



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13, 2022 - 10:00 AM



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Nina Hall Knowlton by Calvin and Anne Harmon.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Katie Brown
Preaching	Jim Parham
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Donna Potts
Cantor	Jeff Rehm
Prayers	Andrew Weiner
Greeters	Mark Allen Bonnie Farmer Anne Harmon Calvin Harmon Chris Sullivan Terri Sullivan Sarah Weeks
Ushers	Pattimarie Janssen David Nichols Karen Nichols
Video	Greg Hamluk
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, †
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

**Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.

In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

Amen.

**Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness
vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who
yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the
bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven,
light years away, here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and
make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

THE 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.



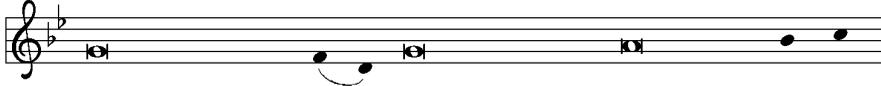
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, 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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



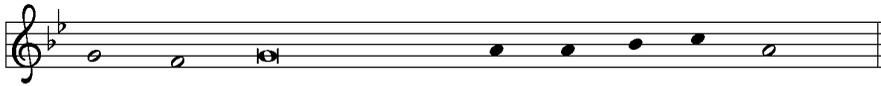
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



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. 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.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from Genesis.

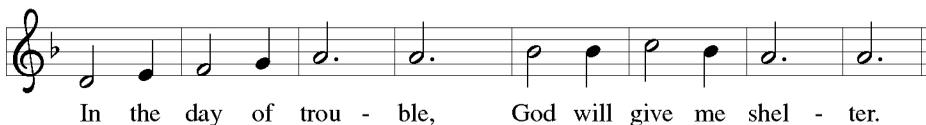
¹ After these events, the word of God came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.” ² Abram said, “But my Sovereign, My God, what good are these blessings to me, so long as Sarai and I will die in disgrace? My only heir is a foreigner who lives in my household, Eliezer of Damascus. ³ Since you have given me no offspring,” Abram continued, “an attendant in my house will be my heir.” ⁴ Then the word of God came to Abram and said, “This person will not be your heir. Your heir will be of your own flesh and blood.” ⁵ Then God took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can! As many as that, you will have for descendants.” ⁶ Abram believed God, and God accounted it to Abram as righteousness. ⁷ God then said to Abram, “I am God who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” ⁸ Abram asked, “Sovereign God, how am I to know that I will possess it?” ⁹ God answered Abram, “Bring me a heifer, a goat, and a ram, each three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ Abram brought all of these, cut them in half, and placed each half opposite the other—except the birds, which he did not cut up. ¹¹ Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was about to set, a trance fell over Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. ¹⁷ When the sun had set and it was dark, a smoking brazier and a flaming torch appeared, which passed between the halves of the sacrifices. ¹⁸ On that day God made this covenant with Abram.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.

Psalm
Refrain



Psalm
Tone



- ¹The 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 be afraid?
- ²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**
- ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart I will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
- ⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one 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 in the temple. R**
- ⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.
- ⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing
and make music to the LORD.**
- ⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ⁸**My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, I will seek. R**
- ⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation
- ¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**
- ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- ¹²**Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**
- ¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD! R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

A reading from Philippians.

Join in following my example, my sisters and brothers. Take as your guide those who follow the example that we set. ¹⁸ Unfortunately, many go about in a way which shows them to be enemies of the cross of Christ. I have often said this to you before; this time I say it with tears: ¹⁹ their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and their glory is in their shame. I'm talking about those whose minds are set on the things of this world. ²⁰ But we have our citizenship in heaven; it's from there that we eagerly await the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of the glorified body, by Christ's power to bring everything under subjection. ^{4:1} For these reasons, my sisters and brothers—you whom I so love and long for, you who are my joy and my crown—continue, my dear ones, to stand firm in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God for the people of God.

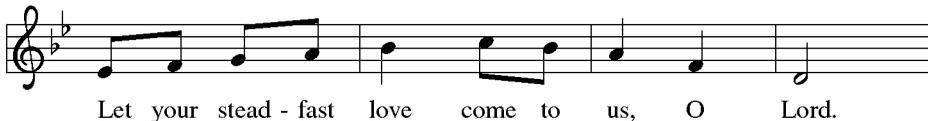
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

How is God like a chicken?

Stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Vulnerability of God

Stand as able

Prayer cards may be placed on the cross during the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

#722

**O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.**

**As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.**

**O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.**

**O Love, that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

As a hen gathers her brood under her wings, so do you gather your church. Unify Christians around the globe to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition. Strengthen your church to leave this time of pandemic more resilient, flexible, and compassionate than ever before. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

As a hen gathers her brood under her wings, so do you protect all of creation. You call the entirety of the universe good. Hinder those who seek to cause further destruction to our planet's ever fragile ecosystems and augment the call of all those who advocate for stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

As a hen gathers her brood under her wings, we ask you to gather the people of Ukraine close to you. Cleanse our world of the evils of strife, envy, greed, and power. Unite the hands of all those who seek the common good. Strengthen the hearts of your people so they are not broken by the evil hands of war. Make us diligent, and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

As a hen gathers her brood under her wings, so do the women in our lives care for us. We celebrate March as Women's History Month. Thank you for all the cherished women in our lives and in our histories: mothers, sisters, friends, and neighbors. May women across the globe continue to be empowered. May the dream of gender equity finally become a reality. Continue filling your church with female identifying leaders. Shine your love upon transgender women and those transitioning to the women you create them to be so that they all may deeply know the love you offer. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

As a hen gathers her brood under her wings, so do you hear our cries. Attend to all those who are in need. Embolden us to continue crying out for you in times of sickness and sorrow. Help those who are grieving to endure and those who are ill to find comfort, remembering those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

As a hen gathers her brood under her wings, so do you care for those in our world who live on the margins. Make our world a more just and equitable place. Bring an end to the racism and hatred that continues to plague the lives of our black and brown siblings. Cover members of the LGBTQIA+ community with the warmth of your love, especially those who are just coming out as queer today, tomorrow, or yesterday. Bring tangible hope to those suffering with mental illness and those suffering in poverty. Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

As a hen gathers her brood under her wings, so do you welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for all those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather us all into the warmth of your loving arms. Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

All are encouraged to remain at your seats and extend a sign of peace by waving, bowing, making the peace sign, placing your hand over your heart, or sending a text.

Please be seated.

HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

#188

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right
spirit within me. Cast me not away from your
presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Stand as able.

Let us pray. Extravagant God,
**you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

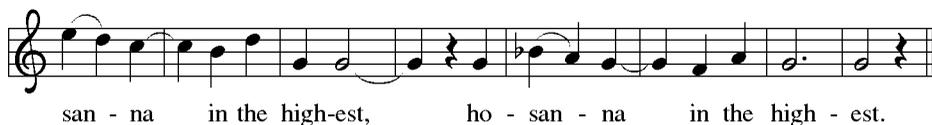
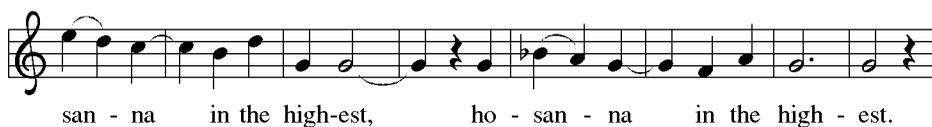
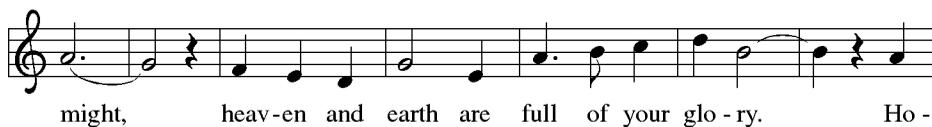
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

Please be seated

COMMUNION

*Worshippers will come forward to receive the bread and
wine and then return to their seats to consume the elements.*

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's love and grace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMN

Thy Holy Wings

#613

**Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.**

**Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.**

**Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.**

Stand as able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
✚ bless you this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

#811

**On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, king of grace,
that life's troubles nor its pleasures ever may your work erase.**

**Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
is my life, my hope's foundation, all my glory and salvation!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Please take a prayer card from the cross with you as you leave and hold that prayer
request in your prayers throughout the week.*

*Everyone is invited to gather for refreshments and fellowship
outside the doors closest to the playground., weather permitting.*

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