

# **Third Sunday in Lent**

## **Holy Communion at Resurrection Lutheran Church**

### **March 20, 2022**

*The assembly gathers in seating in the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance and wearing face masks.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY:** “Jesu, Still Lead On” (*Jesu geh vorhan*),  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

### ***Confession and Forgiveness***

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
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.

Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: “As the Winter Days” (ACS 924)**

## As the Winter Days Grow Longer

1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;  
 2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,  
 3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,

as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light —  
 lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer —  
 quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.

yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:  
 Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.  
 Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.

God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!  
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!  
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

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 Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody; arr. hymnal version  
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*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.**

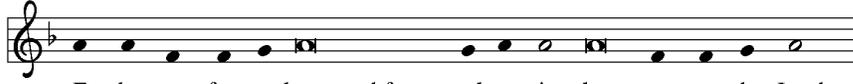
*Kyrie, ELW Setting Five*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



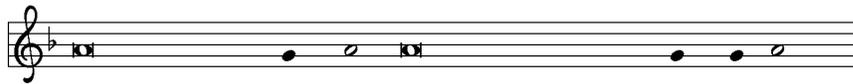
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## *Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for the Lord has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while the Lord may be found,  
call upon God while God is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, who will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, who will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***PSALM 63:1-8***

### *Refrain*



Psalm 63:1

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### *Tone*



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<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eager-ly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.

<sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long | as I live  
and lift up my hands | in your name. R**  
<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,  
<sup>6</sup>**when I remember you up- | on my bed,  
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**  
<sup>7</sup>For you have | been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.  
<sup>8</sup>**My whole being | clings to you;  
your right hand | holds me fast. R**

***Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13***

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing God will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## *Gospel Acclamation*

*Verse sung by cantor, with assembly singing the response.*

Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

Jesus began<sup>1</sup> to proclaim,\* Repent, for the kingdom of heaven<sup>1</sup> has come near.

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

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?<sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>The gardener replied, ‘Sir, let it

alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*Hymn of the Day:* “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (ELW 597)

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less than  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.  
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

## *Apostles Creed*

Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**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*

As this week we celebrate the annunciation to Mary of the birth of her son, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need, responding to each petition with the words, "We trust your steadfast love."

O God, we pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, choirs and church musicians, and all lay ministry leaders. Guide congregations as they make decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,  
**we trust your steadfast love.**

We pray for the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God,  
**we trust your steadfast love.**

We pray for those in positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and juries; for federal and state legislators; for community leaders. Guide President Biden, President Zelensky, and all who are facing decisions about the war. Protect the people of Ukraine, and inspire world leaders to seek the ways of peace.

Merciful God,

**we trust your steadfast love.**

We pray for those who call upon you for mercy: for all who are suffering from the violence of warfare; for orphaned children; for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing, . . . .

1. Rosa Maria Piai
2. Lee Hanson
3. Ray Perez
4. Roy Guenther
5. Mary Ann Glover
6. Teri Torres
7. Edna Frady
8. Jane Coonce
9. Janet Lewis
10. Krista Kurth
11. Evon Lippencot
12. Nancy MacDonald
13. Bob MacDonald
14. Grant Aldonas
15. Norm Olsen
16. Judy Frank
17. Effie Stallsmith
18. Barb Jensen
19. Charlotte Boeck
20. Lynn Kiewel
21. Phillip Swingler
22. Maria Liwski
23. Tucker Dean
24. Irene Belcher
25. Sharon Kravetz
26. John and Anneliese Arnold
27. Julie Bates

Merciful God,  
**we trust your steadfast love.**

We pray for the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those who speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who seek ways to grant justice for all. Merciful God,  
**we trust your steadfast love.**

We praise you for all the faithful whose earthly journeys have ended, especially this week Oscar Romero. Uphold us in our efforts to follow his passion for justice, and bring us with him and all the saints into the joy of the resurrection. Merciful God,  
**we trust your steadfast love.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### *Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The assembly greets each other with Christ's Peace by bowing to each other, waving, or offering another appropriate gesture. For continued safety, please refrain from handshakes and hugs.*

**Anthem:** Suite for Three Flutes - Movement II, Domenico Cimarosa - trans. Thom Ritter George (Carole Smith, Claire Smith, Suzanne Tsitsibelis, flutes)

### *Offering and Setting the Table*

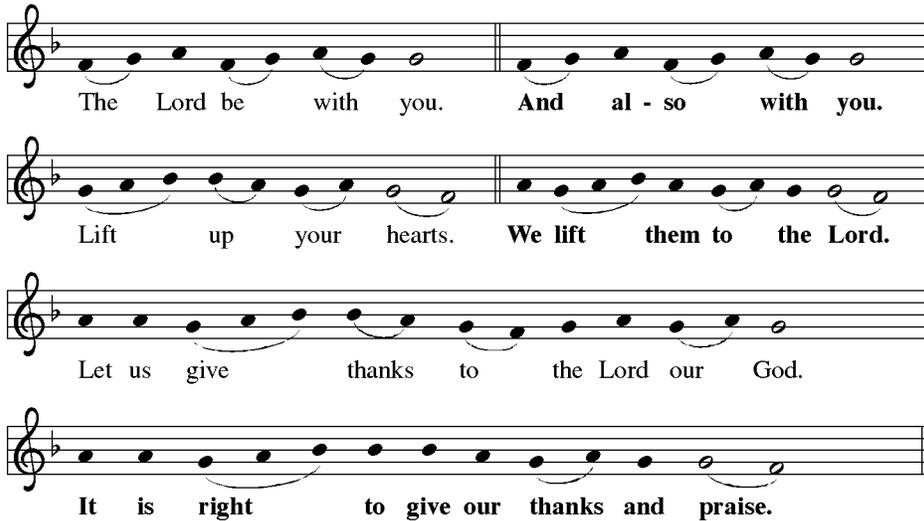
*While the table is set for Holy Communion, members of the assembly may prepare to bring their offering forward when ushers invite them to come to the chancel where baskets are available to receive your gift. Communion ministers will sanitize and cleanse their hands prior to handling the gifts of bread and wine.*

## *Offering Prayer*

Let us pray.

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.**

## *Dialogue and Preface*



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

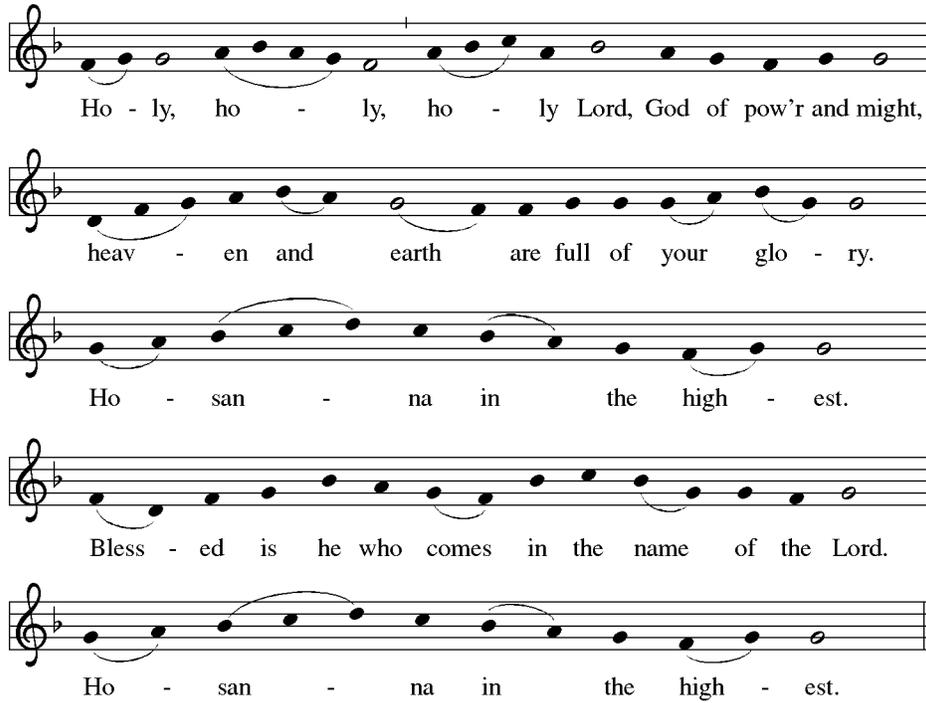
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the  
pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,  
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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*Holy, Holy, Holy* ELW Setting Five



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 in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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,  
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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
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*



Lord, remember us in your king - dom, and teach us to pray.



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## *Breaking of Bread and Invitation to Communion*

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

*At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members of the assembly wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave in a continuous line, maintaining appropriate physical distance. Others may also come forward for a blessing. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up and level so that the presiding minister is able to drop the bread onto your uplifted hands without touching you. Using a receptacle, such as a small juice glass which you have brought from home, hold it firmly that the assisting minister is able to pour wine from the common cup into your individual glass. For health safety reasons, you may **not** dip the bread into the wine in the chalice. You may also elect to commune by receiving the bread only. You may, of course, remove your mask to commune. Gluten free hosts are available to those who need that option. Once you have received the bread and wine, return to your places by the side aisles, while maintaining appropriate physical distance from your neighbors.*

### **Lamb of God: ELW Setting Five**

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. A - men.

### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

***Prayer after Communion***

Let us pray.

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.**

***Blessing***

You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.  
Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: “Bless Now, O God, the Journey” (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 winds 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.

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 Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.  
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*Dismissal*

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

***CLOSING VOLUNTARY:*** “Olivet,” Karl Osterland

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