



St. Mary's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Saturday, March 18 & Sunday, March 19, 2023

All are welcome at St. Mary's!

•Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them.
•Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK Mission Exploration Team Report

PRELUDE (SAT)

CALL TO WORSHIP (SUN) Adult Choir

STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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 SONG Hymn #673 "God, Whose Almighty Word"

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 p. 138)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us.
By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the
darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

Amen.

SIT

WORD

Pew Bible Page

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

(pg. 226)

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse
and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics.
With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord,
designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.*

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

(pg.951-952)

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct
our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly
pleasing to God.*

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 142 "Return to the Lord")

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

(pg. 871-872)

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards
as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

KIDS CONNECTION (SUN)

SERMON

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn #779 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"



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

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

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.

SIT

ADULT CHOIR

"In Heavenly Love Abiding"

- DEBORAH GOVENOR

*In heav'nly love abiding, No change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding, For nothing changes here.
The storm may roar around me, My heart may low be laid;
But God is round about me, And can I be dismayed?
Wherever He may guide me, No want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me And nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh, His sight is never dim;
He knows the way He taketh, And I will walk with Him.
Green pastures are before me, Which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me Where darkest clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure, My path to life is free;
My Savior has my treasure, And He will walk with me.*

STAND

OFFERING

Hymn #339 "Christ the Life of All the Living" vs. 1

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

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

ACCLAMATION AND AMEN

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (ELW p. 144)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

SIT

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God” (ELW p. 146)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN Hymn #759 *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

STAND

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 OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother’s tender care:

As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist

those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with

those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love

and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this

sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence

through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Hymn #774 *“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”*

DISMISSAL

We are God’s People.

Followers of Jesus Christ.

Gifted by the Spirit.

Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEKEND’S WORSHIP LEADERS

GUEST PREACHER & PRESIDER: Pastor David Rebey

SOUND/VIDEO: Kristofer Twadell, Dave Raszkievicz

ASSISTING MINISTER: Julie Schmit

SATURDAY

TEMPLE TALK: Mark Zanin, MET

READER: Steve Hartfield

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Tim Somers, Todd Woller

USHERS: Bob VanBendegom, Dale Brandes, Sandy Benson

SUNDAY

TEMPLE TALK: Kip Cushing, MET

READER: Andrea Beer

KIDS CONNECTION: Stephanie Raszkievicz

ADULT CHOIR: Dr. Richard Sjoerdsma, Director;

Deb Black, Accompanist

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Cheryl Hayes, Sharon Corso,

Andy Schroeder

GREETER: Anne Winkle

USHERS: Gary Rice, Ralph Tollas, Carole Scotese, Dave

Raszkievicz, Dan Neururer and/or Doug Derginer

HOSPITALITY: Margaret Van Boven, Don Holman & Joyce

Froemming, Judy Reynolds

*This weekend’s altar flowers are given
to the Glory of God in honor of Global clergy, laity and staff.*

*Special Thank You to Rev. David Rebey from
Breaking the Chains Church for being our
preacher & presider this weekend. May God
continue to bless you and your ministry in our
community.*

