

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

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

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdel

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

**Setting III**  
**March 17, 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!**

**Pastor:** The Rev. Daniel Tisdel

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**Children's Message:** Grace Alexandrou

**Eucharist Assistant:** Lisa Pierce & Denise Tsang

**Altar Guild:** Roy & Theresa Tuason, Denise Tsang & Shirley Loo

**Greeters:** Doug & Doriann Shreve (Front Door), Don & Loretta Merry (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**

***"MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN"***  
(By Dale Wood)

**Beth Stauter**

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Dan Tisdel**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

[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**

**"MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN"**

**LBW #94**

(Green Hymnal)

**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** (Red Hymnal)  
(Please use your hymnal for words and music)

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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 – Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### **Psalm 51:1-12**

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

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

[OT] Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

[NT] *Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.*

[OT] For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

[NT] *Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.*

[OT] Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

[NT] *Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.*

[OT] Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

[NT] *Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.*

[OT] Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

[NT] *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

[OT] Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**[C] Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hebrews 5:5-10**

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## **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 12:20-33**

**Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell**

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain;

but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE**

**“PLANTING ZUCCHINI SEEDS”**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT”**

**ELW #465**

**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*****“SEEK YE FIRST”*****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****CHOIR ANTHEM*****“A CELTIC BLESSING”***  
(By Douglas Wagner)**St. Luke Choir****SENDING HYMN*****“LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING”*****ELW #545****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:*****“FAITH, THE VICTORY”*****Beth Stauter**