

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30, 2025



St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church
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“SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Cindy Berry

OPENING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

ELW 152

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32 *Spoken responsively by whole verse.*

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
- ² **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave
me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time
of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not
reach them.**
- ⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should
go; I will guide you with my eye.**
- ⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near
you."
- ¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**
- ¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Response after the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Spoken in unison. Please stand.*

**I will arise and go to my father and say, I have sinned
against heaven and before you. (Luke 15:18)**

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The Holy Gospel according to Luke: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

SERMON

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY *Our Father, We Have Wandered*

ELWV 606

APOSTLES' CREED

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.**

APOSTLES' CREED (*continued*)

**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

God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Pastorale* Guiseppe Sammartini/Patricia Lou Harris



OFFERTORY HYMN *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 188

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in a two-part setting. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The score consists of five systems, each with a vocal line and a corresponding bass line. The final system ends with a double bar line.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 presiding minister continues: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should
at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 190

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table! Please join us by coming up the center aisle and receiving the bread from the Pastor (Gluten-free wafers are available). Then you may choose to receive the wine from the common cup, or by picking up an empty cup and receiving the wine from one of the two pouring chalices. Filled cups of grape juice are available alongside the empty cups.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 496, 324, 608, 779, 616

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION SONG *Now, Lord*

ELW 201

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Restore in Us, O God

ELW 328

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Andre Campra/Hal, 1813, H. Hopson

Today's Worship Support

Presiding Minister: Rev. Christopher Frye

Assisting Minister: Janet Lundblad

Lector: Ellen Kroepil

Communion Assistants: Jodi Forrester
& Norma Huss

Acolyte: Christina Yarma

Greeters: Dick & JoAnn Wildeson

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays

10:00 am Holy Communion
8:45 am Faith Formation/Christian Education

Wednesdays

11:00 am Holy Communion & Healing
7:00 pm Prayer & Share via Zoom

