your promise, for all your commandments are right. Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight. Let me live that I may praise you, and let your ordinances help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek out your seroant, for I do not forget your commandments.*

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 Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 15:1-32**

*Pew Bible page 850*

*Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ... [continue following along in the pew bible provided on page 850 starting with vs. 8]*

*... <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "*

<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**

**Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

*ELW Hymn 772*

**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**

**In the Shadow of Your Wings**

**John Leavitt**

<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.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### 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**

**Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

*ELW Hymn 337*

*<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**

*Prelude in E minor*

J. S. Bach

..... ANNOUNCEMENTS .....

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

People of ALL ages are invited to come together to enjoy a "**Cross**"-**Generational Sunday School** event on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:15 in the Family Life Center. All Sunday School class members and visitors are invited to come enjoy some Biscuits and Gravy and some intergenerational "Cross"activities and crafts. This will be the first Intergenerational Sunday School Event of 2025. The next event will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please come celebrate our Youth Director, **Aubrey Guyton**, at a drop-in bridal shower: **Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30pm**. Aubrey and Gunnar are registered at Amazon and Etsy. For any further information, please contact Nikki Chapman or Erin Titus.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
23 Sun. School - 9:30am Sunday Worship - 10:30am Youth Group - 5:15pm	24 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	25 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am  Library Reserved	26 Meal & Lenten Service - 6:15pm  Choir Rehearsal - 7:30-8:30pm	27	28	29	30 Intergenerational Sunday School - 9:30am - FLC Sunday Worship - 10:30am

**Worship Leadership - This Sunday**

**Worship Asst:** Mary Alex Kopp

**Acolyte:** Thomas Boozer

**Crucifer:** Gavin Garner

**Comm Prep:** Kathy Lindsay

**Ushers:** Elmer Long, Mack Garner,

Robert Kneece, Dennis Caughman

**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Asst:** Alanna Boozer

**Acolyte:** Levi Richardson

**Crucifer:** Clyde Miller

**Comm Prep:** Ben Bowers

**Ushers:** Kathy Riggan, Nikki Chapman

Doggett Whitaker, Dennis Caughman

**Numbers for March 16, 2025:**

**Attendance:**

Sunday School: 13

In-Person: 50

Online: 206

**Total: 256**

**Offering:**

Gen Operating Account: \$8,655.39

Major Maintenance: \$315.00

Dedicated Accounts:

Fellowship: \$81.00

Easter Lilies: \$88.00

Music Fund: \$350.00

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

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