



***WELCOME TO***



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

# **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

## **March 9, 2025**

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

**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 333 "Jesus Is a Rock in a  
Weary Land"**

**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.*

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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**

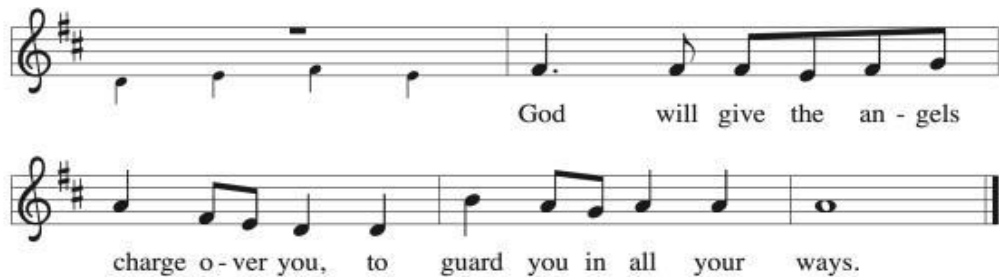
### **FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11**

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16



Psalm 91:11

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- <sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—  
<sup>2</sup> **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my  
stronghold,  
my God in whom I | put my trust.” R**  
<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your | habitation,  
<sup>10</sup> **no evil | will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**  
<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge | over you,  
to guard you in | all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup> **Upon their hands they will | bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. R**  
<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> **I will deliver those who I cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they I know my  
name.**

<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will I answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue  
and I honor them.

<sup>16</sup> **With long life will I I satisfy them,  
and show them I my salvation. R**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13**

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their  
creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

### **GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13**

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in  
the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the  
devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*

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: ACS 923 "As your Spirit in the desert"**

*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.**



## **BRIEF ORDER FOR HEALING**

*The congregation is seated*

### **Introduction:**

**P:** Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing

### **Prayer:**

Mighty God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair. In your great mercy, hear us, O God. **Amen**

### **Laying on of Hands:**

**P:** Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

*You are invited to come forward if you wish to do so.*

**P:** in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit.

### **C AMEN.**

*When all have returned to their seats, the Assisting Minister continues*

**A: Let us Pray.**

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: AMEN.**

**Blessing:**

**P:** Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in Heaven and on Earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**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.**

**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 325 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"**  
**Choir: To A Peaceful Garden**

## **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 329 "As the Sun with Longer Journey"**

## **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:		Patricia Bressler
Crucifer:		Leone Goding
Communion Assistant:		
Assisting Minister:		Ellen Clement
<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>		Linda Steege & Janet Braun
<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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