

# Wednesdays in Lent 2021

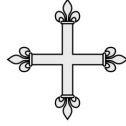
**Created For Community:  
Never Alone**

**March 10, 2021 7:00 pm**  
*In Community With Our Neighbor*

**Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School**

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## Wednesday Evening Midweek Service

### Welcome

### Invocation

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### Prayer

Let us pray.  
Neighbor to all people, you call us into human communities to serve and be served by one another. Open our hearts to the needs of all our neighbors, and teach us to recognize the gifts you have given each of us to use in service to others. In Jesus' name we pray.  
**Amen.**

Oremos

Vecino de todas las personas, nos llamas a las comunidades humanas para servirnos y ser servidos los unos por los otros. Abre nuestro corazón a las necesidades de todos nuestros vecinos y enséñanos a reconocer los dones que nos has dado a cada uno de nosotros para usarlos al servicio de los demás. En el nombre de Jesús oramos.  
**Amen.**

### Scripture

In community with our neighbor

Mark 2:1-12

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone? At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the paralytic — I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home. And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Entró Jesús otra vez en Capernaum después de algunos días; y se oyó que estaba en casa. E inmediatamente se juntaron muchos, de manera que ya no cabían ni aun a la puerta; y les predicaba la palabra. Entonces vinieron a él unos trayendo un paralítico, que era cargado por cuatro. Y como no podían acercarse a él a causa de la multitud, descubrieron el techo de donde estaba, y haciendo una abertura, bajaron el lecho en que yacía el paralítico. Al ver Jesús la fe de ellos, dijo al paralítico: Hijo, tus pecados te son perdonados. Estaban allí sentados algunos de los escribas, los cuales cavilaban en sus corazones: ¿Por qué habla éste así? Blasfemias dice. ¿Quién puede perdonar pecados, sino sólo Dios? Y conociendo luego Jesús en su espíritu que cavilaban de esta manera dentro de sí mismos, les dijo: ¿Por qué caviláis así en vuestros corazones? ¿Qué es más fácil, decir al paralítico: Tus pecados te son perdonados, o decirle: Levántate, toma tu lecho y anda? Pues para que sepáis que el Hijo del Hombre tiene potestad en la tierra para perdonar pecados (dijo al paralítico): A ti te digo: Levántate, toma tu lecho, y vete a tu casa. Entonces él se levantó en seguida, y tomando su lecho, salió delante de todos, de manera que todos se asombraron, y glorificaron a Dios, diciendo: Nunca hemos visto tal cosa.

Palabra de Dios

**Demos gracias a Dios**

## **Reflection**

Dr. Wee

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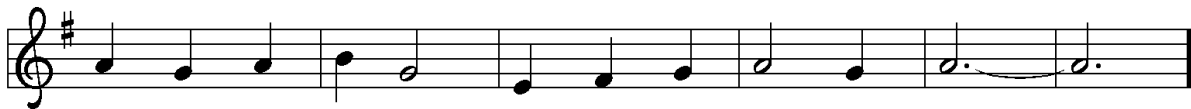
*Lighting of the Community With Our Neighbor Candle*



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

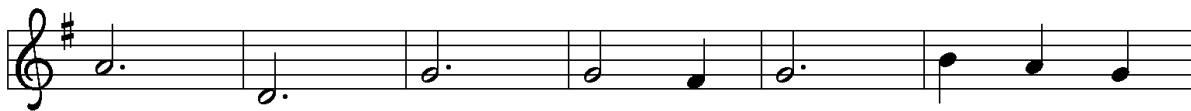


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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## Prayers

*Please respond after each portion of the prayers.*

...God of community  
**Hear our prayer.**

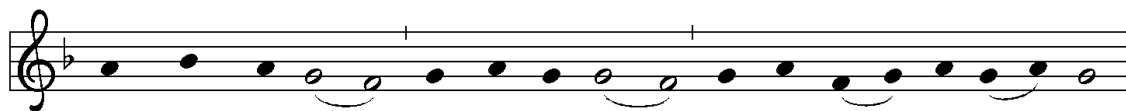
## Lord's Prayer



Gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir - it, let us pray as Je-sus taught us.



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## Blessing

The Creator who fashions us together with all things,  
the Christ who leads us into a new beloved community,  
the Spirit who holds us in the communion of saints,  
one God, ✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

El Creador que nos formo junto con todas las cosas,  
Cristo que nos conduce a una nueva comunidad amada,  
el Espíritu que nos sostiene en la comunión de los santos,  
un solo Dios, ✠ les bendiga ahora y siempre.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

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1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

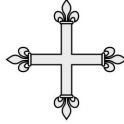


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Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

## Dismissal

Go in peace, joined together in Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Vayan en paz, estén juntos en Cristo  
**Gracias a Dios.**



## WORSHIP LEADERS

### OFFICIATING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*  
The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

### PREACHING MINISTER

Dr. Paul Wee, *Lacey, Washington*

### MUSICIAN

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

This evening we welcome Dr. Paul Wee as our guest preacher. Dr. Wee, a friend of Saint Luke, is known as a scholar, author, Lutheran pastor and served for many years with the Lutheran World Federation in the area of Human Rights. This took him on travels throughout the globe, in the course of working for peace, justice and grace for all our neighbors. We are glad to welcome him share this evening with our theme: In Community with our Neighbor.

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