



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship

March 9, 2025

9:00 a.m.

The First Sunday in Lent

Prelude

(please rise in body or spirit)

Confession

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

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of
God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but
our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the
world. We do not show others the tender compassion you
have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the
radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress
others, even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform
our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open
wide to welcome the wandering ones home.

In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's
house forever.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine ELW 774

Greeting

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

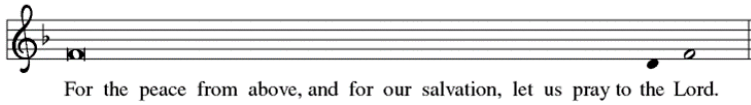
And also with you.

Kyrie

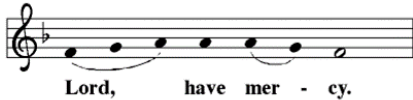
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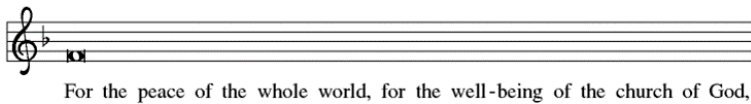
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



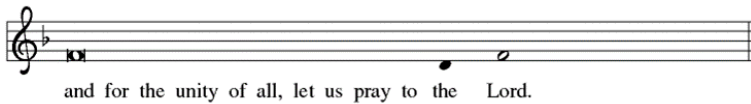
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



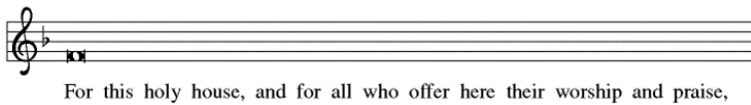
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



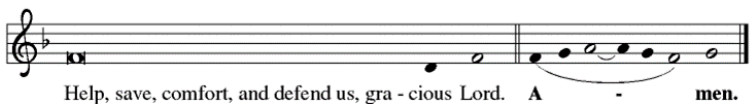
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Prayer Of The Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(you may be seated)

Community Moment

Reading

Reader: The Reading today is from Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

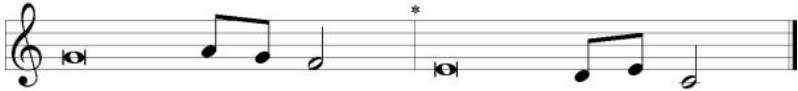
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

The Psalm today is from Psalm 91



You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my Stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.”**

Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.

**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

**I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue and | honor them.

**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

(please rise in body or spirit)

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p.142



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Preacher: The Gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter.

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”
Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God
to the test.’ ” When the devil had finished every test, he
departed from him until an opportune time.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

(you may be seated)

The Message

Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn Of The Day

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days ELW 319

The 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.

The Prayers

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill, especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (*pause..*). God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
Amen.

The Sharing of Peace

Presiding Minister: The peace of the Lord
be with you always.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Greet one another: **“Peace be with you.”**

(you may be seated)

Offering “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Adult Choir with Sandy Johnson, soloist
Jan Spees, oboe and An Kivukko, flute

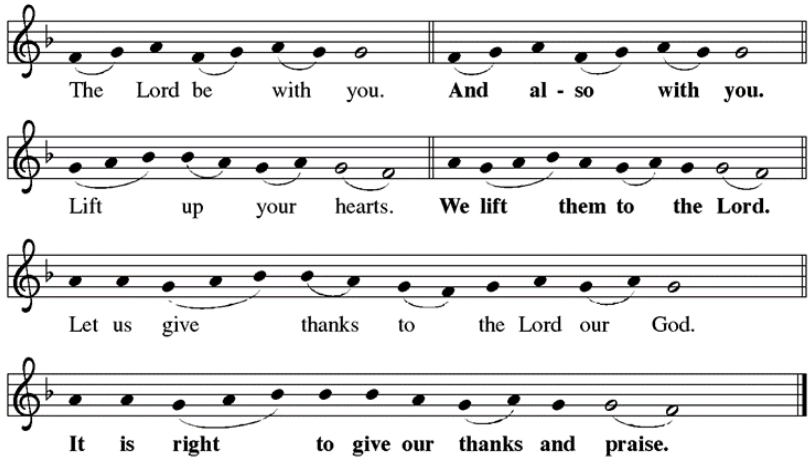
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Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister: Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on
your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing
those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus
Christ.
Amen.

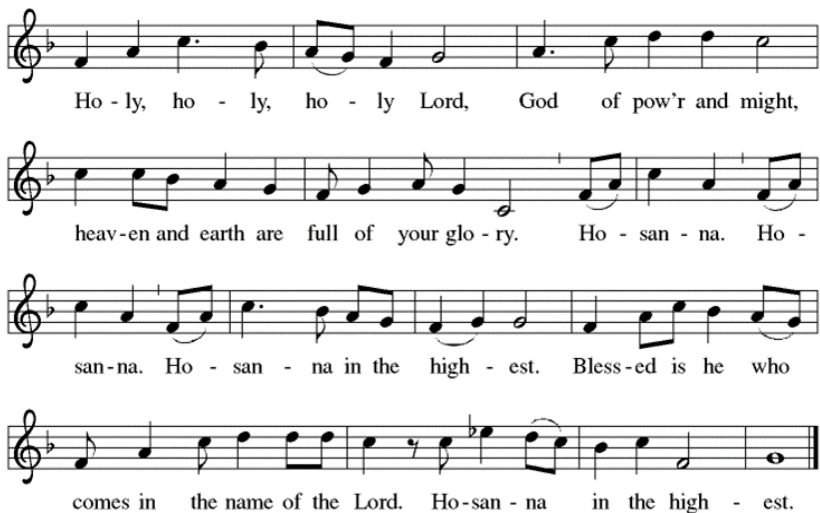
Great Thanksgiving

(ELW Setting 3 p. 144)



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Presiding Minister: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

(you may be seated)

Invitation to Communion

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

Communion Distribution

Distribution Music

“Lamb of God”

(ELW p. 146)

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.

Create in Me a Clean Heart	ELW 188
Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church	ELW 321
On Eagle's Wings	ELW 787

(please rise in body or spirit)

Post-Communion Blessing

The body of Christ and his precious blood, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

Prayer

Assisting Minister: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

Sending Hymn Beneath the Cross of Jesus ELW 338

Dismissal

Assisting Minister: Go in peace.

Care for others as God cares for you.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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