



Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 8:45 & 11:15 am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Ciacona

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

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

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
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.

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.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 777

Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
 2 "Come to me, all trav-³lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
 3 "Come to me, be - liev-ers bur-dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
Men 4 "Come to me, re - pen-tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- Women* 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
 I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer,
 come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
 lonely ways no longer roam.
 Come and take the gift I offer,
 let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939
 Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844
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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 • ELW 152

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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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.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES (11:15)

When your parents brought you to the font for baptism, they promised to live with you among God's faithful people, to bring you to the word of God and the holy supper, to teach you the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in your hands the holy scriptures, and to nurture you in faith and prayer, so that you may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. On that same day, this or another congregation promised to help your parents fulfill that promise. Today, we join together in taking an important step toward fulfilling these promises.

The Bibles that your parents are about to present to you are gifts from your congregational family. These are study Bibles, which are meant to be read and used for making notes.

*Parents present the Bibles to their children, saying **The Word of the Lord.***

*They respond, **Thanks be to God!***

Parents place their hands on the heads of their children for the prayer.

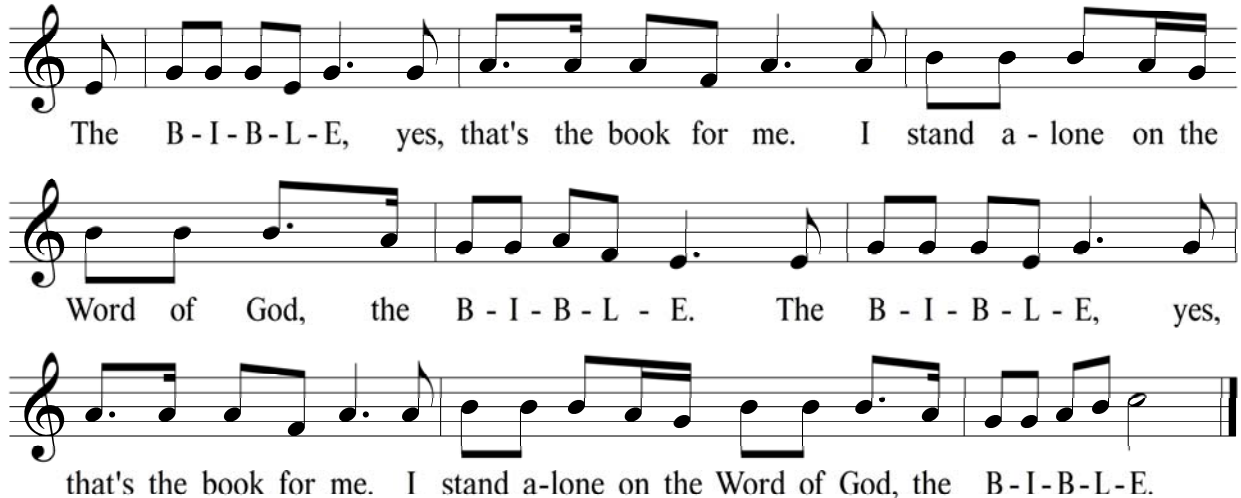
Let us pray.

Gracious God, your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Bless these Bibles, the parents who give them, and the children who receive them. Speak your word to them, so that they may know the promise of your love, trust the goodness of your grace, follow the way that leads from darkness into light, and live as your children, now and forever, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE

THE B-I-B-L-E



The B - I - B - L - E, yes, that's the book for me. I stand a - lone on the
Word of God, the B - I - B - L - E. The B - I - B - L - E, yes,
that's the book for me. I stand a-lone on the Word of God, the B - I - B - L - E.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

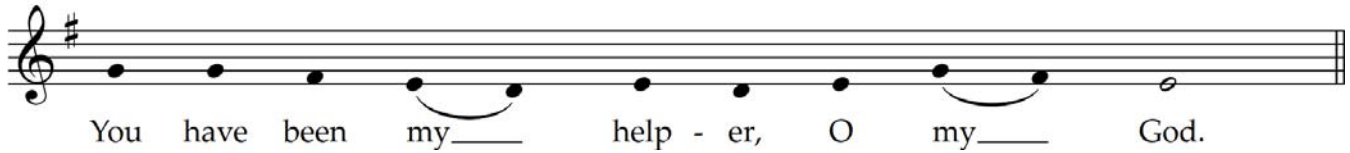
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PSALMODY

Psalm 63:1-8

(8:45 & 11:15) The refrain is introduced by the choir/cantor. Please sing the second time. The refrain is subsequently sung once where indicated.



O God, you are my God; eagerly 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.
 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
 that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving kindness is better than life itself;
 my lips shall give you praise.
 So will I bless you as long as I live
 and lift up my hands in your name. **R**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
 and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
 when I remember you upon my bed,
 and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper,
 and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
 My soul clings to you;
 your right hand holds me fast. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci -
ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 647

Glorious things of you are spoken



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God! He whose word can - not be bro - ken
ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,
mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,



formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges
and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while such a
show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain



found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -
riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
ban - ner light by night and shade by day, safe they
plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id



va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.
joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: BLAENWERN, William P. Rowlands, 1860–1937

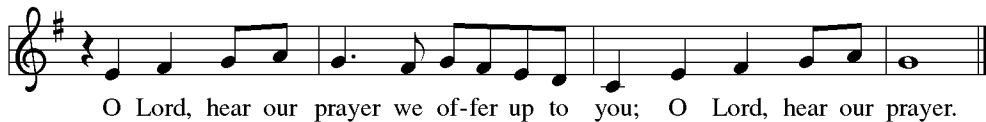
APOSTLES' CREED

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.

After each portion of the prayers please sing the following:



The prayers conclude:

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 Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us then click *Giving* or on the Give Plus app.
You may also mail your checks to:

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9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

ANTHEM (8:45)

Sicut Cervus Desiderat

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontem aquarum:
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*As the hart yearns for the water springs:
so longs my soul for thee, O God!*

Words: Psalm 42: 1-3

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY (11:15)

Chorale Prelude on "What God Ordains Is Good"

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

DIALOGUE

The dialogue consists of four lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking at the start of each line and a 'C' (Crescendo) marking at the beginning of the second phrase in each line.

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosotros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is food and drink for the journey.
Take and be filled.
Thanks be to God.

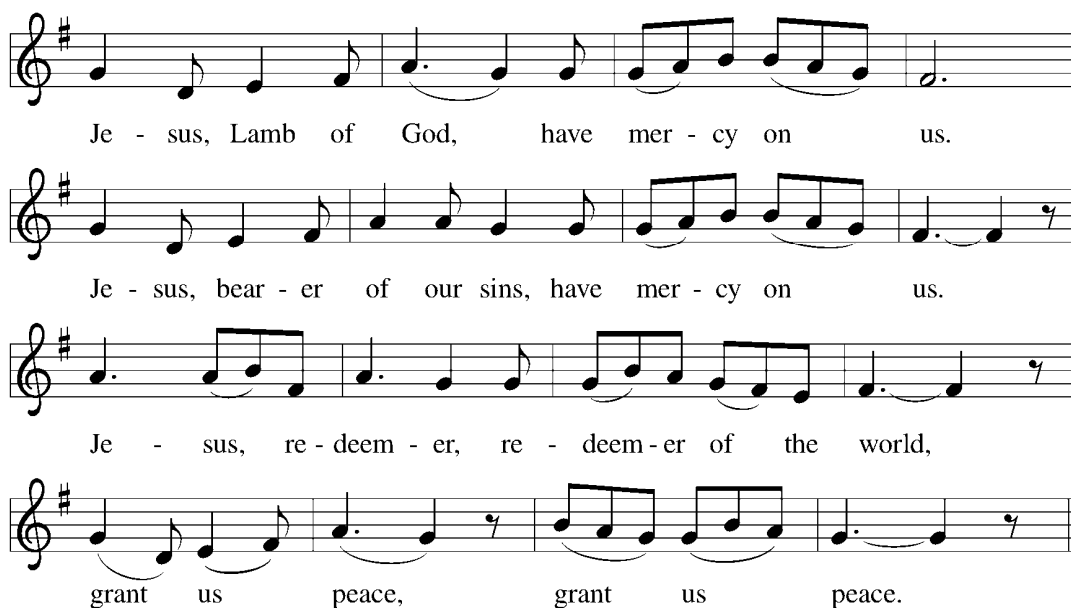
COMMUNION

When communing, kindly receive the communion elements from the servers. The servers will then step back. At that time, please remove your mask and partake of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then proceed to the appropriate station to deposit your individual cup.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:
Amen.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

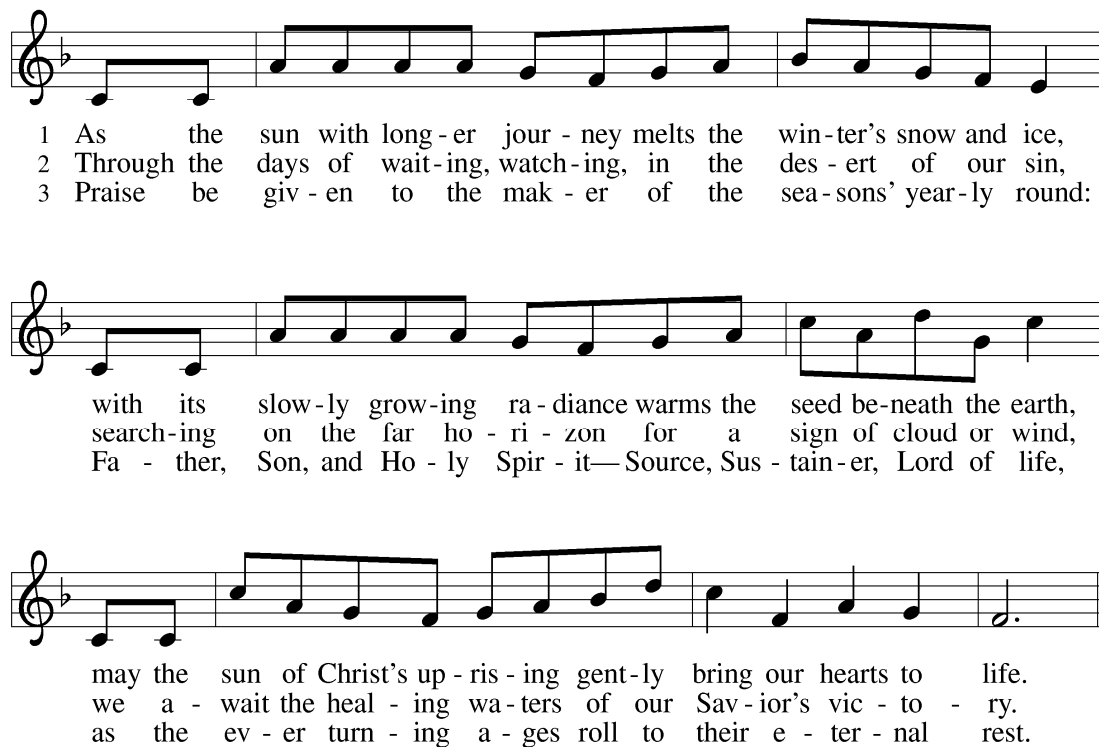
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 329

As the sun with longer journey



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,
 2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,
 3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:

with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - dian - ce warms the seed be - neath the earth,
 search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,

may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.
 we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.
 as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

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 Music: NAGEL, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

O liv-ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest! The
gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest. O
won-drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes! My
heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank-ful song o'er-flows!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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 • ELW 776

What God ordains is good indeed



1 What God or - dains is good in-deed, for all life well pro - vid - ing.
2 What God or - dains is good in-deed: my light, my life, my Sav - ior!
3 What God or - dains is good in-deed. When hope seems like de - lu - sion,
4 What God or - dains is good in-deed. My Lord will nev - er fail me



The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con - fid - ing.
No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev - er wa - ver.
I taste the bit - ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con - fu - sion."
on dan-ger's path, in deep-est need, when death in grief shall veil me.



My faith - ful God, on ev - 'ry road you know the way un -
Through joy and pain I shall at - tain the dawn dis - clos - ing
God ends the night, re - stores de - light; by faith I face to -
My God so dear will draw me near, in lov - ing arms will



fold - ing and my hand you are hold - ing.
clear - ly that God has loved me dear - ly.
mor - row and yield to God all sor - row.
hold me, at last in light en - fold me.

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649–1708; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951
Music: WAS GOTT TUT, Severus Gastorius, 1646–1682
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on "What God Ordains Is Good"

J. L. Krebs

In this penitential season, let us refrain from any applause after the postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

READERS

8:45 a.m. Ann Nuss

11:15 a.m. Melissa Groen, *Director, of Children's Ministries*

MUSICIANS

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

(8:45) Schola Cantorum

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at Saint Luke Lutheran

March 20, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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MAR

8:45 am Worship, *in-person & streaming online*

10:15 am Faith Formation *in person*

11:15 am Worship, *in-person*

3: 00 pm San Lucas Gospel Meditation, *Online*

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MAR

WEDNESDAY IN LENT

12:00 noon *Zoom Lenten Devotion*

7:00 pm Lenten Service, *in-person & streaming online*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

27
MAR

8:45 am Worship, *in-person & streaming online*

10:15 am Faith Formation *in person*

11:15 am Worship, *in-person*

5: 00 pm San Lucas Misa, *Online*

Upcoming Commemorations

Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556

Monday, March 21, 2022

Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.

Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.

Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.

Annunciation of Our Lord

Friday, March 25, 2022

Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

Saint Luke Update 3/20/22 Edition

TODAY, MARCH 20, third and fourth grade children will be presented Lutheran Study Bibles at the 11:15 a.m. worship service. Thank you for your prayers of support for these children and their families during this very special event.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR Ukraine and peace in the world. Several thousand have viewed the Service of Prayer. If you missed it and would like to view, it is at www.saintlukeonline.us/. Simply scroll down.

HAVE YOU COMPLETED a 2022 **Faith Commitment Card**? Due to the pandemic, the stewardship campaign is happening during these weeks of Lent. Each worshipper is asked to prayerfully complete a Commitment Card. Thank you so much. Simply go to www.saintluke.us and click *Giving*.

WEDNESDAY IN LENT, MARCH 23, we continue our journey of **G. R. A. C. E.** Each week our Lenten series will look at a response to this amazing grace we share. This week the letter **A for Act**.

12:00 noon zoom features Ruth Manchester, along with pastors and deacon, sharing how our faith is shown in action, especially now with **relief for refugees from Ukraine**. See **photos of what is happening** through Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief and others. What is faith in ACTION?

7:00 pm. Lenten Worship features a reflection by Pastor Morales, along with wonderful photos of faith in action through the Latinx ministry. The 7:00 p.m. Lenten worship will be in person and livestreamed.

MUSIC MINISTRY INVITES YOU: CONSIDER AN OPPORTUNITIES TO USE YOUR GIFTS.

Schola Cantorum (adult choir)

Rehearsals: Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Sings at 8:45 a.m. service.

Choristers (3rd—8th grade or changing of voice for boys)

Rehearsals: Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 PM and/or Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:30 PM Start date TBD

Carillon Guild

Play a few minutes before the Prelude, rotation based

Instruments

Provide music for Worship at the 11:15 service

Cantor

Provide leadership in congregational singing at the 11:15 service

Handbell Ensembles

Opportunity to ring in one of our adult or youth Bell Ensemble. Rehearsal time TBD

For more information or to express interest, contact Dr. Truche at atruche@saintluke.us

GRACE UNBOUNDED, a brief Lenten Devotion happens each morning, 7:00 a.m. Simply go to www.saintlukeonline.us for this grace-filled way to start the day. Devotions are shared each day (except Sunday) through April 9.

FOOD TRUCK VBS-ON A ROLL WITH GOD is the theme of Vacation Bible School (VBS) which will take place **in person** at Saint Luke June 27-July 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Children who were 4 by 9/1/2021 through current 5th graders are eligible to attend. The children will play games, hear Bible stories, make crafts, participate in service projects, work with various science experiments, and more! Registration is available online at www.slvbs.us. Questions should be directed to Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us.

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HYMN NOTES

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

Delores Dufner, b. 1939

Delores says about the hymn: “This text was inspired primarily by the lengthy dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. I have always loved this account of the assertive woman who dared to challenge Jesus. If we really understood the good that God wants to do for us, we would come to Christ gladly and freely to find life, refreshment, and forgiveness. These gifts are offered in a special way at the Eucharistic table.”—ELW Hymnal Companion

Glorious things of you are spoken

John Newton, 1725-1807

Most classical hymns are Biblically oriented, and this text has references to Isaiah 33:20-21, Psalm 87:3, I Peter 2, Revelation 1, and Exodus 13:22. The author, famous for “Amazing Grace,” included this in his *Olney Hymns* written to educate his congregation about the Bible. Like all good hymn writers, Newton knew that hymns are excellent tools for teaching Biblical truth and wisdom, and should be sung with an open and questing mind. —Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

As the Sun with Longer Journey

John Patrick Earls, b. 1935

Earls was stimulated to write this text because of a tune a member of his community had written for another text. Sensing the need for Lenten hymns, Earls wrote “As the sun with longer journey,” which uses the sun’s “growing radiance” in “the season’s really round” to point to Trinitarian new life in baptism’s “healing waters.” - ELW Hymnal Companion

What God ordains is good indeed

Samuel Rodigast, 1649-1708

Based on Euteronomy 32:4 (“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he”) the hymn has the same opening line as an older hymn by Johann Altenburg. They were written to comfort and cheer a close friend, Severus Gastorius (cantor of one of Jena’s Lutheran churches). It is a superb hymn of trust in God in every situation.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: Ciacona - Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Johann Pachelbel, born in Nuremberg, composed a large body of sacred and secular music, and his contributions to the development of the chorale prelude and fugue have earned him a place among the most important composers of the middle Baroque era. Influenced by Italian, French and southern German composers, Pachelbel’s music enjoyed enormous popularity during his lifetime; he had many pupils and his music became a model for the composers of south and central Germany, bringing this tradition to its peak. The Ciacona in F minor, the “Pachelbel’s little Goldberg”, constitutes undeniably a masterpiece of the musician. The piece is developed on the ostinato of a descending tetrachord, of which only the watermark will appear in certain variations. The first melody, of poignant simplicity, would not have been disavowed by Schubert: she sings, flexible, lovingly followed by the shadows of straight or opposite imitations. The 22 pairs of variations (of which only one in the major relative) deploy treasures of melodic and rhythmic ingenuity. The ostinato bass pattern is not kept intact in all variations, and disappears in some, anticipating similar passages in Johann Sebastian Bach’s Passacaglia in C minor.—Alberto Pinto

Anthem: Sicut Cervus Desiderat—Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Palestrina’s Sicut cervus has been one of his most frequently heard works since the sixteenth century. The opening verses of Psalm 42 compare the deer’s longing for water with the soul’s thirst for God. It is an inspired piece of art, flawless in its construction – the quintessential Palestrina motet. Each phrase of text is given a melody which is sung in turn by each of the four voice parts, while the other parts are simultaneously engaged in other beautiful melodic material. In other words: perfect counterpoint. Then the next phrase of text arrives with a new melody, treated the same way, and so forth to the end. What makes this particular motet so special is that all the principal themes and all the accompanying counterpoint melodies are of an extraordinary beauty, and they all harmonize and balance together with the perfection of a great Raphael Madonna. Further, they perfectly portray the very special text which Palestrina has chosen to illuminate with his art.—Dennis Keene

Postlude: Chorale Prelude on “What God Ordains Is Good” - Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

Krebs was a German Baroque musician and composer for the pipe organ, harpsichord, other instruments and orchestras. His output also included chamber music, choral works and concertos. Krebs studied with J.S. Bach., Unfortunately, his Baroque style of writing was being supplanted by the newer galant music style and the classical music era. His chorale prelude on “Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan” pro Organ pleno (for full organ) starts with the manuals stating the first phrase of the chorale and introducing a rhythmic motive that will pervade the entire piece. The melody is played on long notes in the pedal, each of the phrases separated by a manual section.