

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

**"Energized by God's Love"**

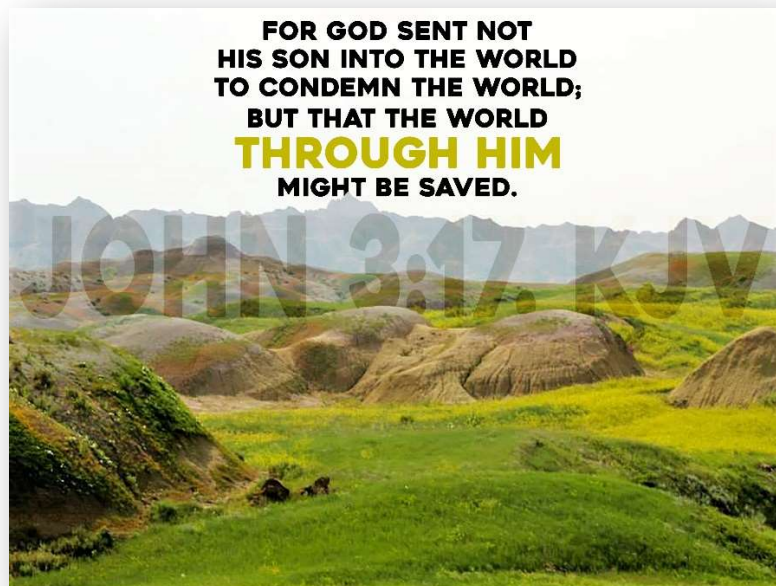
Energizado por el amor de Dios

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Setting III**  
**March 10, 2024**

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**Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!**  
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.  
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.

# SERVING US THIS MORNING

**Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!**

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**Children's Message:** Grace Alexandrou

**Eucharist Assistant:** Laura Rubio & Danae Moreno

**Altar Guild:** Georgine Acly, Bee Robles, Denise Tsang & Shirley Loo

**Greeters:** Joyce Masterson (Front Door), TBD (Side Door)

**Worship Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Beth Stauter, Wil & Deb Mandac

**Background Worship:** Beth Stauter

**Organist:** Beth Stauter

**Choir Director:** Chris Frye

**Bell Choir Director:** Wil Mandac

**Tech Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Ethan ElAmir, Justine Skov, Madeleine Gan, Ryan Peters, Tim and Denise Tsang.

**Prayer Chain Coordinator:** Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

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## **ORDER OF *WORSHIP***

**PRELUDE**

***"WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"***  
(By Sarah Douglas)

**Beth Stauter**

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Dan Tisdel**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**[C] Amen.**

[P] Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

[P] Holy God,

**[C] we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

[P] Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

**[C] Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN      "JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA"      ELW #592**

**INVOCATION**

*(music found on page 138)*

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**[C] And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**[C] Amen.**

**HYMN: ELW #232**

(Please use your hymnal for words and music)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH GRACE ALEXANDROU

### GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Numbers 21:4-9

*Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.*

From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

#### Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

**OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary**

**NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary**

[NT] *Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.*

[OT] Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

[NT] *gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.*

[OT] Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.

[NT] *They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.*

[OT] Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.

[NT] *You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.*

[OT] Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

[C] **Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**“TOUCH US ONCE AGAIN”**

**St. Luke Choir**

(By Bryers/Morton)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Ephesians 2:1-10**

*While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God’s grace at work in our lives.*

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(music found on page 151)*

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to John ...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

**Gospel – John 3:14-21**

**Read by Pastor Dan Tidel**

*To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today’s first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.*

[Jesus said:] “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**“GOD’S GRACE ISN’T FAIR”**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS”***

**ELW #666**

**GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

**OFFERING MUSIC**

**Beth Stauter**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

[C] **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 into hell. 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.**

(\*universal)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

[P & A] Hear us, O God,

**[C] Your mercy is great.**

## **PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **TRANSITIONAL PRAYER**

[A] Let us pray...

**[C] Oh God, Each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

[P] The Lord be with you.

**[C] And also with you.**

[P] Lift up your hearts.

**[C] We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**[C] It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**[C] 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.**

### **“LAMB OF GOD”**

*(music found on page 146)*

**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 SONG**

***“AMAZING GRACE”***

**Andy Wadsworth**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST** (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

[P] Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

[C] **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**

***“LIFT HIGH THE CROSS”***

***ELW #660***

**BENEDICTION**

[P] Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace.

[C] **Amen.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve The Lord.

[C] **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**POSTLUDE:**

***“CRUSADERS MARCH”***  
(By Frances Howard McKay)

**Beth Stauter**