

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

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

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

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

**Setting III**  
**March 30, 2025**



**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.



**Sunnyvale Community Services**  
Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community

## SERVING US THIS MORNING

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

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**Children's Message:** Andy Wadsworth

**Eucharist Assistant(s):** Roy & Theresa Tuason

**Altar Guild:** Shirley Loo, Wendy Callahan & Debbie Ryan

**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, Olivia Mitchell, 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*

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**Beth Stauter**

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Dan Tisdel**

## GATHERING HYMN "SOFTLY AND TENDERLY, JESUS IS CALLING" ELW #608

## 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] God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of 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 ANDY WADSWORTH

## GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Joshua 5:9-12

*By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.*

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

### Psalm 32

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

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

[OT] Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

[NT] *Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!*

[OT] While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

[NT] *For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.*

[OT] 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.

[NT] *Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.*

[OT] You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

[NT] *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.*

[OT] 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."

[NT] *Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.*

[C] **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**"THE LORD IS LISTENING"  
(By Pepper Choplin )**

**St. Luke Choir**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*(music found on page 142)*

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

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

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

### **Gospel – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

**Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell**

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.*

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer

worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE “THE SENSES: THE GRACE-FILLED TOUCH OF GOD”**

**Pastor Dan Tisdell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “OUR FATHER, WE HAVE WANDERED”**

**ELW #606**

**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] God, in your mercy,

**[C] Receive our prayer.**

## **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 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 come up to receive a blessing of the day.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**Beth Stauter**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

[P] Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**

**“MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG”**

**ELW #763**

**BENEDICTION**

[P] God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✝ bless you now and forever.

[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:**

**“CLOSING VOLUNTARY”**

**Beth Stauter**

(By E.L. Ashford)