



# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 12, 2023

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

MINNEAPOLIS

*Welcome to worship at Holy Cross! We are glad that you are here.*

*We practice open communion, welcoming all to Christ's table  
to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*Child care is available in the nursery for young children.  
Talk to an usher if you would like to make use of the nursery.*

*Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins are available.  
Ask an usher if you are interested.*

*If you are seeking pastoral care, please speak to the pastor today, or call or email  
Pastor Jay at 612-722-1083 or [pastorjay@holycrossmpls.org](mailto:pastorjay@holycrossmpls.org)*

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**Hymnals:** *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW, the red cover hymnal), The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH, blue hardcover hymnal), and With One Voice (WOV, blue paperback cover)*

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**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.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

ELW 658

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

P: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## KYRIE

TLH p. 7

Lord, have mer- cy up- on us, Christ, have mer- cy up-  
on us, Lord, have mer- cy up- on us.

The musical score consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The first system has five measures with lyrics: "Lord, have mer- cy up- on us, Christ, have mer- cy up-". The second system has four measures with lyrics: "on us, Lord, have mer- cy up- on us.". The music is in G major and 4/4 time, featuring block chords in the right hand and simple harmonic accompaniment in the left hand.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*In All Our Grief and Fear We Turn to You*

(See ELW 615 for Words)

Arr. Thomas Keesecker

## FIRST READING Exodus 17:1-7

*Water from the rock in the wilderness*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me?

Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** Romans 5:1-11

*Reconciled to God by Christ's death*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled,

will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*All Creation Sings*



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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**GOSPEL** John 4:5-42

P: The gospel according to John, the fourth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Baptismal image: the woman at the well*

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him,

“Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper



is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*ELW* p. 105

**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 Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW 777

1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.  
2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers 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.  
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.

## SERMON

## OFFERTORY

*Create in Me*

ELW 188

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

## **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 our 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:

# SANCTUS

Ho - - ly, ho - - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Sab - a - oth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho -

san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

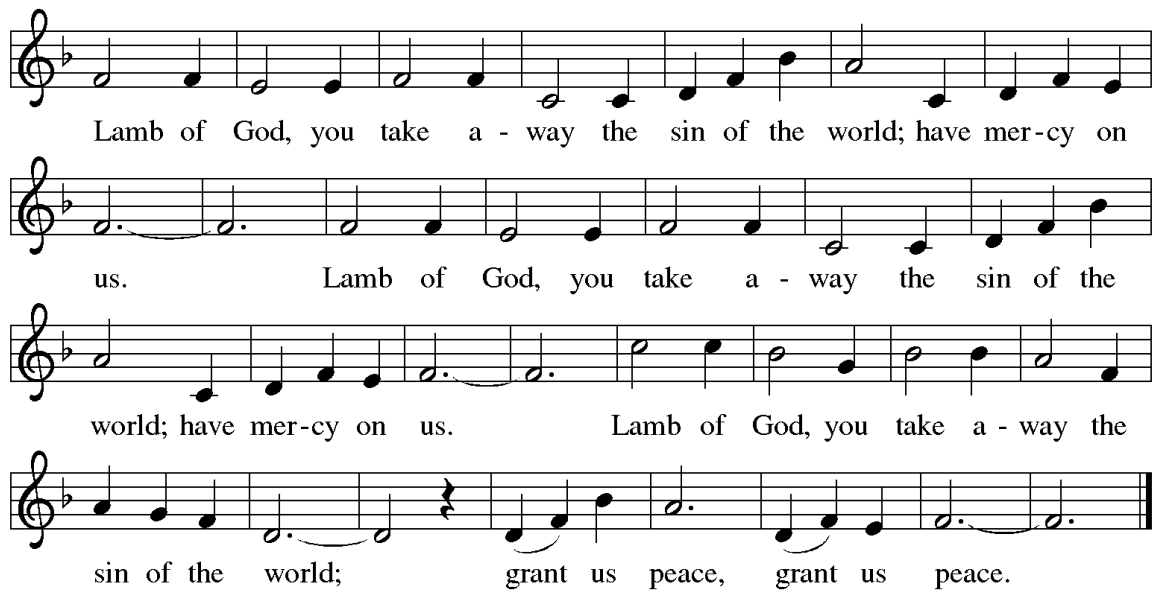
ELW p. 208

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.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### AGNUS DEI

ELW 195



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*I Lift My Soul*

Setting by William Miller

**HYMN**  
(Sung several times)

*Eat This Bread*

ELW 618

*Refrain*

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

God, the giver of love,  
Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW 618

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.



**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Statistics**

The attendance on Sunday, March 5, was 39, including 4 visitors. The total offering was \$8,862.00 including \$5 for the Building Fund, \$76 for Synod and \$100 for Trinity First School. Additionally, \$750.10 was received electronically.

**Birthdays:** Michelle DuBois (3/13) and Milly Phelon (3/15)

### **Worship and Soup Suppers in Lent**

A service of evening prayer will be held each Wednesday in Lent at 7:00 pm: March 15, 22, and 29. Come early for a soup and sandwich supper each Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Sign up in the narthex if you are able to help provide soup.

### **Study on Worship**

Join Pastor Jay for a study on worship on Sundays during Lent, 11:00-11:45. We will discuss the following and other topics.

Today: NRSV, NIV, KJV: What's the difference?  
March 19: Serving Communion  
March 26: Baptism preparation and remembrance  
April 2: Making funeral plans

### **Upcoming Dates**

Council Meeting: Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m.

Holy Week: Palm Sunday Worship	April 2nd at 9:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship	April 6th at 7 p.m.
Good Friday Worship	April 7th at 7 p.m.
Easter Worship	April 9th at 9:30 a.m.

### **Nametags**

Nametags are available in the narthex, if you would like to wear one. It's a great way for us to put names to faces and introduce ourselves to visitors!

## **Spring Flower Fundraiser**

The days are getting longer. The snow will soon be gone and spring will be here shortly. Now is the time to dream & plan for your gardens at home. We are offering another fundraiser from Gertens with bedding plants, hanging baskets, perennials, vegetables, and plant cards.

The preferred way to order plants is to go online to [Gertensfundraising.com](http://Gertensfundraising.com) and enter store ID code: 518. You then will see our own Gertens website from which you can order and pay. The plants will then 'miraculously' show up at church where you pick them up and take them home.

If you don't want to or can't order online, then you will be able to make your selections and Amy will order the plants. You will then reimburse the church for the plants by writing a check to 'Holy Cross Lutheran Church' and write in the memo line 'Spring flowers'.

Important dates:

Website open:            Now

Last day to order:     April 6th

Pick up from church:  May 14th – Mother's Day!

Contact Darcy with any questions at (651) 552-1625.

## **Summer Youth Opportunity**

There is an exciting, collaborative ecumenical day camp being planned for this summer. It will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church (4120 17th Ave S.) June 20-23 (Tuesday-Thursday). Day camp is for students entering Kindergarten-8th grade, with high schoolers serving as counselors.

Consider inviting the young people you know to participate. Talk to Pastor Jay for more information and to register.

## **SERVING TODAY**

### **Next Sunday, March 12**

March Altar Guild: Sally Gorski

March Elder: Jim Likely

Choir Director: David Hinrichs

Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot

Counters: Adam Horrmann and Gail Klatt

Lectors: Linda Scanlon, Sandi Likely, and Jim Likely

Organist: Julie Wright

Pastor: Rev. Jay Carlson

Recorder: James Blomberg

Treats: Kim Blomberg

Usher: Steve Blomberg

### **Next Sunday, March 19**

March Altar Guild: Sally Gorski

March Elder: Jim Likely

Choir Director: David Hinrichs

Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot

Counters: Mary Lange and Keith Lange

Lector: Sally Gorski

Organist: Julie Wright

Pastor: Rev. Jay Carlson

Recorder: James Blomberg

Treats: Open

Usher: Keith Lange

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