



***WELCOME TO***



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

# **3rd Sunday in Lent**

## **March 23, 2025**

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

**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 445 "Wash, O God, Our  
Sons and Daughters"**

**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.*

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through 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: Isaiah 55:1-9**

*To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8



Psalm 63:1

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<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; eager- I ly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in  
a dry and weary land where there I is no water.

<sup>2</sup> **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your I holy  
place,  
that I might behold your power I and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is better than I life itself;  
my lips shall I give you praise.

<sup>4</sup> **So will I bless you as long I as I live  
and lift up my hands I in your name. R**

<sup>5</sup> My spirit is content, as with the rich- I est of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with I joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup> **when I remember you up- I on my bed,  
and meditate on you in I the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup> For you have I been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I I will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup> **My whole being I clings to you;  
your right hand I holds me fast. R**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

*Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

### **GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.*

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 508 "As Rain from the Clouds"**

*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.*

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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

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

## **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 623 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

**Choir: When You Prayed Beneath The Trees**

## **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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

✝ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW 726 "Light dawns on a weary world"**

## **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:		Linda Hide
Crucifer:		Leone Goding
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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