



LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2023 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



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 memory of their son, Andrew Sullivan, by Chris and Terri Sullivan.

SERVING TODAY

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| Presiding Minister and Preaching | Susan Crowell |
| Assisting Minister | Lindsay Hawkins |
| Pianist and Choir Director | Jim Parham |
| Lector | Margaret Roth |
| Gospel Lector | Jerry Salley |
| Cantor | Melanie Helling |
| Prayers | Carl Brune |
| Communion Assistant | Angie Hager |
| Acolytes | Peyton Roth Abby Sease |
| Greeters | Mark Allen Bonnie Farmer Mary Beth Ridenhour |
| Ushers | Danny Fagala Lani Ludian Franklin Sease Chris Wannemacher |
| Refreshment Hosts | Angie and Emily Hager |
| Video | Henry Wilcox |
| Audio | Gregg Alley |

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

+ forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely
live, a place where saints and children tell how
hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and
visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and
true, where all God's children dare to seek to
dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as
witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we
claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and
wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where
peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through
Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in
Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and
stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and
live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the
stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an
end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions
heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as
words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and
laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house
proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

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.



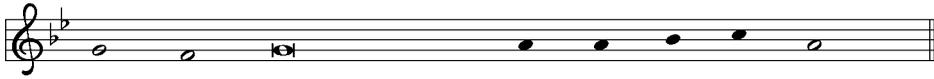
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



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. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink the living water and to share that living water with those who have been marginalized, rejected, and condemned. Use us to create safe, brave spaces in your church so that all might have a place through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm
Refrain



Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Psalm
Tone



- ¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
 let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- ²**Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
 and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**
- ³For you, LORD, | are a great God,
 and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
- ⁴**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
 the heights of the hills are | also yours.**
- ⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
 and your hands have molded | the dry land.
- ⁶**Come, let us worship | and bow down,
 let us kneel before the | LORD our maker. R**
- ⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of
 God's hand.
 Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!
- ⁸**"Harden | not your hearts,
 as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**
- ⁹There your ancestors | tested me,
 they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.
- ¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,
 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.'**
- ¹¹Indeed I swore | in my anger,
 'They shall never come | to my rest.'" **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

A reading from Romans.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God's love has been proven for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of God's Only Begotten, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by that one's life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation

The Word of God for the people of God.

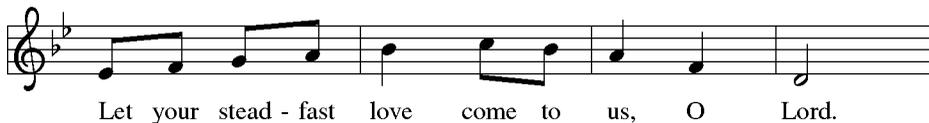
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Family of God

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship God neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship God in spirit and truth, for God seeks to be worshipped by such as these. ²⁴God is spirit and must be worshiped in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost
descend! Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls your people send! Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!**

**God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your
purpose purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body,
let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice,
kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!**

**God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from
lethargy! Break the chains of sin asunder,
for earth's healing set us free! Crumble walls that still divide us;
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!**

**God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's
restlessness! Where the people cry in anguish,
may we share your heart's distress. Rouse us from content with evil;
claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!**

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Continue to enliven this congregation's partnership with other local congregations as part of GOAL Justice Ministry. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all may experience your life-giving love. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Bless the bees now buzzing around us, doing your good work of pollination. Grant relief to those of us suffering with seasonal allergies and a way to see the beauty the pollen brings. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, sexuality, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Bless our queer siblings across the globe, granting those who face severe oppression a way to experience safety and live authentically. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Grant a way forward for those who face difficulties with ADD and ADHD. Provide hope for the depressed and solace for the anxious. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Give them your living water always. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

We pray for those who identify as female as we commemorate Women's History Month. The woman at the well was brave in breaking the patriarchal norms of her society to speak with Jesus. May we feel dismay at the disciple's shock that Jesus was speaking to a woman. Continue to lift up all those who identify as female as beloved, worthy, and equal citizens of your Kin-dom come. Help us to honor the women in our midst. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

We pray for this congregation, especially those who continue to dedicate their time, talent, and treasure for the service of your Gospel. May they know their contributions make a world of difference. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.
And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERING

O Come, Everyone that Thirsteth
by Felix Mendelssohn

Adult Choir

Please stand as able

OFFERING 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.**

Let us pray, God of good gifts,
**receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

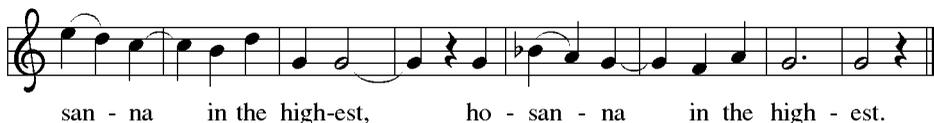
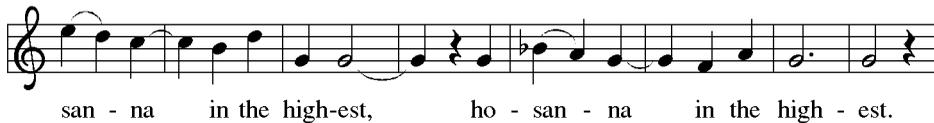
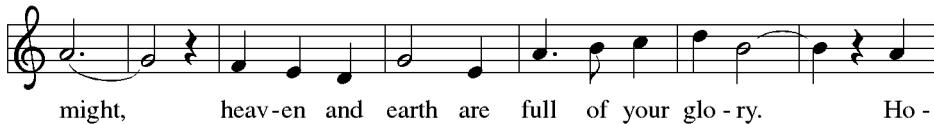
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

*Worshipers will come forward to receive a wafer
and a small cup of wine.*

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.

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

#531

The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin. The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.

Come and revel in heaven's love and light.

Take your place at the table of the King.

The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine. *Refrain*

The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise. Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord. *Refrain*

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."**

**I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."**

**I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.**

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

#492

Refrain

***Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the goodness of God.
Bread of life, cup of love, we rejoice in your presence.***

**I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
in my God I glory forever: listen and rejoice! *Refrain***

**Look upon the Lord, be radiant, never turn away.
God will save in ev'ry affliction, hear us when we pray. *Refrain***

**Angels fold their wings around us, guard through good and ill.
Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing; taste, and have your fill. *Refrain***

**Saints of God, bow down and worship, bless the holy name.
Rise to tell God's greatness forever, wondrous deeds proclaim! *Refrain***

Please stand as able

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.

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. Serve in love.
Listen for the parched voices of the least of these.
Search out the dry places and the arid souls.
Become for all a spring of life-giving water.

Thanks be to God.

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

All Are Welcome
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