



**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 23, 2025**



**Sunday Worship**  
**9:30AM**

**Christian Education**  
**11AM**

***Wisconsin Synod***

# OUR REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WELCOME

The heavenly Father is always present in the lives of his people. He sees every sorrow they endure. He sees every sin they commit, even in their thought. He is also very patient. He gives time to see the error and an opportunity to return to him daily.

### **For parents with Small Children**

There is a children's bulletin available in the basket together with the service folders as you enter. Please pick one up. If necessary, rest rooms and a video monitor for watching the service are in the fellowship hall. Go to your left as you walk out of the worship area, through the double doors.

## **+ Service of Word and Sacrament +**

**Hymn – *God of Mercy, God of Grace***

**CW249**

**1 God of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of your face.  
Shine upon us, Savior, shine;  
Fill your Church with light divine,  
And your saving health extend  
To the earth's remotest end.**

**2 Let the people praise you, Lord!  
Be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing  
Glory to their Savior King,  
At your feet their tribute pay,  
And your holy will obey.**

*Please stand.*

**3 Let the people praise you, Lord,  
Then enjoy your rich reward!  
God to us his blessing give,  
We to God devoted live,  
All below and all above  
One in joy and light and love.**

### **Greeting**

**P** The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## **We approach our God**

### **+ + + Confession of Sins + + +**

P God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*A moment of silence for personal meditation.*

### **+ + + Absolution + + +**

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

+ + + **Prayer and Praise** + + +

**Lord, Have Mercy – Kyrie**

- P For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- P For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



- P For the well being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



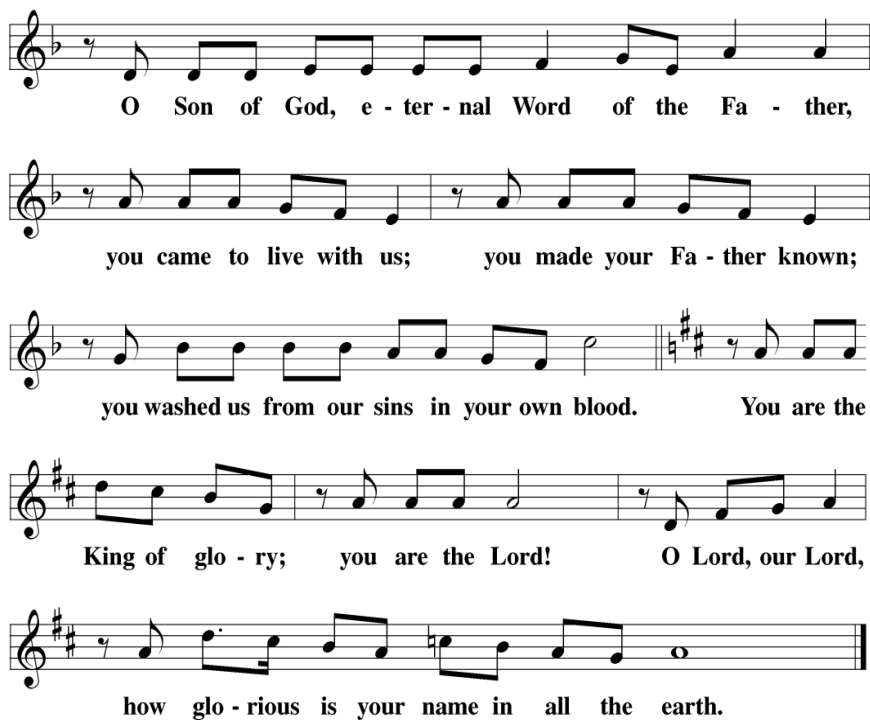
- P Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## O Lord, Our Lord

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

### + + + Prayer of the Day + + +

P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

*Please be seated.*

# **Our God speaks to us from his Word**

## **First Lesson - Exodus 3:1-15**

*The Lord reveals his presence to Moses as flames within a bush – fire that warms and gives light yet does not consume.*

Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. <sup>3</sup>So he said, "I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up."

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!"

Moses said, "I am here."

<sup>5</sup>The LORD said, "Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He then said, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said, "I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good



and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>Now indeed, the Israelites' cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

<sup>12</sup>So God said, "I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what should I say to them?"

<sup>14</sup>So God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He also said, "You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

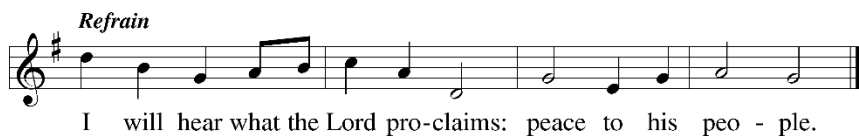
<sup>15</sup>God also told Moses, "Say this to the Israelites: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.' EHV

P The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm of the Day - Psalm 85**

*Psalm 85 is a prayer psalm in which the psalmist asks that God would withhold his wrath and supply his grace. Luther*



***Refrain***

**You showed favor to your land, O LORD;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

**You forgave the iniquity of your people  
and covered all their sins.**

**Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.**

***Refrain***

**I will listen to what God the LORD will say;  
he promises peace to his people, his saints.**

**Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

**Love and faithfulness meet together;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain***

## Second Lesson - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*The Lord reveals his presence among the nation of Israel. Instead of his presence leading to repentant faith, with a sense of false security the Israelites set their hearts on evil.*

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup>They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples to warn us not to desire evil things the way they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters like some of them—as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to celebrate wildly.” <sup>8</sup>And let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. <sup>9</sup>Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and so were being destroyed by the serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not grumble, as some of them grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

<sup>12</sup>So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it. EHV

P The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel reading.*

### **Gospel Acclamation - from 2 Peter**

P He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish,

**C but everyone to come to repentance.**

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

*God is always patient, but our time of grace does come to an end at the moment of death. Since that can come at unexpected times, Jesus teaches that the time to repent is right now.*

At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? <sup>3</sup>I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too."

<sup>6</sup>He told them this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'Look, for three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?'

<sup>8</sup>But the gardener replied to him, 'Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. <sup>9</sup>If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

### **Hymn – *Delay Not! Delay Not***

**CW337**

**1 Delay not! Delay not! O sinner, draw near!  
The waters of life are now flowing for you.  
No price is demanded; the Savior is here.  
Redemption is purchased; God's promise is true.**

**2 Delay not! Delay not, O sinner, to come,  
For mercy still lingers and calls you today.  
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;  
Its message, unheeded, will soon pass away.**

**3 Delay not! Delay not! The Spirit of grace,  
Long grieved and resisted, may take his sad flight  
And leave you in darkness to finish your race,  
To sink in the gloom of eternity's night.**

**4 Delay not! Delay not! The hour is at hand;  
The earth will dissolve, and the heavens will fade.  
The dead, small and great, in the Judgment must stand --  
What pow'r, then, O sinner, can lend you its aid?**

**5 Delay not! Delay not! Why longer abuse  
The love and compassion of Jesus, your God?  
A fountain is opened -- how can you refuse?  
Come, wash and be cleansed in his pardoning blood.**

**Sermon – Luke 13:1-9**

***Tragedies and the Importance of Repentance***

## **Our Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of  
God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from  
true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from  
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary, and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with  
the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  
of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn – *In the Hour of Trial***

**CW116**

**1 In the hour of trial,  
Jesus, plead for me  
Lest by base denial  
I unworthy be.  
When you see me waver,  
With a look recall,  
Nor for fear or favor  
Ever let me fall.**

**2 With forbidden pleasures  
Should this vain world charm  
Or its tempting treasures  
Spread to work me harm,  
Bring to my remembrance  
Sad Gethsemane  
Or, in darker semblance,  
Cross-crowned Calvary.**

**3 Should your mercy send me  
Sorrow, toil, and woe,  
Or should pain attend me  
On my path below,  
Grant that I may never  
Fail your cross to view;  
Grant that I may ever  
Cast my care on you.**

**4 When my life is ending,  
Though in grief or pain,**



**When my body changes  
Back to dust again,  
On your truth relying,  
Through that mortal strife,  
Jesus, take me, dying,  
To eternal life.**

*Please stand.*

### **Prayer of the Church**

P Almighty God, you order and number our days according to your wisdom.

**C Give us repentant hearts, lest we perish with this world of violence and suffering.**

P Let us hold fast to Christ for life and salvation.

**C Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, you take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desire that they turn from evil and live.

**C Give pastors courage to warn of sin and death.**

P Give all Christians strength to defend that message.

**C Turn sinners to life by the proclamation of Christ, who delivers from all unrighteousness.**

P Heavenly Father, guard your people against sexual immorality.

**C Grant that our homes would be havens of godly instruction and chastity, and fill marriages with fidelity and love.**

P God of all, you establish justice not through the desires of sinners but by your Law, which is for all.

**C Enlighten the authorities of this and every nation, that they might rule justly for true good.**

P Faithful God, protect us when we are tempted.

**C Guard us especially from pride that justifies sin and from doubting that you provide the way of escape.**

P Strengthen us with penitent hearts to endure until you deliver us.

**C Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, remember your people who cry to you for mercy in a world where towers fall and sinners work evil.

**C Deliver those in need of healing and comfort, and strengthen them to look to you for help in their time of affliction. -- *Silent prayers.* --**

P God of compassion, through the abundance of your steadfast love you gather us into your house and to your Supper.

**C Give all who commune this day a holy fear of your wrath and faith in your promises, that they would receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.**

P Lord of life, you have brought us into your vineyard and appointed us to bear good fruit.

**C Receive our thanks for your patience, and grant that we would show your love and grace in all that we say and do.**

**P We ask these things through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, and has invited us to pray ...**

### ***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.**

## **The Sacrament**

**P The Lord be with you.**



**C: And al - so with you.**

**P Lift up your hearts.**



**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise, thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.

### **Holy, Holy, Holy – *Sanctus***



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



## Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

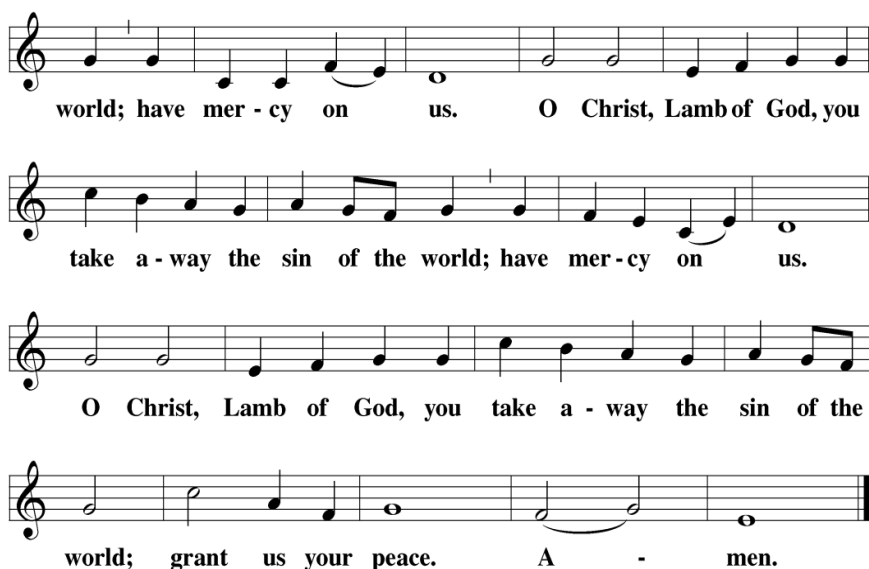
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O Christ, Lamb of God - *Agnus Dei*





## Distribution

*The Lord's Supper is a means by which Christ strengthens our faith as we receive His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. Receiving the Sacrament is a public confession of faith. Therefore, Our Redeemer congregation observes the Biblical principle of "close Communion." We invite only those persons who are members of this congregation or another Wisconsin Synod congregation to commune. Other guests are asked to speak with our pastor if they desire to join our confessional fellowship. Thank you!*

*After the Distribution, please stand.*

## We thank our God with Joyful Responses

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord,  
**C** for he is good and his mercy lasts forever.

## The Lord sends us with his Blessing

### The Closing Prayer

- P Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### The Benediction

- P Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



*Please be seated.*

**Hymn – Praise God, from Who All Blessings Flow  
CW334**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

***Looking ahead –*  
Next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – worship 9:30am**

Our thanks to Pastor Steve Degner for leading us in worship this morning.

In order to offer greater financial transparency to all members please review the year-to-date offering analysis below:

Offerings Analysis:	Last Week	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
<b>ACTUAL OFFERINGS</b>	\$ 1,765	\$ 7,945	\$ 27,537
<b>BUDGETED OFFERINGS</b>	\$ 2,896	\$ 6,620	\$ 32,274
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>(\$1,131)</b>	\$1,325	<b>(\$4,737)</b>

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