



# APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **Second Sunday in Lent**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022 | 9:30 AM**

Our Mission is to be a Caring Christian Community responding to God's grace through  
Worship, Service, and Sharing the Gospel.



**RECONCILING *in* CHRIST**



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## **WELCOME TO APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

It is an honor to worship God with you this morning. We pray you experience the loving presence of the Spirit as we share our words, our actions, and the Holy Meal.

**If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please fill out a card in the pew rack with your contact information.** A restroom can be found by exiting the rear door of the worship space. It is directly in front of you to the right. Additional restrooms can be found in the back corner of the fellowship area, near the Pastor's office.

### **IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

The leadership of Apostles Lutheran Church has prioritized keeping all worshipers healthy and at ease as we return to in-person worship. For some the pace of transition back to normalcy isn't happening fast enough; for others, it seems too fast. As we continue to assure one another and our neighbors that Apostles is a safe place to celebrate our community of faith in Jesus Christ, we appreciate patience and understanding over the weeks and months ahead. If someone approaches you and appears to want to hug, shake hands, etc., please know that it is okay to say that you are not comfortable with this at this time. So, to keep everyone safe during these continuing challenging times, we ask:

- For everyone to wear a mask
- For families to sit together – the prayerground is closed for the time being.
- For you to use the hand sanitizer which is available both in the narthex and the sanctuary.
- For everyone to stay in place when we share the peace – *of course, feel free to share the peace with members of your family.* Otherwise, kindly use appropriate hand gestures to share the peace with your neighbors.
- For you to place your offering in the offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary when you enter or leave the sanctuary – the offering plates will not be passed during the service.
- For you to leave the building after worship. At this time there will be no greeting of Pastor Jeniffer.

## **Introduction to Lent**

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

In the name of God,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you:**

**we have not trusted your promises,**

**we have ignored your prophets in our own day,**

**we have squandered our inheritance of grace,**

**we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,**

**assure us again of your love,**

**and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.  
As a called and ordained minister of our Triune God, and  
In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.  
**Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

**ELW # 321**

“Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church”

## **APOSTOLIC 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**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*Sit*

### First Lesson

### Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

### Psalm: Psalm 27

*In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple. R**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face."**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek. R**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my

salvation.

<sup>10</sup>**Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me in.**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup>**Subject me not to the will of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

<sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup>**Wait for the LORD and be strong.  
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

## Second Lesson

## Philippians 3:17--4:1

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

## Gospel

## Luke 13:31-35

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

## LENTIN SCRIPT NOTES

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*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

Living in trust and hope, let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostle's 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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We share a distanced sign of Peace with our neighbors saying **Peace be with you** to which we respond **And also with you.***

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*Sit*

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offering plates will not be passed around. Drop your offering in the plate at the back or give online:*

✚ Visit [apostles-elca.org/contributions](https://apostles-elca.org/contributions)

✚ From your mobile phone, text the word **GIVE** to **844-215-5453**



*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**

## **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.**

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season.*

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The thanksgiving continues.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The great thanksgiving continues.*

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*The great thanksgiving continues.*

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

*The great thanksgiving continues.*

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

*Sit*

## **COMMUNION**

*All are invited to join us at the Lord's table to receive the presence of Jesus through the bread and wine. Jesus himself invites you and Jesus turns no one away. You will be invited to come forward to receive the elements from the Pastor. Holy Communion are the gifts of God for the people of God.*

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission back into the world.*

*Sit*

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

## **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 MUSIC**

"The Man Comes Around" Johnny Cash

## **THEOLOGICAL APOLOGY**

Pastors Note: "An Apology is an explanation for a theological argument presented to the Proletariat Mass."

## **DISMISSAL**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

### **Isaiah 55:1-9**

Everyone who thirsts, come to the water; seek the Lord

### **Psalm 63:1-8**

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)

### **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

Israel, baptized in cloud and seas, ate the same spiritual food as Christians

### **Luke 13:1-9**

Unless you repent, you will perish: parable of the fig tree

## WORSHIP LEADERS

	<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Serving Next Week</b>
<b>Accompanist</b> .....	Janet Gomez .....	Janet Gomez
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Jade Hawkins .....	Chris Liljebert
<b>Altar Care</b> .....	Lynn Scholz .....	Irene Albert
<b>Assisting Minister</b> .....	Ingrid Peterson.....	David Leunig
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Betsy Liljeborg.....	Scholzs
<b>Announcements</b> .....	Ben Grimes .....	Ben Grimes
<b>Lector</b> .....	Irene Albert .....	Preston Higgins
<b>Tellers</b> .....	L.Hodges/C.Hawkins.....	P.Higgins/D. Garfield
<b>Technology</b> .....	David Albert.....	Shawn Jaeger
<b>Usher</b> .....	Heinz Albert .....	Preston Higgins
<b>Lenten Actors</b> .....	Jennie & Jade Hawkins.....	TBD

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Cleaning Teams</b> .....	Britts/Peterson.....	Gomez/Grimes/Higgins

## **RECONCILING *in* CHRIST**

We, the people of Apostles Lutheran Church, follow Paul's message to the Galatians (3:28): "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Believing that because we are all one in Christ, and created in God's image, all are welcome as beloved children of God. We welcome into the full life of the church all those whom God sends us. Rejoicing in God's amazing diversity, we welcome people of all ages, races, gender identities, sexual orientations, and physical and mental abilities. Centered in Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down dividing walls and building a community where all are beloved.

## **SINGING THE HYMNS**

We are a singing church. We express our faith through song. We miss hearing our liturgy and hymns and singing them-praying them-together. We yearn to lift our voices once again in song. But for the time being, we will not be singing the liturgy or the hymns. We are including the texts of the hymns in the bulletin so you can meditate on the texts of the hymns as they are played instrumentally but for the safety of all, we ask that you refrain from singing. We will sing again – it is all for the glory of God and we know that even in our silence God can still be praised!

## **SEASONS OF STEWARDSHIP**

Our current Seasons of Stewardship is Winter and is dedicated to the work of the Caring Ministry Team. You are invited to participate in the work of the Team – if you haven't already, please fill out the time and talent sheet inserted in the bulletin and put it in the offering plate located at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks!

## **FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

Please take a minute to sign up to provide flowers for our altar – you can make your own arrangements from your garden – if you need vases, we have them. The signup sheet is in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Janet Gomez.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

There is a book located at the rear of the worship space for you to write any prayer requests you have for today. Fill out a “Prayer Request” (on the back of each pew) and place it in the offering plate to add a prayer request to the “Prayer List” included in the bulletin and the newsletter. **Please print legibly!**

## **FOR PASTORAL CARE**

Pastor Jeniffer will be in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM–1 PM. For immediate concerns, contact Pastor Jeniffer at 678-524-4919, by e-mail at [pastor.apostles@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.apostles@gmail.com), or leave a message at 804-693-9098.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Phil Dunn-March 1<sup>st</sup>

Tina Britt-March 11<sup>th</sup>

Makayla Hess- March 15<sup>th</sup>

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

March 17<sup>th</sup>- St. Patrick's Day

## **HAPPY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY**

## **Save The Date!!**

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**- A new book study of "White Fragility" by Robin DiAngelo led by Pastor Sandy Wisco and Dr. Pete Liljeberg.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>**- Daffodil festival (we have a booth!)

*Stay tuned for details on all of these events!!*



## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Opal Baker, Luise Buerkert, Eddie Freeman, Manning Freeman, Betty Hauch, Michael Schlemmer, George Thomas, Jewel Thomas, Sue and George Turner, Barbara Whitley, and Jerry and Lena Woodlief.**

## OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Pastor Jeniffer's Neighbors, Amanda and Travis, Andrea, Angie** (co-workers of Jennie Hawkins), **Patricia Armentor, family of Sharon Bagley** (friends of Judy Wright), **Karen Bell** (Pam Moore's sister), **Paul Britt** (Gerald Britt's brother), **Sally Burkholder, Amy Carter, Eric and Lauren Cartwright, the Clements family, Laura Clodfelter, family of Kimberly Conine, James Cummings, Sr.** (brother-in-law of Reida Avery), **Ben Davis** (friend of Donna Ambrose), **Tommy and Kathie Davis, Mary Divelbiss, Colton Elliot** (Michael Schlemmer's cousin), **Laura Fleige** (Janet Gomez's sister), **Teresa Floersheim-Miller** (Ingrid Peterson's mother), **Michelle Fowler** (Reida Avery's daughter), **Dana Goodwin** (Juanita Sturdy's daughter), **Shirley Grimes** (Ben Grimes' mother), **family of Shirlean Hackman, Mike Hall, Carl and Kaleb Hess, Adam Hewko** (nephew of the Hansons), **Aris Hibbs** (friend of Ray Scholz), **Diane Hill** (friend of Nancy Wagner), **Jim and Barbara Hoerle** (parents of Babs Zuhowski), **Alice Jaeger, John, Nero Katz** (friend of Pastor Jeniffer), **Pastor Betty Krafft, employees and residents of Liberty ARC, Terri Larsen, the Little Family, Richard and Gloria Lowe** (friends of the Averys), **Lorraine Malkemus, Lotte Mathias, Wayne Mathews, Jean McKee** (Lilly Frost's grandmother), **Sylvia Midgette** (grandmother of Krystle M<sup>c</sup>Mahan), **Mitchelle and baby Stella, Keith Morgan, Melissa Persse and her father, Dick Peterson and his brother, Aleen Poupard** (friend of Luise Buerkert), **Carol Schlemmer, James Schollian** (friend of Nancy Wagner), **Michael Scholz** (nephew of Ray Scholz), **Kathy Shackelford** (friend of Jim Reinke), **Fred Smith, Tammy Smith, Genie Stickleman** (friend of Chris Avery), **Becky Speight** (friend of the Alberts), **Linda Sutterfield, Danny Sydow** (friend of Chris Avery), **Carl Issac Ulsaker** (Grandson of Corlis Everett) **Tara, Dave Wagner** (husband of Nancy), **Robert Wagner** (friend of Nancy Wagner), **Chuck Webb** (Tina Britt's father), **Elizabeth and Steven White, Carla Witt** (friend of Chris and Reida Avery), **Kitty Witty, Cory Woodlief, Greg Yvonovich** (friend of Margaret and Ben Grimes), **Derek Zwiers** (friend of CK Ambrose)

**Our sponsored children in Guatemala - Amayra, Hugolino and Manuela**

# **THIS WEEK AT APOSTLES**

## **JANUARY 20, 2021 – JANUARY 26, 2022**

<b>TODAY</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Children's Chapel
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 PM	Men's AA
	7:30 PM	Service and Sharing
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:30 PM	AA Young and Sober
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Children's Chapel

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