



The First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 8:45 & 11:15 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Hymn Prelude on "Deo Gracias"

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 322

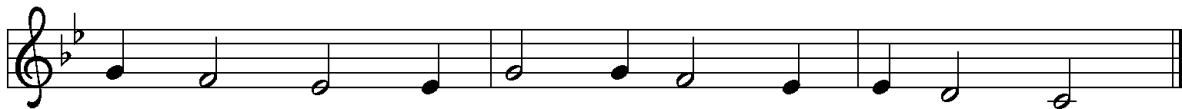
Oh, Love, How Deep



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
Women 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

Men 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, alt.
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

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.

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.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You

will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

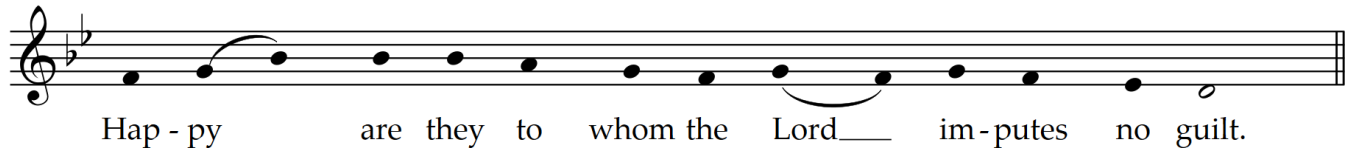
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (11:15)

Psalm 32

The cantor introduces the Antiphon. Please sing the 2nd time. At the end of the psalm, sing the Antiphon once.



Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. [*Antiphon*]

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Matthew 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
 so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”
 Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”
 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their
 splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to
 him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
 ‘Worship the Lord your God,
 and serve only him.’”
 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 326

Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and wīnds the moun-tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
 Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.
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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

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

After each portion of the prayers please sing the following response:



O Lord, hear our prayer we offer up to you; O Lord, hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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 be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us

You may also mail your checks to:

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9100 Colesville Road
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CHORAL ANTHEM (8:45)

Jesus, So Lowly

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

Text: Edith Williams (1899-1979)
Music: Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY (11:15)

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Raymond Henry (1931-2010)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

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 be 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 him 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:

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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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

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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 325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

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.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE—ELW 542

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.

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 • ELW 319

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Grand Plein Jeu on “Deo Gracias”

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

READERS

8:45 Ruth Moorman

11:15 Jacob Bolleddu

MUSICIANS

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

Schola Cantorum



THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Gary Briggie in memory of his beloved sister, Pamela Rae Briggie, born February 28, 1958, and to the glory of God by the Province family in remembrance of the lives and witness of Robert and Martha Moore. How we give thanks for all the saints.

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, Feb. 26—First Sunday in Lent

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM SLSHY
10:00 AM Mental Health in Youth Discussion
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Reception
10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Español

MONDAY, February 27

8:00 AM CDS Classes
4:00 PM La Sagrada Art Class
6:00 PM Property Committee Zoom
6:00 PM Yoga
7:00 PM Finance Committee (Zoom)
7:00 PM ESL

TUESDAY, February 28

8:00 AM CDS Classes
4:30 PM Piano Lessons
7:00 PM ESL
7:00 PM Girl Scouts
7:00 PM Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, March 1

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections
7:00 AM Lenten Devotion: Amazing Grace Online
8:00 AM CDS Classes
10:00 AM Women in Community
10:00 AM CDS Chapel
3:00 PM En Camino
5:00 PM Choristers RSCM program
5:30 PM Zoom Sara/Lydia Circle
7:00 PM Lenten Worship
7:00 PM ESL
7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, March 2

8:00 AM CDS Classes (Portrait Day)
4:00 PM CARing Project
7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, March 3

8:00 AM CDS Classes

SATURDAY, March 4

9:30 AM AA
11:00 AM Al-Anon

SUNDAY, March 5—Second Sunday in Lent

8:45 AM Holy Communion
10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00 AM SLSHY
10:00 AM Mental Health in Youth Discussion
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Reception
10:00 AM Fair Trade Sale
10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion
3:00 PM Zoom San Lucas Gospel Meditation

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church

Thursday, March 2, 2023

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

Saint Luke Update
2/26/2023 Edition

MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED INDOORS AT SAINT LUKE

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

7:00 p.m. (In person and Online)

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Special Guests, Music, Word, Prayer

We have a rich calendar of saints in the Lutheran tradition—Christians from every age who have pointed to Christ in their living and dying. In remembering these Christians who have gone before, we can find inspiration for our Christian journey.

This Lenten midweek series honors the commemorations that occur during the weeks in Lent in 2023. Commemorating these individuals is a starting point for a deeper engagement with our Christian faith.

Guaranteed to be a meaningful worship experience for our Lenten time together!

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS IN LENT

Amazing Grace – Celebrating 250 Years

7:00 a.m. Online at www.saintlukeonline.us

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

This hymn was penned by English poet and Anglican clergyperson, John Newton, to accompany a sermon he preached on New Year's Day, 1773. Join Pastors Miller and Morales each Wednesday morning during Lent for brief meditations using the stanzas of this wonderful hymn. What a fine way to experience Lenten renewal and start the day. If you miss it at 7:00 a.m., watch the recording when you are able.

Saint Luke Update, Continued **2/26/2023 Edition**

MENTAL HEALTH IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH DISCUSSION

Beginning this morning, you are invited to attend a **discussion on mental health in children through young adults, today, March 5, and March 12 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** at Saint Luke in the Faith Formation Office (on the second floor of the church). The PBS documentary series called [“Hiding in Plain Sight: Mental Health in Youth.”](#) will be used as the launching point for the discussions each week. There will be either a licensed clinical social worker and/or a clinical psychologist there each week to help answer any questions you may have and help guide the discussion. All are welcome regardless of an RSVP, but, if possible, **let Melissa Groen (mgroen@saintluke.us) know if you think you may attend any of the sessions.**

EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE: TURKEY AND SYRIA

Thank you so much for your generosity in times of great need for our brothers and sisters in this world. We have seen the images—the devastation is unbelievable. There are many ways to give. One way is through Lutheran Disaster Response, already on the ground, partnering with other organizations. Please go to www.saintlukegive.us and click Lutheran Disaster Response—Turkey, Syria, or checks can be made out to Saint Luke and note for Earthquake Response. Thank you so much for caring.

FAIR TRADE IS BACK

Next Sunday, March 5, 10:00—11:00 a.m., stop in the Fireside Room and purchase Fair Trade products. Coffee, tea and chocolates will be available. For farmers and workers, Fair Trade means workers’ rights, safe working conditions and fairer pay. For shoppers this means a high quality, ethically produced product. Thank you for supporting Fair Trade.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Work side-by-side with others from Saint Luke at A Wider Circle (<https://awidercircle.org/>) from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon on March 11 sorting donations of household goods (household furniture, linens, kitchen items, toys, and professional clothing and accessories) and stock the showroom for clients of A Wider Circle. **The size of our group is limited so please RSVP to Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us no later than March 3.** Proof of vaccination is required at A Wider Circle and masks are encouraged, though not currently required.

CONGREGATION SERVANT PROJECT: ITEMS NEEDED

On March 19, the congregation will be **creating care packages for residents in Washington Highlands,** a community in Southeast D.C. that has been hard hit from the economic fallout of the pandemic. The following items are needed for the care packages (all items should be full-sized): laundry detergent (if liquid, containers need to be 64 oz or smaller), dish soap, all-purpose disinfectant cleaner, and toothpaste. Items can be placed in the blue bins in the Fireside Room and/or monetary donations for the project can be given to Congregation Service Projects line on www.saintlukegive.us. Thank you for caring.

LUTHERANS IN THE WORLD

Did you know we are part of 149 **other Lutheran church bodies around the world, totaling 77 million people in 99 countries?** Amazing! Imagine all the ministry and outreach that gets done. Do you get the Lutheran World Federation news each week? It is an email that comes out every Friday with incredible stories about Lutherans around the world. Subscribing to the news is free and how it broadens horizons to the power of the Holy Spirit in the world. Simply go to lutheranworld.org and click newsletter and **subscribe. Enjoy!**

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Attr. To Thomas Kempis, 1379-1471

Is it really possible to measure the dimensions of the love of God—how deep, how broad, how high? This ancient hymn attempts to do it by rehearsing the entire life, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ plus the sending of the Holy Spirit. And all of Christ's life and work was "for us" - a phrase which is repeated over and over.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

This hymn finds its place in Lent because it fits the Lenten journey—which, of course, means the journey of life—very well. The author apparently wrote the text with a more limited understanding of its intent, however, which points to how hymns transcend their authors' understanding. Dunstan titled this hymn "Covenant Song" and said this about it: "The covenant in question is a primary relationship, as two individuals, in the context of their community, pledge to journey together." - ELW Hymnal Companion

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

African-American spiritual

This African-American spiritual is a communal lament for which we do not know the author. This hymn may look like a request for Jesus to walk along the pilgrim journey. Though it is that, what makes it authentic and possible for the people is what lies behind it, "an affirmation that the Jesus of their salvation" is with those who sing. "They could look 'back to the historical-divine experiences and the reports of their predecessors' and assert 'He walked with my mother, he'll walk with me.'" - ELW Hymnal Companion

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Claudia Hernaman, 1838-1898

This hymn is a paraphrase of a hymn by Claudia Hernaman which was part of her *Child's Book of Praise* (London, 1873). It still appears in denominational hymnals and is for many congregations closely associated with the Lenten season. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, like *Lutheran Book of Worship* before it, uses a paraphrase by Gilbert Doan in which the language has been updated from its Elizabethan English.—ELW Hymnal Companion

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: Hymn Prelude on "Deo Gracias" - Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Phillips' hymn prelude on "Deo Gracias" comes from *Three Hymn Settings for Organ* commissioned by Tom Trenney and First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Michigan, for the dedication of the new Nichols and Simpson organ. The piece begins with an energetic introduction. The tune is then stated by phrase interspaced with material from the introduction. A contrasting middle section features the tune in the left hand (tenor range). The first material comes back which is followed by the tune played in the pedals. The piece ends with a rousing coda.

Choral Anthem: Jesus, So Lowly—Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Friedell was an American organist. He was well known as a performer and educator, teaching at Juilliard and Union Seminary, a composer of a large number of choral anthems and solo organ pieces, and as a prominent leader in the American Guild of Organists. His anthem "Jesus, So Lowly" is an especially poignant setting of the words by Edith Williams. The harmonies portray the feelings of the words, and at the end, turn to the major mode to reflect victory over death.

Postlude: Grand Plein Jeu on "Deo Gracias" - Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

Dr. Mary Beth Bennett is a nationally recognized performer, composer and improviser living in historic Richmond, Virginia where she serves on the adjunct music faculty of the University of Richmond and is Organist of Second Baptist Church. Having previously held various positions in Washington, D.C., including at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and as Ceremonial Organist for the United States Department of Defense, she holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music, Stetson University, the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik (Cologne, Germany), and the University of Southern California. Her setting on the tune "Deo Gracias" utilizes the French baroque style of organ music where the hands on a 16 foot based plenum (flute 16, principal 8, 4, 2, and mixture) play ornamented chords along with the tune played on long notes on a loud reed stop in the pedals.