

2nd of Lent March 16, 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 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church ELW 321

Children's Sermon

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 **Pg. 138-139**

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 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.

C Amen

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess."⁸ But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates." Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

Psalm 27 *chanted responsively*

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then [|] 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 de-[|] vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum-[|] ble and fall.**

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart [|] 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.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will ¹ give me shelter,
 hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- ¹ on a rock.
⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies ¹ who surround me.**
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing
and make music ¹ to the LORD.
⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, ¹ when I call;
 have mercy on me and ¹ answer me.
⁸ **My heart speaks your message— ¹ “Seek my face.”**
Your face, O LORD, ¹ I will seek.
⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- ¹ vant in anger.
 Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of ¹ my salvation.
¹⁰ **Though my father and my moth- ¹ er forsake me,**
the LORD will ¹ take me in.
¹¹ Teach me your ¹ way, O LORD;
 lead me on a level path, because of ¹ my oppressors.
¹² **Subject me not to the will ¹ of my foes,**
for they rise up against me, false witnesses ¹ breathing violence.
¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness ¹ of the LORD
 in the land ¹ of the living!
¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD ¹ and be strong.**
Take heart and wait ¹ for the LORD!

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8b-13

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}
 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. 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 13th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He 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. ³³ Yet 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.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, 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! ³⁵ See, 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 Our Lord. **C Praise to you, Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Thy Holy Wings

ELW 613

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 Living within the grace of the New Covenant, we stand in confident trust as we lift prayers for all people and the whole world, Let the people say "Speak, Lord, your servants are listening." **People: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**

AM In the face of threats against our most basic ministries to those in need, we are bold to pray for our Lord's guidance and protection, we pray **People: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**

AM Some in power seek to build a world shaped by God's mercy and love; help us, Lord to support them. Some in power seek to undermine the ways of God's healing and restoration; help us, Lord, to resist them, we pray **People: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**

AM May the fertile earth bring forth food and resources for the thriving of all living creatures, and may we distribute them fairly to all the human race, we pray, **People: 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, **People: 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, **People: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.**

L And for any other needs, Lord, that you see that we have, we pray, **People: 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: Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Arr: David Angerman

To see the King of heaven fall in anguish to his knees, the light and hope of all the world now overwhelmed with grief. What nameless horrors must he see, to cry out in the garden: "Oh take this cup away from me, yet not my will but yours, yet not my will but yours." To know each friend will fall away, and heaven's voice be still, for hell to have its vengeful day upon Golgotha's hill. No words describe the Savior's plight, to be by God forsaken till wrath and love are satisfied and every sin is paid, and every sin is paid. By the gloom that veiled the skies or the dreadful sacrifice, listen to our humble sigh; Hear our penitential cry! What took him to this wretched place, what kept him on this road? His love for Adam's cursed race, for every broken soul. No sin too slight to overlook, no crime too great to carry, all mingled in this poisoned cup, and yet he drank it all. The Savior drank it all.

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

Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer

ELW 618

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
Ed & Susan Regner
Jonathan Richard
Louise Roche
Holly Schaff
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 Tycienski
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 Gloria Bentley

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Calvin Bensch
Judy Schaller

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
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

Around the Church	Date	Time
Breakfast– Mens & Womens	3/19	8:30 am
Fellowship Dinner	3/29	5:30 pm
Annual Meeting Part II	5/4	8:00 am

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

**Palm Sunday looking for readers for the
interactive Gospel reading.**



**Offerings Summary:
Needed Weekly \$4,561
Actually Received \$3,802
Shortfall (\$759)
YTD Shortfall (\$9,514)**

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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

ANNUAL MEETING



**Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Part II
Potluck Breakfast, Committee Fair &
Vote on the Constitution**

Sunday, May 4th 8:00 to 9:30 am

The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall with a **potluck breakfast at 8:00 am followed by the meeting. We urge all to attend to hear what are various ministries and committees have done in the past year and to vote on the updates to the constitution.**