



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 20, 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 thanksgiving and appreciation for the Pastors and staff by David and Donna Potts.

# SERVING TODAY

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Assisting Minister

Patrick Preacher

Pianist and Choir Director

Jim Parham

Lector

Jonathan Preacher

Cantor

Ann Coon

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Ida Blalock

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Andrew Weiner  
Melanie Wessinger  
Donice Winslow

Ushers

Bonnie Farmer  
David Nichols  
Karen Nichols

Video

Henry Wilcox

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.**

*Prayer cards may be placed on the cross during the Gathering Hymn.*

GATHERING HYMN

*Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*

#777

**“Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.  
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live.”**

*Refrain*

***Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.***

**“Come to me, all trav’lers weary; come that I may give you rest.  
Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest.”** *Refrain*

**“Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.  
Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face.”** *Refrain*

**“Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.  
Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name.”** *Refrain*

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.



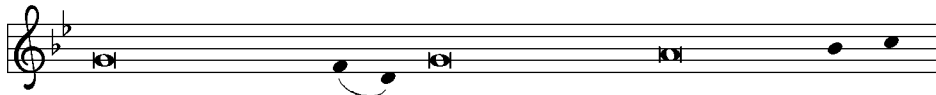
Lord, have mer - cy.



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. 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.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> “All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy food and eat! Come, buy wine and milk, without money, without price! <sup>2</sup> Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you will eat well, you will delight in rich fare; <sup>3</sup> bend your ear and come to me, listen, that you may have life: I will make an everlasting Covenant with you in fulfillment of the blessings promised to David. <sup>4</sup> See, I have made of you to be a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the nations. <sup>5</sup> See, you will summon nations you never knew, and nations that never knew you will come hurrying to you for the sake of God, the Holy One of Israel, who will glorify you. <sup>6</sup> Seek me, God, while I may still be found, call upon me while I am near! <sup>7</sup> Let the corrupt abandon their ways, the evil their thoughts. Let them return to God, and I will have mercy on them; return to God, for I will freely pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways, my ways,” says God. <sup>9</sup> “As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*The refrain is introduced by the cantor*

Psalm 63:1-8

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.*

*Psalm  
Refrain*



*Psalm  
Tone*



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A reading from first Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>I want you to remember this: our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; <sup>2</sup>by the cloud and the sea all of them were baptized into Moses. <sup>3</sup>All ate the same spiritual food. <sup>4</sup>All drank the same spiritual drink—they drank from the spiritual rock that was following them, and the rock was Christ, <sup>5</sup>yet we know that God was not pleased with most of them, for “they were struck down in the desert.” <sup>6</sup>These things happened as an example to keep us from evil desires such as theirs. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolators, as some of them were, for scripture says, “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” <sup>8</sup>We must not take part in sexual immorality, as some of them did; twenty-three thousand of them died in one day. <sup>9</sup>We must not test our God, as some of them did; they were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup>Nor are you to grumble as some of them did, for which they were killed by the destroying angel. <sup>11</sup>The things that happened to them serve as an example and have been written as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>For all these reasons, let those who think they are standing upright watch out lest they fall! <sup>13</sup>No test has overtaken you but what is common to all people. You can be confident that God is faithful and will not let you be tested beyond your means. And with any trial God will provide you with a way out of it, as well as the strength to bear the trial.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Open Our Eyes, Lord*  
by Bob Cull

Children's and Youth Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Everything We Need*

*Stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the thirteenth chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On the same occasion, there were people present who told Jesus about some Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their own sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> Jesus replied, "Do you think these Galileans were the greatest sinners in Galilee just because they suffered this? <sup>3</sup> Not at all! I tell you, you'll all come to the same end unless you change your ways. <sup>4</sup> Or take those eighteen who were killed by a falling tower in Siloam. Do you think they were more guilty than anyone else who has lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> Certainly not! I tell you, you'll all come to the same end unless you change your ways." <sup>6</sup> Jesus told this parable: "There was a fig tree growing in a vineyard. <sup>7</sup> The owner came out looking for fruit on it, but didn't find any. The owner said to the vine dresser, 'Look here! For three years now I've come out in search of fruit on this fig tree and have found none. Cut it down. Why should it clutter up the ground?' <sup>8</sup> "In reply, the vine dresser said, 'Please leave it one more year while I hoe around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine; if not, then let it be cut down.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*



*Stand as able*

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Restore in Us, O God*

#328

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

**O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r;  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flow'r.**

**Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.**

**Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.**

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

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

We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry.

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

We pray for the health of this planet and all its creatures. Bless farmers and home gardeners alike as they begin sowing seeds into your earth. Guide us all in making sustainable choices to protect fragile ecosystems. Remind us daily that you created even the tiniest ants and call them good.

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Strengthen those of us who are seen by the world as a fig tree bearing no fruit. You are our gardener. Nourish our lives and spirits with your love, mercy, and compassion so the world might see we all produce good fruit in your sight. We pray especially for the queer community. They have been wrongfully told by religion that you seek to cut them down. Sustain them on their journey to discovering the often-unimaginable truth of your love.

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Hear those who call upon you for mercy. Make a way for those living with poverty and hunger to access the resources they need not just to survive, but to thrive. Bless all those working in the medical field caring for the sick, the injured, the mentally ill, and the aging. Comfort all who are hospitalized, in need of healing, or near death, remembering those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ...

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Continue to call this congregation to the important work of advocacy of human rights for all. Amplify those voices whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations. Encourage those who work to promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. Strengthen the resolve of those remaining on the front lines and comfort all those mourning unimaginable loss. We pray for the Russian Orthodox Church whose leaders are using this moment and your name to pedal hateful theology about your beloved queer children. Soften their hearts and open their eyes to the truth of your love. Allow us to experience a world in which Christianity stops advocating for war.

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give you thanks. We praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in 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.**

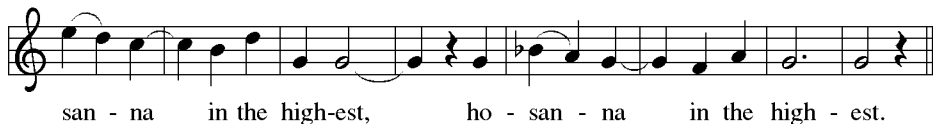
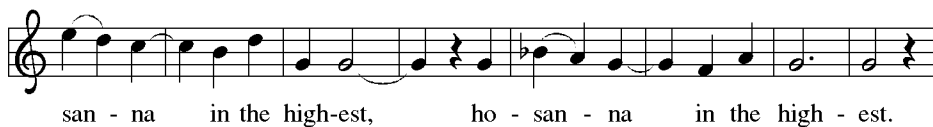
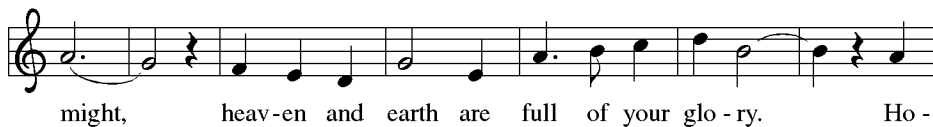
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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

*As the Deer Runs to the River*

#331

**As the deer runs to the river, parched and weary from the chase,  
we have come from hurt and hurry, thirsting for your healing grace.**

*Refrain*

***Jesus, source of living water, may we drink of you and live!***

**When your Israel crossed the desert where no stream or spring was seen,  
Moses struck the rock, and water flowed for them, refreshing, clean. *Refrain***

**“Come and drink,” Isaiah summoned, “all who for God’s mercy plead!  
God’s forgiveness, like a fountain, flows to satisfy your need.” *Refrain***

**Christ, we come from desert places, deepest thirst unsatisfied.  
Lead us to the waters flowing from the cross on which you died. *Refrain***

*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 you prayers throughout the week.*

*Everyone is invited to gather for refreshments and fellowship  
in the back corner of the gym following worship.*

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