

1st of Lent March 9, 2025

Prelude

Announcements

Confession & Absolution

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Opening Hymn

O Love, How Deep

ELW 322

Apostolic Greeting

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**

Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

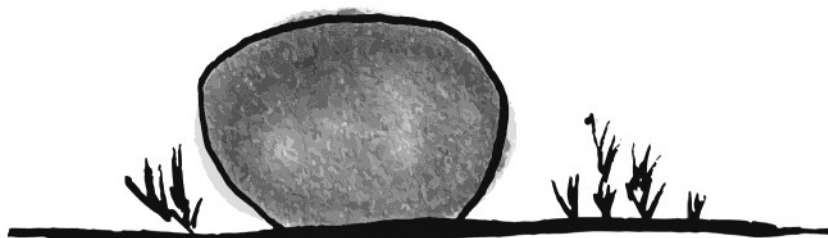
L Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C **Thanks be to God!**



Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-161-17 *chanted responsively*

¹ You who dwell in the shelter of ^l the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of ^l the Almighty—
² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge ^l and my stronghold,
my God in whom I ^l put my trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the ^l LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your ^l habitation,
¹⁰ **no evil ^l will befall you,
nor shall affliction come ^l near your dwelling.**

¹¹ For God will give the angels charge ^l over you,
to guard you in ^l all your ways.
¹² **Upon their hands they will ^l bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- ^l gainst a stone.**

¹³ You will tread upon the lion ^l cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion ^l and the serpent.
¹⁴ **I will deliver those who ^l cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they ^l know my name.**

¹⁵ They will call me, and I will ^l answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and ^l honor them.
¹⁶ **With long life will I ^l satisfy them,
and show them ^l my salvation.**

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8b-13

^{8b} “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Holy Wisdom Holy Word. **C Thanks be to God**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

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**C Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Holy Gospel according to Luke in the 4th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. This is the Gospel of Our Lord. **C Praise to you, Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

On Eagle's Wings

ELW 787

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 the Church

L Saved by the One whose desert testing did not cause him to forsake his holy calling, we look for ways to share the Good News of the Gospel with every tested soul. Let the people say "Speak, Lord, your servants are listening."

C Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

AM May your whole diverse congregation, across the world and throughout the ages, cling to our faith in the face of all tests and temptations. May we, following our Lord, not forsake our holy calling to be agents of grace in all circumstances, we pray

C Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

AM May the powerbrokers of the world refrain from trying to tempt the faithful away from our dependence upon God, or away from our passion to love and serve all our neighbors, we pray

C Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

AM May the earth and all its creatures, feel the tender stewardship of God's people as we labor to repair and restore that which we have trampled or abused, we pray,

C Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

AM May we, with humble confidence, now raise our own prayers out loud or in silence..... For these things we pray,

C Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

AM Especially for the children of the world, the war-torn, the hungry, the homeless, the ill, the abandoned, the enslaved, and the terrorized, that they may find in God's people a haven of compassion, comfort, healing, and love, we pray,

C Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

L And for any other needs, Lord, that you see that we have, we pray, **C Amen**

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The Offering is received and the table is prepared.

Anthem: Into the Garde Douglas Nolan, Music: Peter Lutkin, Arr. Douglas Nolan

Into the garden the Savior went as night began to fall. Into the garden the Savior went as grace began to call. In agony he prayed alone, in deepest grief his spirit groaned. He prayed, "O Father, thy will be done," when into the garden he went. Into the garden the Savior went as stars began to fade. Into the garden the Savior went. in agony he prayed. The shadows of Gethsemane fell hard from every olive tree as Jesus saw his destiny when into the garden he went. Into the garden the Savior went beyond Golgotha's hill. Into the garden the Savior went, redemption to fulfill. It was in love he gave his life, the Rose was crushed to pay the price, with blood he purchased paradise when into the garden he went, went into the garden he went.

The Offertory is sung

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.

The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving –

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L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is spoken

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:

Sanctus

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

Leader continues with the Great Thanksgiving.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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 Agnus Dei

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,
Lamb of God.**

All are welcome to the table of the Lord.

Communion is distributed.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction *spoken*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

ELW 325

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love, and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley
Francine Ahrens
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens
Peggy Ali
Joyce Almsted
Connie Aparo
Phil Bascetta
Eli Boda
Kathleen Bowler
Cherie Brown
Sharon Cable
Nancy Campbell
Carol Cianciolo
Cheryl Corey
Emma Cortina
Leif Dallaire
Emily Decker
Linda Dellano
Carla Derrickson
Sigrid Devita
Irene Douglas
Judy Elliott
Mark Ebbeskotte
Jan Eucalitto
Pamela Ewing
Jennifer Ezzo
Bruce & Liz Falls
Eric Fernandez
Ashley Friday
Rosemarie Foth
John Fox
Joan Gerard
Danise Hall
Jack & Barbara Heintz
Brayden Herzberg
Kathleen Hilton
Shannon Hilton
Jake Hoadley
Sven Holmgren
Erma Horn
Amy Rose Jensen
Ann Jones
Eunice Jones
Lynn Killingbeck
Marilyn Killingbeck

Jason Lashbrook
John Lewis
David Little
Rebecca Little
Kari Machowski
Mary Ellen Mackinnon
Jerry MacManus
Audrey & Ernie Marquard
Abigail Marine
Eric Marine
Richard Marine
Janis Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin
Gladys Medina
Michael Meyers
Kate Merrow
Colin Moore
Brigitte Mueller
Dennis Nalette
Karen Ness
Greg O'Brien
Tom O'Brien
Lea Orriola & family
Russell Palmer
Maria Payne
Bill Pierson
Jackie Quinn Wassik
Caroline Quintal
Roman Radzins
Ed & Susan Regner
Jonathan Richard
Louise Roche
Judy Schaller
Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Denae Seelye
Teri Seleman
Patricia Weingart Seymour
Rob Simon
Matt Simpson
Christopher Slate
Dana Steele
Sigrid Smitley
Paul Smith
Jennifer Stella
Deb & Jon Sterling

RuthAnn Stone
Diane Tanner
Gloria Thibault
Julia Thompson Carroll
Susan Tyciensi
Chamo Vega
Renee Woodard
Clarence & Priscilla
Ed
Jen O.
Jaiden
Shirley
Steve
Lou W.
Steve
Todd
Robert K.
Terry
Joe
Rosie
Carol G.
Kristen & Jared
Vinny
Hagbard
Carolina
Robert P.
Peanut
Colleen
Ken
Jaxson

Friends and Family of Brian Donovan & Fred Mercier

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Calvin Bensch

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the
World and King of Peace,
watch over our sons and
daughters in the service of
their Country. Protect them
from the physical and
moral dangers. Keep them
close to you and help them
live the commandments.
Lord, Jesus give them
courage to serve their
country with honor and
dignity. Be with them
when they are in danger;
strengthen them when they
face hardship. Above all
Lord, grant that when their
service is finished that they
may return to us, sound in
mind, body and soul.

Amen.

Tyler Quinn

Eric Beyus

Major Zachary Fulton

Brandan Holbrook

Jonathan Connell

Tom Gregg, Jr.

Eric Bremer

Peter Hutchinson

S/W Anderson James Ernst

USCG

SPC Dominic Boscarino

PVT Noah Braatz

PVT 2 Christian Braatz

Committee Meetings	Date	Time
Council	3/10	7:00 pm
Chris. Ed.	3/17	6:30 pm
Worship & Music	3/19	6:00 pm
I/T via Zoom	3/19	7:30 pm
Worship & Music	3/20	6:00 pm
Women of the ELCA	3/24	6:30 pm

***BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays 6 pm via Zoom and
Wednesdays 10am***

Tai Chi 11:00 am & Quilting Group 1:00 pm on
Wednesdays



Offerings Summary:
Needed Weekly \$4,561
Actually Received \$3,134
Shortfall (\$1,427)
YTD Shortfall (\$8,785)

Around the Church	Date	Time
Jean's Retirement Party	3/9	11 am
Fellowship Dinner	3/29	5:30 pm

**Lenten Potluck & Service Thursdays at 6pm
during the Lenten Season**

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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The Fellowship Committee presents



**Chicken Lombardy, Rice Pilaf, Veggies,
Salad, Bread, Dessert**

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Fellowship – 5:15pm

Dinner – 6pm

Eat-In or Take Out

\$15.00 – Adults \$9.00 – Kids 5-10

Food, Fellowship, Drawing, Fun!

Tickets available on Sundays after church
or @ Church Office info. 860-482-3555