



***WELCOME TO***



**GLORIA DEI**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

# **2nd Sunday in Lent**

## **March 16, 2025**

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

**We welcome all who worship with us. If you are a guest, we are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our worship is always enhanced by new faces and voices. If you are already a part of our church family, welcome home.**

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## **Prelude: Voluntary**

### **WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

### **P: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. 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.**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 831 "The God of Abraham  
Praise" Verses 1-4**

**P: 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: ELW (Page 138) "In peace let us pray to  
the Lord"**

## **P: PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray....

*A brief silence is kept for our own intentions.*

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*All respond: **Amen.***

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 27



Psalm 27:5

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<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom  
then I shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall  
I I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> **When evildoers close in against me to de- I vour  
my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- I ble  
and fall.**

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart I will  
not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will I not be  
shaken.

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one I thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the  
days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of  
the LORD and to seek God I in the temple. R**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will I give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and  
raise me high up- I on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my  
enemies I who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,  
sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make  
music I to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, I when I call;  
have mercy on me and I answer me.

<sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message— I “Seek my  
face.”**

**Your face, O LORD, I I will seek. R**

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your  
ser- I vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper;  
forsake me not, O God of I my salvation.

<sup>10</sup> **Though my father and my moth- I er forsake  
me,  
the LORD will I take me in.**

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your I way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of I my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup> **Subject me not to the will I of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false  
witnesses I breathing violence.**

<sup>13</sup> This I believe—that I will see the goodness I of  
the LORD

in the land | of the living!

<sup>14</sup> **Wait for the LORD | and be strong.**

**Take heart and wait | for the LORD! R**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 177 "Lenten Acclamation"**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 13:31-35**

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*



## **HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 613 "Thy Holy Wings"**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

### **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**

**God, in your mercy,  
receive our prayer.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

## **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*A second collection is received today for our hunger ministry.*

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord, your God, which he has given you.

## **OFFERTORY: ELW 686 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads in prayer. Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

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.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

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.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS: ELW page 144 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer*

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:*

**Amen.**

...With this bread and cup

We remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P- Grace our table with your presence.

**C- Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

**C- Come, Holy Spirit.**

P- We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever

**C- Amen**

**\*The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)**

*(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).*

**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.**

## **LAMB OF GOD: ELW (page 146) "Lamb of God"**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All Baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Those who do not wish to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (fold your arms over your chest).*

*The Body is available as bread or gluten-free Host.*

*The Blood is available as wine (large chalices) or non.-alcoholic juice (small chalice). Worshipers may receive Communion via "intinction," dipping the Host into the Chalice, or by common cup, on the PULPIT side of the Altar. If you're on the Pulpit side, you may also feel free to intinct. The other chalice is for intinction ONLY.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

*The body of Christ, given for you.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

*The appropriate response is:*

*Amen.*

*During the distribution, please pray silently or join in singing.*

**Hymn: ELW 464 "Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"**  
**Choir: If You Love Me**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.  
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our  
communities, that your liberating love might nourish the  
world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW 834 "Immortal, Invisible,  
God Only Wise"**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: Voluntary**

***The end of Worship –  
The beginning of Christian Ministry.***

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## ***SERVING TODAY***

<b>Pastor:</b>		Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara
<b>Music Director:</b>		Len Cremisio
<b>Asst. Ministers:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	
Reader:		MaryJean Kancel
Crucifer:		
Communion Assistant:		
Assisting Minister:		Patricia Bressler
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick Craig Carlson, John Kelly
<b>Altar Care:</b>		Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick, Craig Carlson
<b>Post Worship Sec.:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Maureen Skurecki
<b>Counters:</b>		Arlene Kelly
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Fellowship:</b>		

**Communion Wine:** For March in Loving Memory of Allen, Emma & Helen Weber Given by Nancy & MaryJean Kancel

**Altar Flowers:** Bernadine Kirkpatrick in loving memory of Clarence Kirkpatrick. Happy Birthday.

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