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# **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**

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## **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 16, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Season of Lent*

***Question for discussion: How does the gospel image of Jesus  
as a mother hen speak to you?***

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## **Invitation to Lent**

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of Christ, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.**

**Gathering Song**  
***Mercy, We Abide in You – No. 1077***

**Refrain:** Mercy, we abide in you.  
Stir in us, we pray.

Leader

**Vs. 1** In peace, may we assemble.  
In peace, may we unite.  
In peace, may we be whole.  
Move within each heart.

**Refrain:** Mercy, we abide in you.  
Stir in us, we pray.

Assembly  
Hm . . . Stir in us, we pray.  
Stir in us we pray.  
Stir in us we pray.

**Refrain:** Mercy, we abide in you.  
Stir in us, we pray.



**Vs. 2** For all who suffer in war,  
for all who struggle for comfort,  
for all who slumber in ease.  
Move within each heart.

**Refrain:** Mercy, we abide in you.  
Stir in us, we pray.

**Vs. 3** We are broken, longing for peace,  
forgiveness, flow among us.  
May we be reconciled.  
Move within each heart.

**Refrain:** Mercy, we abide in you.  
Stir in us, we pray.

## **Kyrie – No. 158**

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy on us.

# Psalm 27

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom  
then I shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom  
shall I I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> **When evildoers close in against me to  
de- I vour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will  
stum- I ble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart <sup>1</sup> will  
not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will <sup>1</sup> not  
be shaken.

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one <sup>1</sup> thing I  
seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all  
the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of  
the LORD and to seek God <sup>1</sup> in the temple.**

Refrain: ***In the day of trouble, God will give  
me shelter.***

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will I give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,  
and raise me high up- I on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my  
enemies I who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the  
sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and  
make music I to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, I when I call;  
have mercy on me and I answer me.

**<sup>8</sup> My heart speaks your message— I “Seek my face.”**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

Refrain: ***In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter.***

**<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- I vant in anger.**

**Cast me not away—you have been my helper;  
forsake me not, O God of I my salvation.**

**<sup>10</sup> Though my father and my mother forsake  
me,**

**the LORD will take me in.**

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of my  
oppressors.

**<sup>12</sup> Subject me not to the will of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false  
witnesses breathing violence.**



<sup>13</sup> This I believe—that I will see the goodness <sup>1</sup> of  
the LORD  
in the land <sup>1</sup> of the living!

<sup>14</sup> **Wait for the LORD <sup>1</sup> and be strong.**

**Take heart and wait <sup>1</sup> for the LORD!**

Refrain: ***In the day of trouble, God will give  
me shelter.***

## **Lenten Acclamation – No. 176**

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.  
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

### **Gospel Reading**

Luke 13:31-35

**Hymn of the Day**  
***When Twilight Comes* – No. 566**

**Vs. 1** When twilight comes and the sun sets,  
mother hen prepares for night's rest.  
As her brood shelters under her wings,  
she gives the love of God to her nest.  
Oh! what joy to feel her warm heartbeat  
and be near her all night long;  
so the young can find repose,  
then renew tomorrow's song.

**Vs. 2** One day the Rabbi, Lord Jesus,  
called the twelve to share his last meal.  
As the hen tends her young, so for them  
he spent himself to seek and to heal.  
Oh! what joy to be with Christ Jesus,  
hear his voice, oh! sheer delight,  
and receive his servant care:  
all before the coming night.

**Vs. 3** So gather round once again, friends,  
touched by fading glow of sun's gold,  
and recount all our frail human hopes:  
the dreams of young and stories of old.  
Oh! what joy to pray close together,  
kneeling as one family,  
by a mother's love embraced  
in the blessed Trinity.

## **Prayers of the People**

God, in your mercy  
**receive our prayer.**

## **Peace Sharing**

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

**Offering Song**  
***Now Is the Time of Grace* – No. 918**

**Refrain:** Now is the time of grace,  
now is the day of salvation.  
Turn now, and seek God's face,  
now behold God's invitation.

**Vs. 1** This is the fast that God would choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to let the captives go free,  
and to break the yoke of oppression.

**Refrain:** Now is the time of grace,  
now is the day of salvation.  
Turn now, and seek God's face,  
now behold God's invitation.



**Vs. 2** Sharing your bread with the hungry  
and welcoming homeless in,  
offering hope and offering help,  
this is what God requires.

**Refrain:** Now is the time of grace,  
now is the day of salvation.  
Turn now, and seek God's face,  
now behold God's invitation.

**Vs. 3** Then shall your light break forth as dawn,  
and healing shall come to you quickly;  
then you shall call and God shall answer,  
God's love shall go before you.

**Refrain:** Now is the time of grace,  
now is the day of salvation.  
Turn now, and seek God's face,  
now behold God's invitation.

# Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give our thanks and praise to God.

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

Holy

*Sanctus - F. Schubert - choir*

## **Lamb of God**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **Communion Songs**

### ***Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church***

**– No. 321**

**Vs. 1** Eternal Lord of love, behold your church  
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:  
far off yet here—the goal of all desire.

**Vs. 2** So daily dying to the way of self,  
so daily living to your way of love,  
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,  
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:  
so we are dead and live with you in God.

**Vs. 3** If dead in you, so in you we arise,  
you the firstborn of all the faithful dead;  
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,  
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flow'r,  
so into life and glory shall we wake.

## ***Thy Holy Wings – No. 613***

**Vs. 1** Thy holy wings, O Saviour,  
spread gently over me,  
and let me rest securely  
through good and ill in thee.  
Oh, be my strength and portion,  
my rock and hiding place,  
and let my ev'ry moment  
be lived within thy grace.



**Vs. 2** Oh, let me nestle near thee,  
within thy downy breast  
where I will find sweet comfort  
and peace within thy nest.  
Oh, close thy wings around me  
and keep me safely there,  
for I am but a newborn  
and need thy tender care.

**Vs. 3** Oh, wash me in the waters  
of Noah's cleansing flood.

Give me a willing spirit,  
a heart both clean and good.

Oh, take into thy keeping  
thy children great and small,  
and while we sweetly slumber,  
enfold us one and all.

# ***As a Mother Comforts Her Child – No. 1015***

As a mother comforts her child,  
so God will comfort you.

As a hen gathers her brood,  
so Christ will gather you.

As a wise one counsels her friend,  
so the Spirit will counsel you.

The Trinity of love will be with you.

## **Sending Song**

### ***Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer – No. 618***

**Vs. 1** Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

**Vs. 2** Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.

**Vs. 3** When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.

# **Worship Leaders and Assistants**

**Assisting Minister:** Jashan Khandal

**Kantor:** Nathan McDonald

**Musician:** Karen Johnson-Lefsrud

**Choral Scholars:** Abby Corpus, DJ McGrath

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