



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

10:30am

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚

Voluntaries

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Joyce Jones

As the Deer Runs to the River

Marilyn Biery

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

God Loved the World

ELW Hymn 323

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.

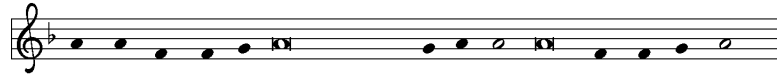
KYRIE



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.



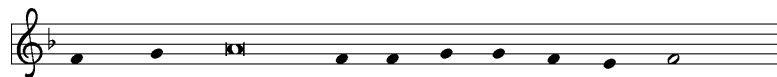
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



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. Compassionate God, How easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. **Amen.**

<We sit.>

READING

Psalm 15

Pew Bible page 430

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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 10:25-42

Pew Bible page 844

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. The he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "God and do likewise."

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed – indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

<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

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

ELW Hymn 800

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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

<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 "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

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

Richard W. Gieseke

<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.

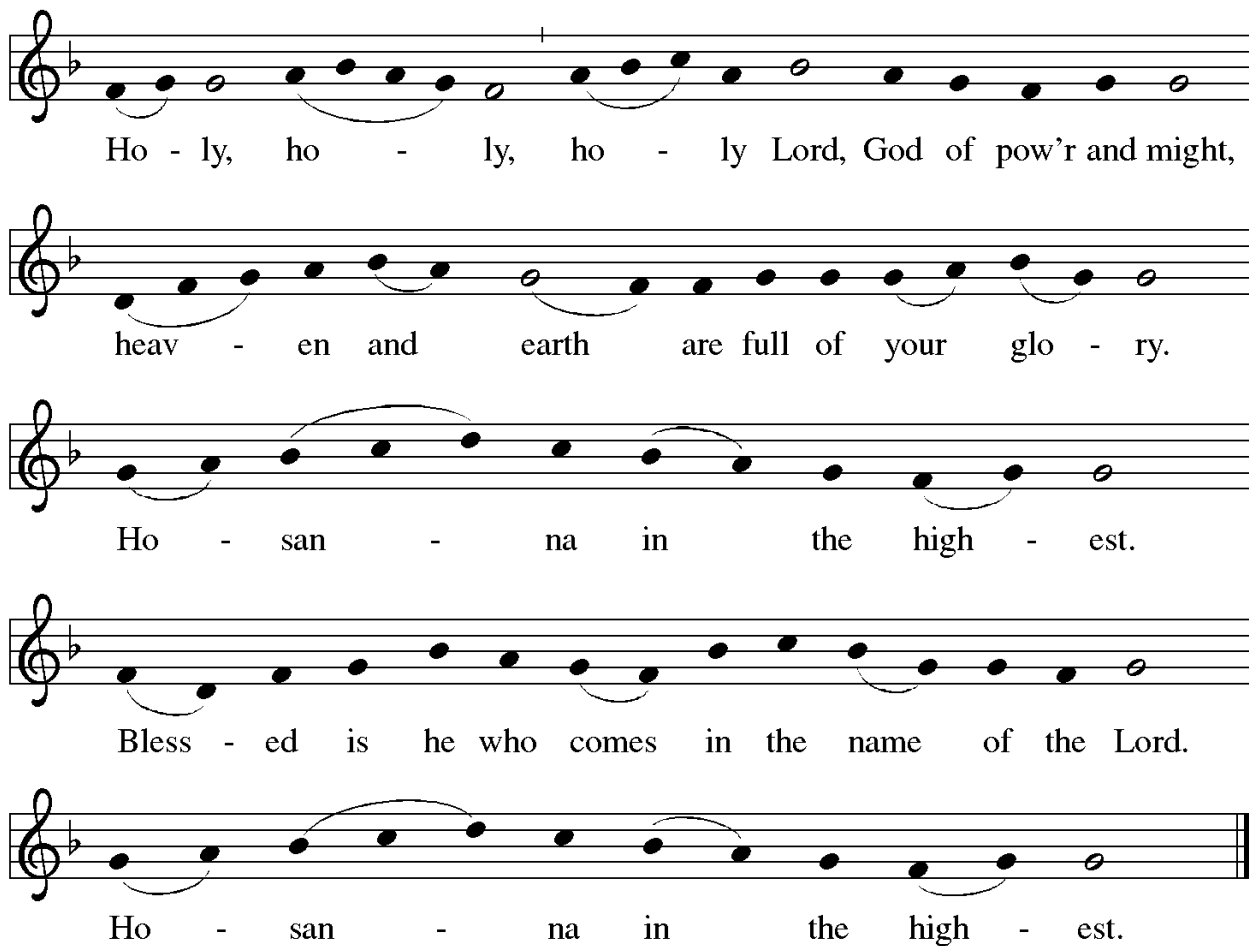
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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

We give you thanks, Father, ...
... in your holy church, both 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

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW Hymn 324

<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

Savior, When in Dust to You

Carolyn Hamlin

Today is Woman Composer Sunday. Established in 2021 by the Society of Women Organists and Royal College of Organists in the United Kingdom and adopted by the American Guild of Organists, Woman Composer Sunday raises awareness of the contributions of these composers during Women's History Month.

The voluntaries at the gathering and sending of today's service are composed and edited by women composers. Also, many of the hymns we use have been edited, translated, and arranged by women composers. We give thanks for the many contributions women have made to the life of the church.

..... 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
9 Sun. School - 9:30am Sunday Worship - 10:30am Youth - Confirmation - 4pm - SMLC Youth Group - 5:15pm	10 Prayer & Care Card Making - 9:30am	11 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am Finance Comm Mtg - 6pm LMM - 7pm Library Reserved	12 Handbell Rehearsal - 6-6:40p Lent & Meal Service - 6:15pm Choir Rehearsal - 8- 8:45p	13	14	15 GAAP - 10am	16 Sun. School - 9:30am Sunday Worship - 10:30am

Worship Leadership - This Sunday

Worship Asst: Robbie Kopp
Acolyte: Henry Chapman
Crucifer: Ashleigh Titus
Comm Prep: Robert Kneece
Ushers: Susan Thomasson, Walter Jacobs,
Justin Guy, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, March 16th

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

Numbers for March 2, 2025:

Attendance:
Sunday School: 19
In-Person: 92
Online: 107
Total: 199

Offering:
Gen Operating Account: \$3,731.16
Maintenance: \$150.00
Lenten Offering: \$30.00

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025:

Attendance:
In-Person: 63
Online: 133

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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