

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2010

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE CHURCH. We give thanks to God for your presence. We pray that as you worship the Lord, you will be blessed by the Word and Sacraments. Please sign the Connection Card in your bulletin or call the pastors at 610.688.0122 for more information.

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Our Mission: To know, love and serve Christ

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WORSHIP AND LITURGY NOTES

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the Third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

Silence is appreciated once you have entered the sanctuary, and is also observed after the Sermon for reflection and during the Prayers of the Church for worshipers to offer personal prayers aloud or in silence.

Hymn Numbers which appear on the left side of the bulletin refer to the large bold numbers above the hymns in the red **Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)** hymnal. **An asterisk (*)** indicates that the hymn has been requested by a member of the congregation

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ringing the Church Bell

VOLUNTARY

“Prelude on *Ebenezer*”

Willan

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism,
we are gathered in the name of the Father,
and the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Merciful God,

**we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and are not worthy to be called your children.**

Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways.

**Bring us back to you as those
who once were dead but now have life,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Through the Holy Spirit,

God gives life, freedom from the power of sin,
and resurrection from the dead.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Live in newness of life.

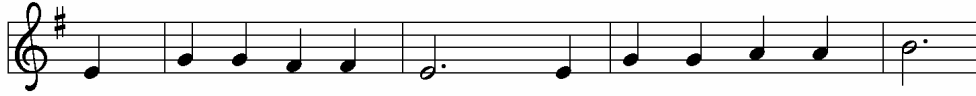
Amen.

GREETING

From our God who loves us with an everlasting love,
 who brings forth a new creation in Christ,
 who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness:
 Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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**

WORD

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1–9

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.

²Why 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.

³Incline 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.

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

⁵See, 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 he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Diana Booren

SECOND LESSON: I Corinthians 10:1-13

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, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do 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." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

¹¹These 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. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Please stand as you are able

VERSE



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9 *Lessons are found on an insert.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the Thirteenth Chapter.

Glory to You O Lord

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or 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? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then 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. ⁷So 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?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If 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.

Please be seated

Please stand as you are able

HYMN 623

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

TOPLADY

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.****He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Prayers begin: Gathered by the Spirit, let us return to the Lord our God and pray for the church, the world, and all who yearn for new life.*A brief silence**The Prayers continue. Each petition concludes:* Lord, in your mercy,*The Congregation Responds:* **hear our prayer.***The Prayers conclude:* Almighty God, you have commanded us to pray, and you promise to hear us. Hear the prayers of your people and grant us all that we need, for the sake of the one in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*The Congregation Responds:* **Amen.****MEAL**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.*The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.**Please be seated*

OFFERING

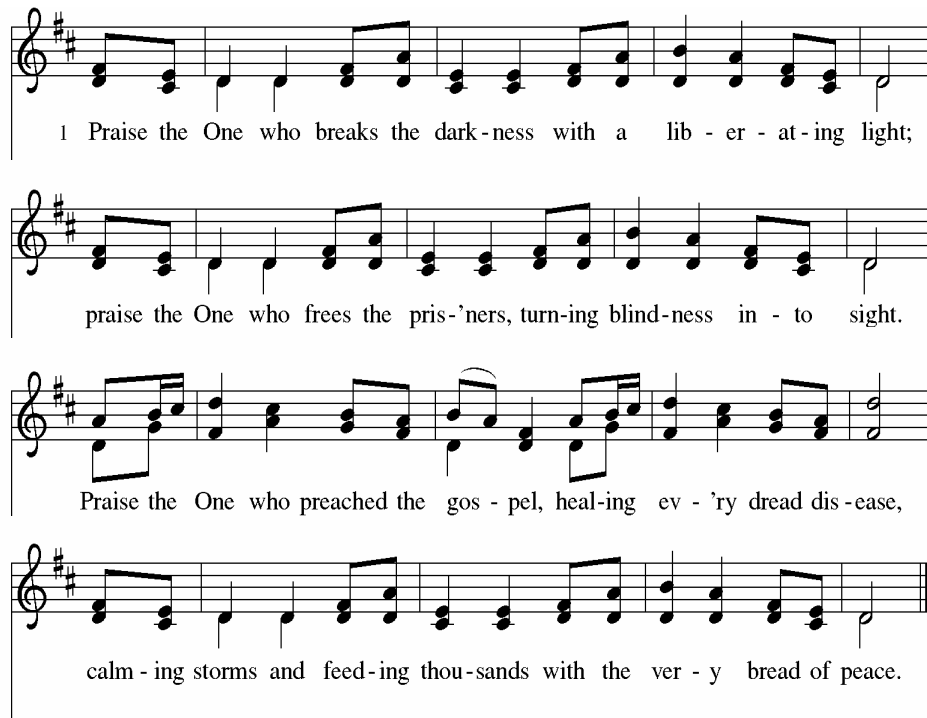
Elizabeth Francisco, mezzo soprano

'Tis winter now; the fallen snow has left the heavens all coldly clear,
 Through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow,
 And all the earth lies dead and drear.
 And yet God's love is not withdrawn; his life within the keen air breathes;
 his beauty paints the crimson dawn,
 and clothes the boughs with glittering wreaths.
 And though abroad the sharp winds blow, and skies are chill, and frosts are keen,
 home closer draws her circle now, and warmer glows her light within.
 O God! who giv'st the winter's cold as well as summer's joyous rays,
 us warmly in thy love enfold,
 and keep us through life's wintry days.

Words: Samuel Longfellow, 1864

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful,

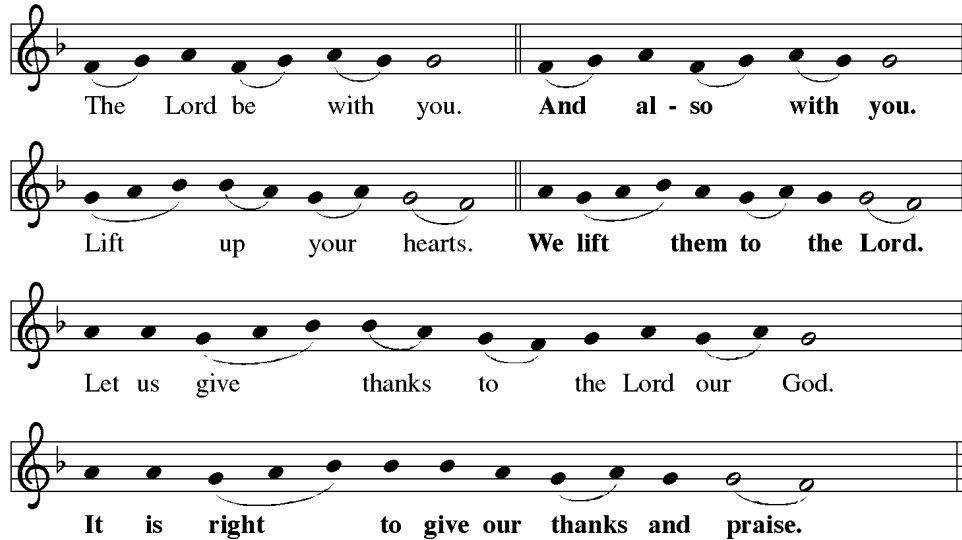
**you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.**

**Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;**

**and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

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.

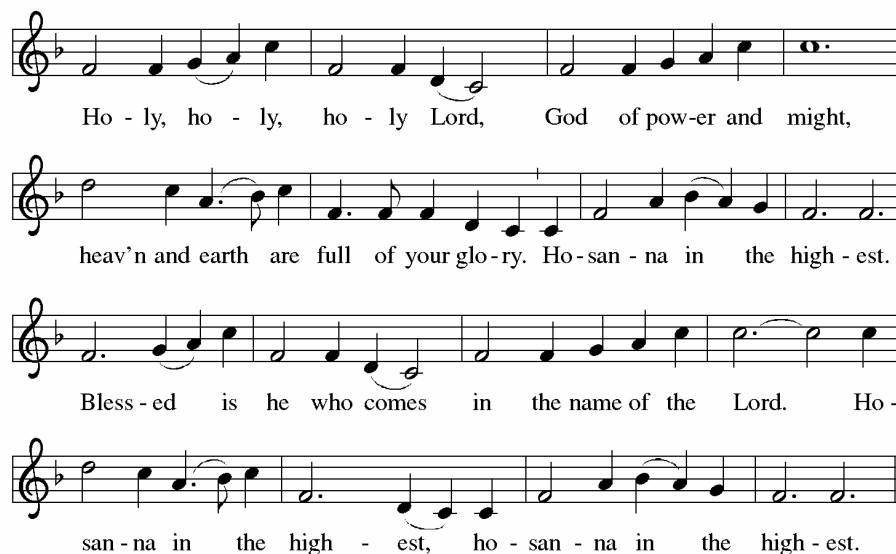
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are quarter notes, with some beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words in bold. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come and eat the bread of life.
All who are thirsty, come and drink the cup of salvation.
Lord, we come to receive you with joy!

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

If you need to receive communion in your pew, please alert an usher.
*Three communion stations will form outside the rail. Receive a wafer which may be dipped in the wine. (Those needing gluten-free wafers or grape juice, please go to the station at the far left of the altar.) **You are welcome to kneel at the rail for prayer afterward.** Return to your seat by side aisles. Anyone who is not communing but wishes to receive a blessing, please come forward as well.*

CHORALE PRELUDE

“Bethany”

Johns

HYMN * "Nearer, My God to Thee"

BETHANY

Please stand as you are able

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

PRAYER

Let us pray. Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The God who formed us in love,
who renews us through grace,
and who will transform us into glory,
† bless you this day and always.

Amen

CLOSING HYMN 542 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

AURELIA

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. To know, love and serve Christ.

Thanks be to God. *(The Mission of Saint Luke)*

Worship Through Music

VOLUNTARY

"Prelude on *Ebenezer*"

Willan

Healey Willan (1880 – 1968) was born in England but spent most of his life in Toronto, Canada, where he was organist at the church of St. Mary Magdalene and taught on the staff of the university. Long-time members of St Luke will remember "Ebenezer" as the tune to which was sung the hymn "Once to Every Man and Nation". This Welsh hymn tune was originally know as Ton-Y-Botel because it was found on the beach where it washed up in a bottle.