

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



March 12, 2023

10:00am

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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.

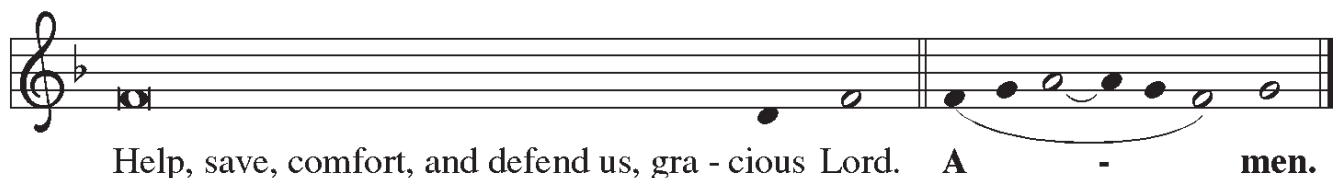
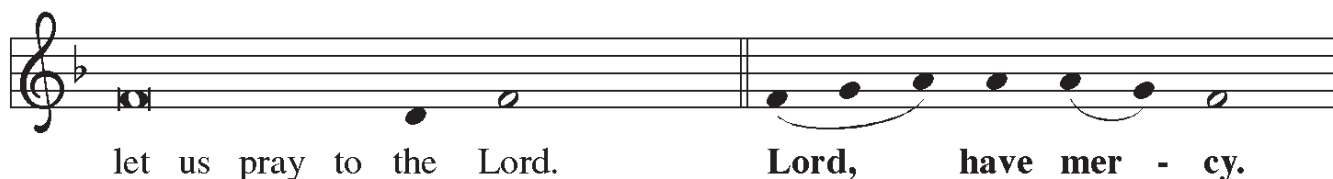
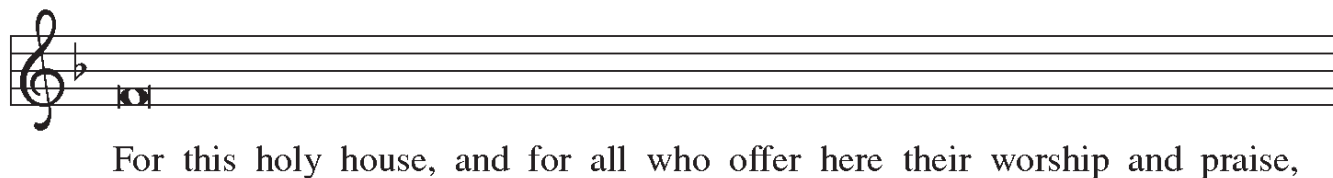
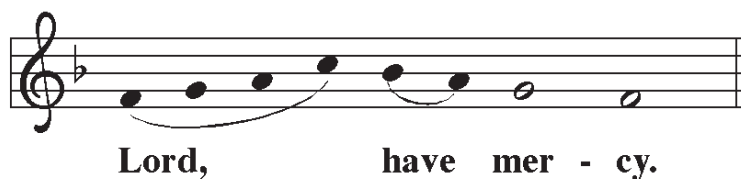
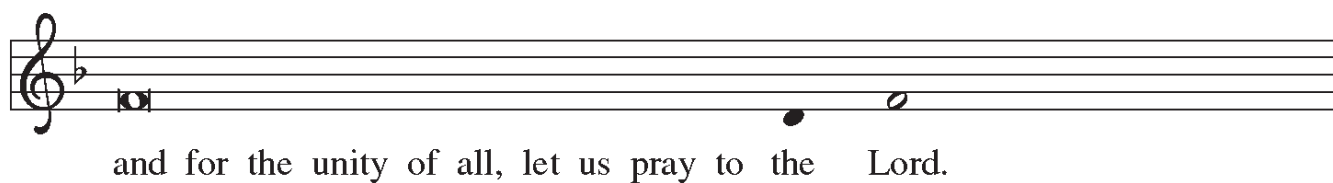
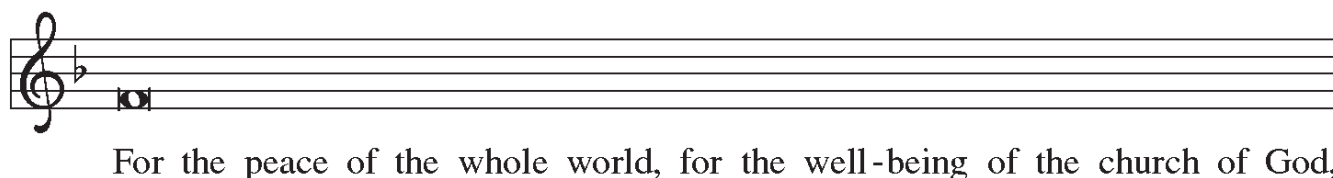
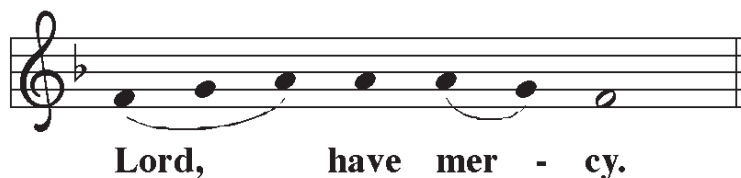
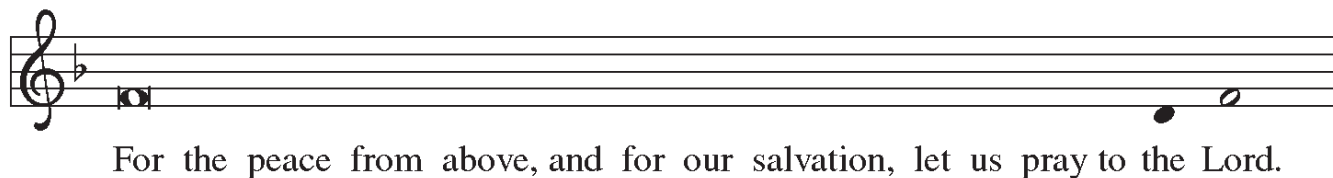
Hymn

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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Apostolic Greeting

Kyrie



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.

WORD

Children's Message

Reading: Romans 5:1–11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Come to the Water

arr. Ruth Schrader

O let all who thirst
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money, without price
Why should you pay the price
Except for the Lord?

And let all the poor
Let them come to the water
And let the ones who are laden
Let them come to the Lord
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light
Come to the Lord

And let all who seek
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money, without strife
Why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord?

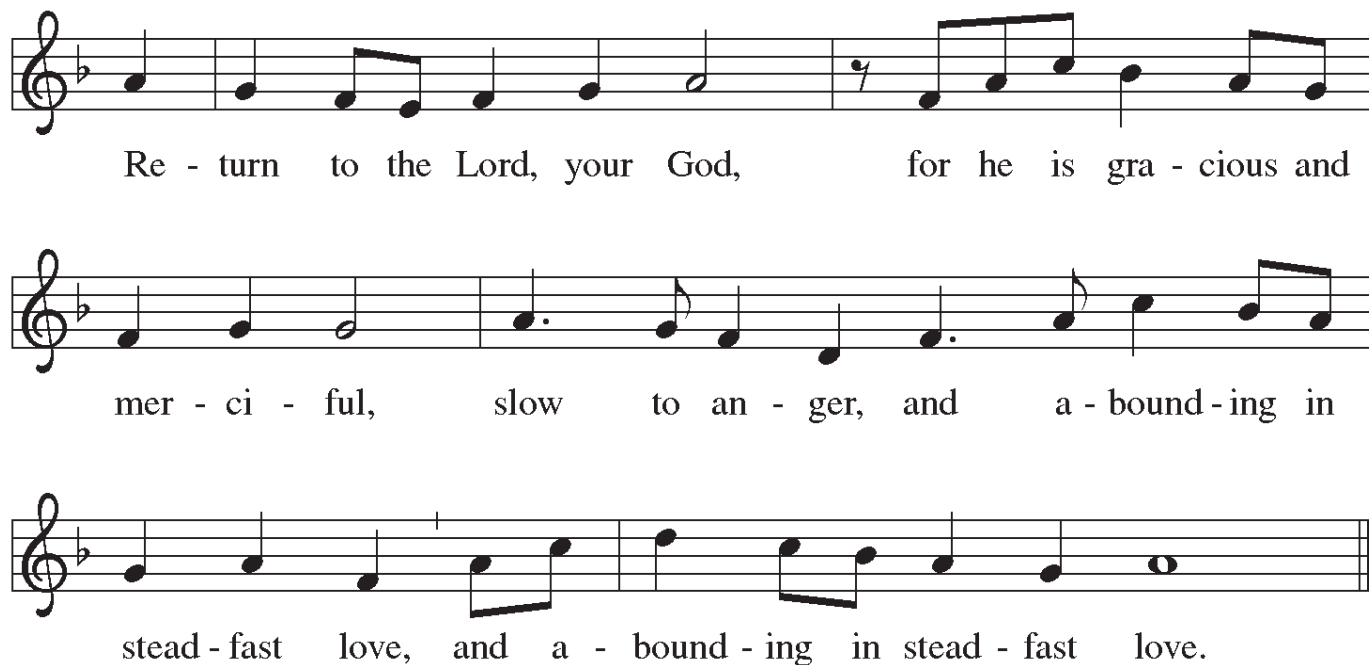
Come to the Lord
Come to the Lord
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I will run to you, I will run to you
I will run to you my Lord

And let all who toil
Let them come to the water
And let all who are weary
Let them come to the Lord
All who labor without rest
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?

I will run to you, I will run to you
I will run to you my Lord

Gospel Acclamation



**The Gospel for today is from John the 4th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The 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.)¹⁰Jesus 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."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but 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."¹⁵The 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."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³But 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.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just 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?"²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and

went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do 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. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

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Installation of Council Members

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 the Church

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

... 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.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory Prayer

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

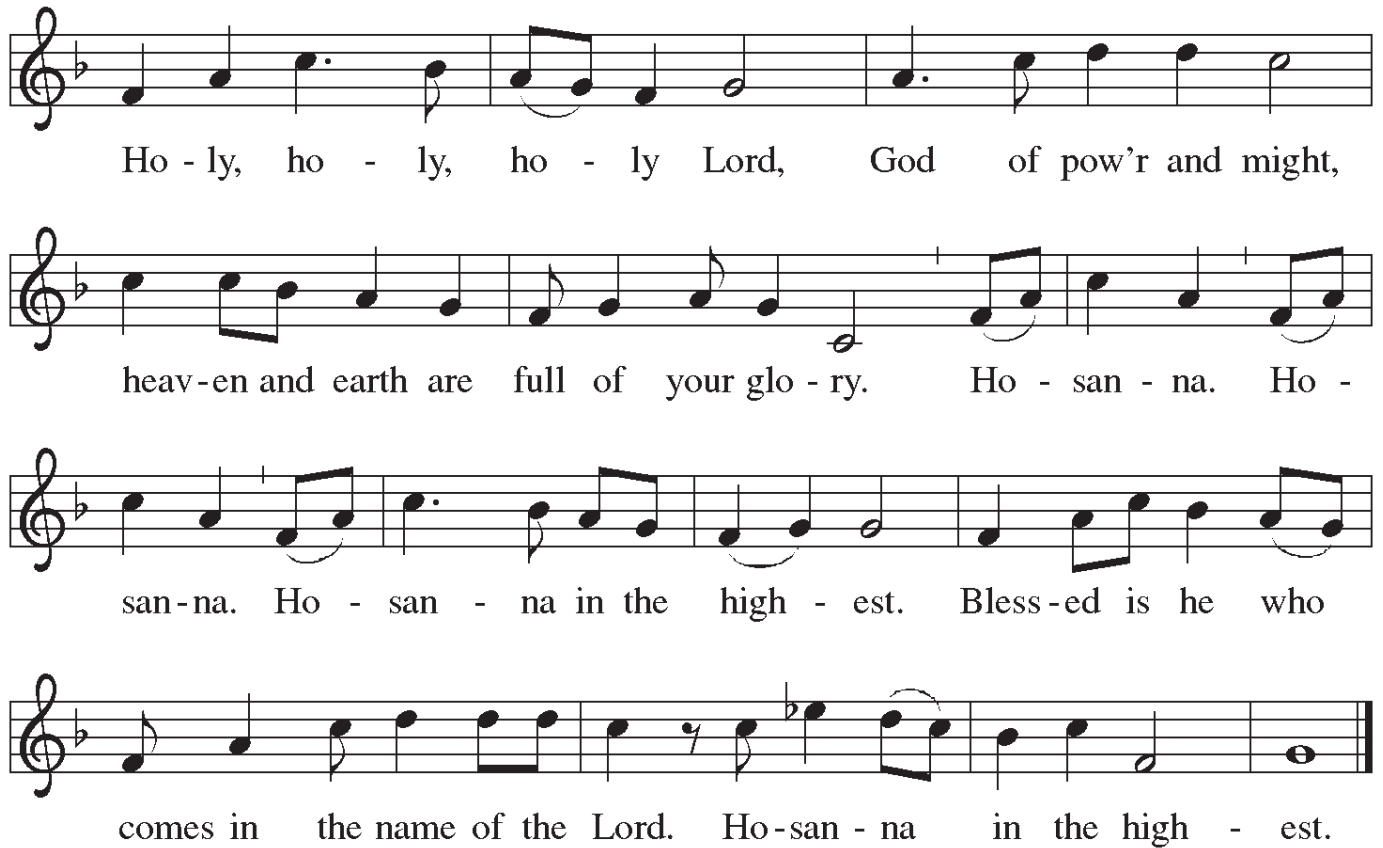
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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 duty, and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



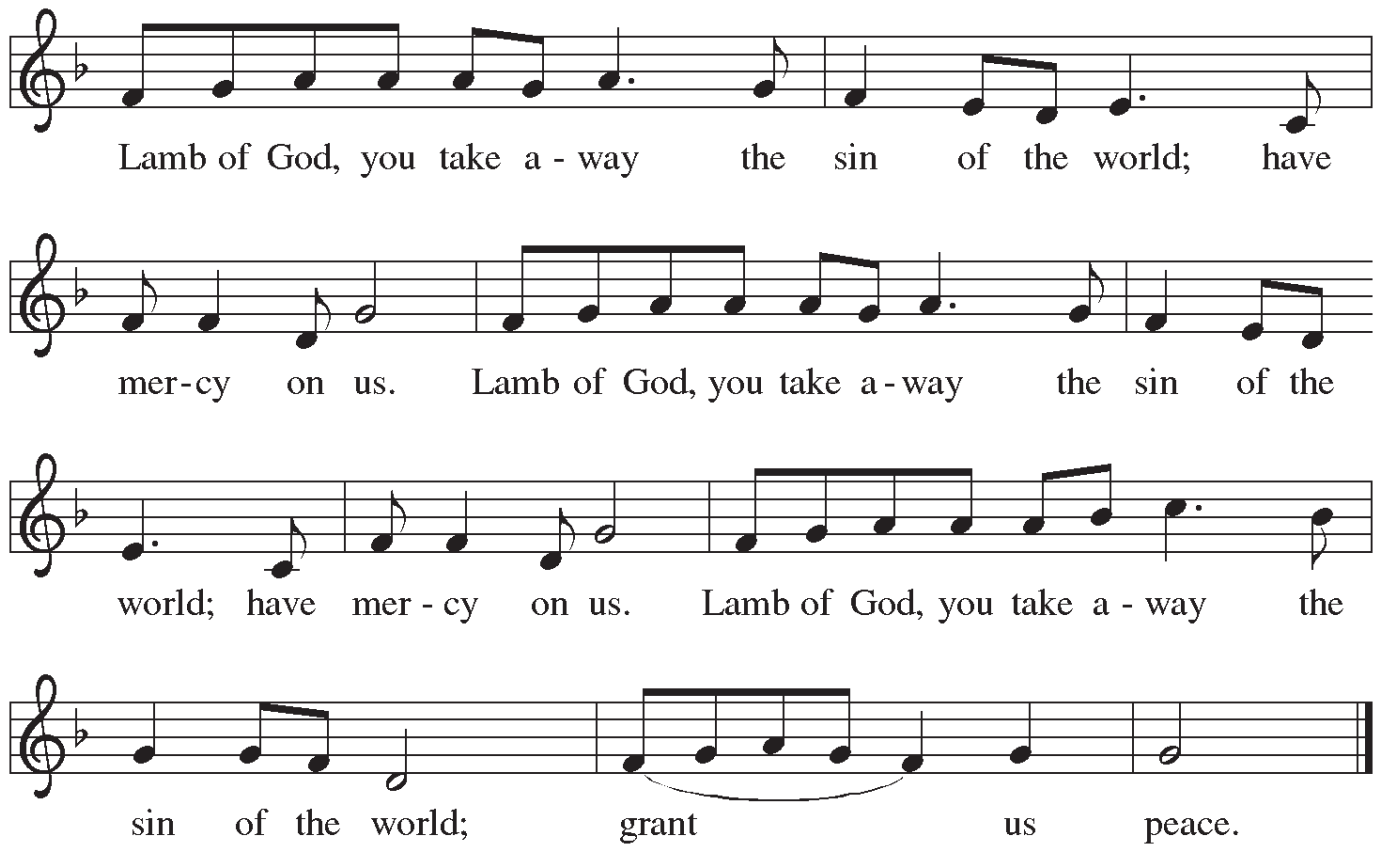
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Communion



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.

Prayer After Communion

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

Blessing

God, the giver of love,

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

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (verses 1, 2, 3, & Lent 3)

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Minister: Rev. Phil Ruge-Jones
Assisting Minister: Stacey Geist
Reader: Mitch Piper

Organist: Joan Neumann
Choir Director: Diana Cataldi

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (12th)
(Daylight Saving Time
Begins)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

MONDAY
Elizabeth Circle – 10am

TUESDAY
Prayer Group – 11am

WEDNESDAY
Crafters – 10am
Lenten Service – 6pm
Choir Rehearsal – 6:45pm

THURSDAY
Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

FRIDAY
(St. Patrick's Day)

SUNDAY (19th)
Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Quakers, Northwest Synod, Scouts, Equid Dance

FREE Foot and Nail Care

CLINIC FOR THE COMMUNITY

Do you struggle to
care for your own
feet and nails? Don't
miss this FREE clinic!



April 24-28 | Grace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire

Registration opens April 10, call 715-836-3636

Continuing Education | University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Pastor Phil in Guatemala

Pastor Phil will be rushing out during the closing hymn this week to catch his flight to Guatemala. He will be there for a full week (March 12 to 19) teaching stories from the Gospel of Mark that three teams of translators will convert into faithful translations to tell in their local villages. The passages are being translated from Spanish into three of the 24 indigenous languages spoken in Guatemala by teams of four native language speakers. After four very successful years translating and performing twenty-eight distinct stories from the Old Testament, the teams turn to the Gospel of Mark over the next four years. Please pray for all involved in this major undertaking. Thanks to the people of Grace for sharing their pastor and his unique set of talents with our brothers and sisters in Central America.

Please Help Us Replenish the Blessing Box

Our Blessing Box, located at the front entrance of Grace Church, provides nonperishable food as well as hygiene items to our neighbors in need. Our Blessing Box is extremely low! Please help up fill the basket in the Narthex with nonperishable and personal hygiene items for collection.

We will not be collecting canned goods or liquid items during the winter since they may freeze and explode.

Suggested Items

Cereal

Packaged Soup

Tuna Pouches

Granola Bars

Crackers

Packaged Noodles

Packaged Potatoes

Peanut Butter

Soap

Toothpaste

Scarves

Gloves

Hats

Hand warmers

Socks



You are always welcome to put your items directly in the Blessing Box at any time. Thank you for your continued support!

Elizabeth Circle

The Elizabeth Circle will meet Monday March 13th at 10am in the Lounge at Grace. It is a time of fun, fellowship, coffee, a dessert and Bible study. All women are invited. If you have questions or would like to come, please contact Barb Piper 715-529-6900 or bpiper2007@yahoo.com.

Sunday School

Sunday school will take place during the service right after the Children's Message on the following days.

- March 19
- April 2
- April 16



Thank You Beacon House Volunteers

Thank You to the Grace Members who made the various Casseroles for the families at the shelter and for the additional side dishes to complete and compliment the meals. There were 5 adults and 11 children from the ages of a boy aged 1 year old and boys and girls up through the ages of 12 years old. They enjoyed the meals and treats which included special Valentine Day candy and cards. Grace Members have supported this local mission need for over 25 years. Thank you to all.

A list of all who helped from Feb. 16,17,18 is on the notice board in the Narthex.

Nine-to-Dine

Life and Growth Ministry will start the sign-up for Nine-to-Dine after Easter, with get-togethers in late Spring or early Summer, when the weather will be nicer. We need host/hostesses to offer their home for a meal. The guests will share in bringing the food.

If you are willing to host, please let Barb Piper know (in person or 715-529-6900 or bpiper2007@yahoo.com).

Spring Craft Sale

Coming March 19th and 26th in the Chapel. Featuring spring wreaths, floral arrangements and other temptations.

Offering Envelopes Update

The company which supplies our offering envelopes is still behind. We have been in contact and they are working as hard as they can to get through the backlog of orders.

We have also been in touch with other churches in the area and many of them are experiencing similar issues. There is currently a paper shortage that is effecting everyone. Even the Leader-Telegram switched paper sizes in order to cut costs.

We know this is frustrating and disappointing. We will let you know as soon as the situation changes.



Needs List

It is COLD out there!
Please help us to keep
our brothers and sisters safe by
donating!

We accept clean, gently used items.
Please check for working zippers,
buttons, etc. We appreciate you!

Donations can be dropped off Mon-
Thurs, 830a-1230p:

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
1120 Cedar Street
Eau Claire, WI 54703

Monetary gifts can be mailed to:

Chippewa Valley Street Ministry
P.O. Box 51
Eau Claire, WI 54702

- or -

Online via PayPal by going to our Facebook pag
or website:

Facebook.com/chippewavalleystreetministry
chippewavalleystreetministry.org

Current Needs:

Sweatpants, especially Large and Extra Large

Gloves and Mittens, XI and larger -- please, no dress-type
items

Heavy stocking caps

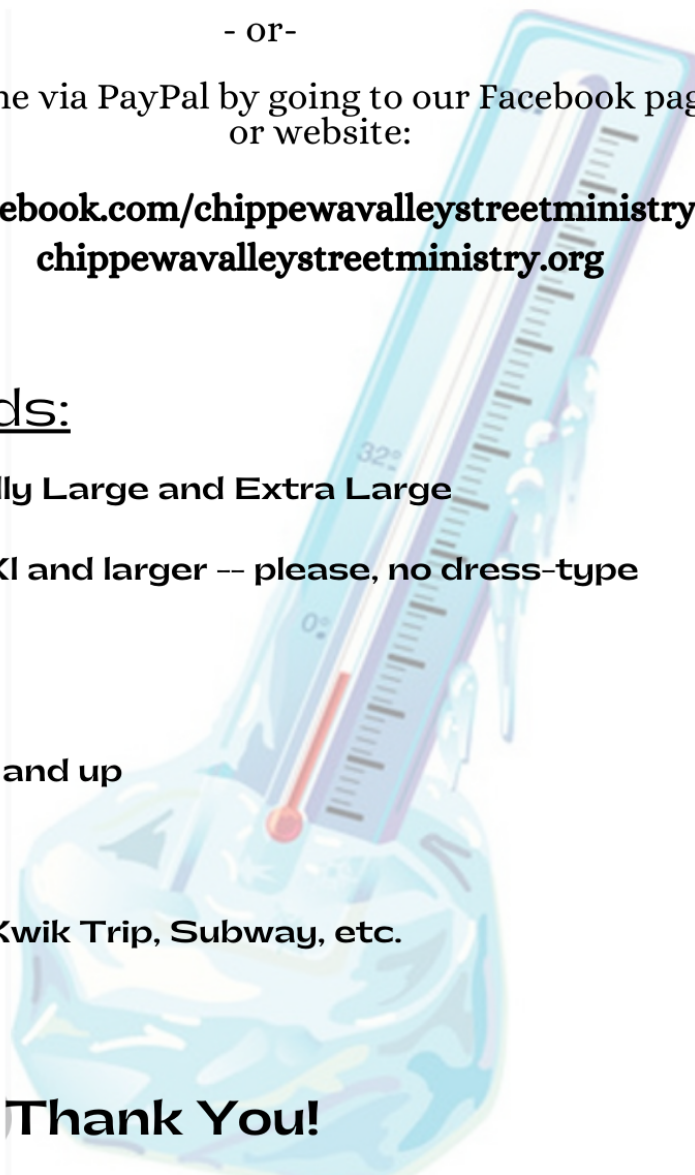
Thermal tops - Large and up

Monetary donations

Gift cards - Holiday, Kwik Trip, Subway, etc.

Handwarmers

Thank You!



Lenten Services

The theme for this Lenten season is “From Dust and Ashes to the New Heaven and New Earth: Journeying Toward God’s Revelation.” Our Lent begins by marking our foreheads with ashes as a reminder that we are mortal, but we journey toward the future that God promises to gift us when all things will be made new. Join us as our lay preachers help us to reflect on the book of Revelation and its promise of a healing end for our broken creation.

Lenten service will be held each Wednesday night in the Parable Chapel from 6–6:30pm using the Holden Evening Prayer.

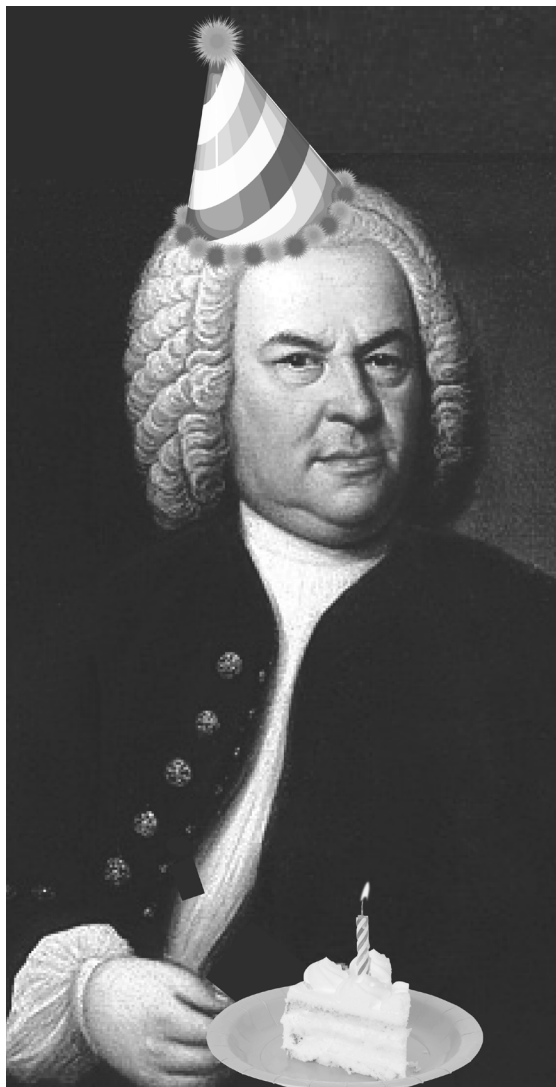


Lent 2023

**From Dust and Ashes to the
New Heaven and New Earth:
Journeying Toward
God's Revelation**

Wednesday | 6pm - 6:30pm

Feb 22 | Ash Wednesday, traditional service, Pastor Phil
March 1 | Toward a New Heaven and Earth, Rev. 1:1-4, Pastor Phil
March 8 | A New Home, Rev 21:1-9, Mitch Piper
March 15 | A New City, Rev 21:10-21, Anita Reid
March 22 | River of Life, Tree of Life, Rev 22:1-7, Jan Adams
March 29 | Come and Enjoy, Rev 22:10-21, Jon Thorpe
followed by Holy Week



Bach's Birthday Concert

Sunday, March 26, 2 pm
Vocal, Organ, Piano, & Cake!

Join us for pre-concert talk
by Dr. Gary Don
1:30pm in Chapel

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Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org> go to "Our Ministry."

Bulletins can also be found at <https://grace-church.org/> under the "Our Ministry."

Recordings of worship services are also broadcast on:

- Televised on Sundays 10:30am WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)
- Radio Service Sunday 8:30am WAYY 790 AM

If you missed one of our services, they are posted at "Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin" YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uck3CdLQ1sDO6esaa3zUMKCQ>

Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Thursday by 12:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713

