



# Gethsemane Lutheran Church

2185 Garden Springs Drive  
Lexington, KY 40504

## Welcome!

You are one of God's  
beloved children  
and our honored guest.  
We pray you remain safe  
and well during this time.

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## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

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-----**GOD WELCOMES US TO WORSHIP**-----

*<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

*<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*

*Psalm 51:1-2*

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

*(Please have a cracker or piece of bread ready for holy communion)*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**All: Amen.**

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**

**We have strayed from your love for all people.**

**Turn us back to you, O God.**

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,**

**that we may find what is pleasing to you**

**and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.

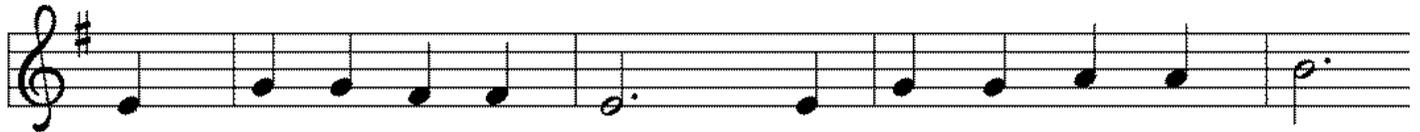
All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,

who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

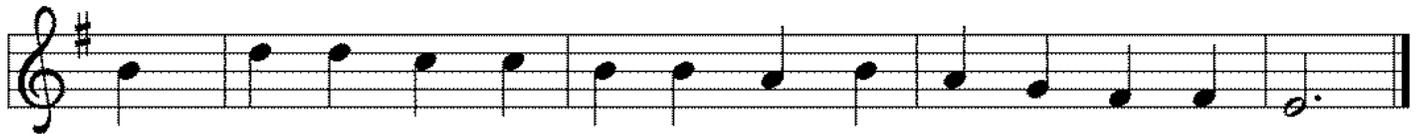
**All: Amen.**

## Gathering Litany

## Kyrie – Setting Ten



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Greeting

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

All: **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. *Brief pause.* Lord of love, you have taught us that love is  
your greatest commandment. Teach us to love as unconditionally as you  
love us.

All: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## -----GOD SPEAKS TO US-----

**Introduction to the Day** - *We are called to love God and each other. However, this love is not a feeling or emotion; it is when we focus our hearts, minds, and wills on the good of another. Putting this love into action spreads the kingdom of God. In today's gospel Jesus teaches in the temple the core of God's law: love God with all you are and have, and love your neighbor as yourself. He then criticizes those who make a show of their giving and praises the widow who is willing to give all that she has to God's kingdom. God's true temple is not a building made of stone, but the hearts of those who, through faith, obey the commandments to love.*

## **Psalmody**

## **Psalm 89:1-4**

Let us read / sing portions of Psalm 89

- <sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.
- <sup>2</sup>For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.
- <sup>3</sup>“I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:
- <sup>4</sup>“I will establish your | line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all | generations.””

*We continue with the reading of the Gospel.*

## **Gospel**

## **Mark 12:28-44**

*see pew Bible p. 825*

P: The holy gospel according to Mark the 12th Chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Pastor Laura Altman

**Sermon Notes:**

-----**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**-----

**Apostles' Creed**

**All: 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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic (*all-inclusive*) church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church**

*Each petition will end with the phrase, "Hear us, O God."  
Your response is "Your mercy is great."*

*Prayers conclude with:*

**A:** According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers  
as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

**P:** Please share God's peace with God's people. Wherever you may be at,  
remind yourself that God's peace is with you with a self-hug.

## Offering

Please continue to support our ministry by either mailing in your offering, using your bank's Billpay, or setting up a payment online at [www.glclex.org](http://www.glclex.org). Scan this QR Code & click on the green "Give" button at the bottom of the page. Thank you. Please contact Financial Secretary Denny Roberts with questions.



## Offertory Music

### Offertory "Create In Me"

ELW # 186

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 to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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## Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

All: Amen.

----- **GOD FEEDS US** -----

**Holy Communion**

P: The Lord is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise, to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

*Please lift up your host at this time.*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin, that we may be revived  
for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: God's love is poured out in Christ for you.  
Open yourselves to receive it.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Distribution of Communion** - *We welcome ALL to receive the sacrament, celebrating in the belief that in, with and under the bread & wine, we receive Christ's true body & blood.*

*Until we are allowed to gather in person again, we will commune in community online, and only use the host. Be assured, Christ's body and blood cannot be separated. You received both elements in your cracker or piece of bread.*

### **Communion Table Blessing**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us forever in His Grace.

**All: Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

A: Let us pray. We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.

**All: Amen.**

## **-----GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD-----**

### **The Blessing**

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

**All: Amen.**

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you † peace.

**All: Amen.**

P: May the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of our world, be among you and remain with you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Announcements**

## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

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Welcome Visitors!

A Special Welcome to Our Guests!  
We pray this service was a blessing to you!

If you would like to be added to our email distribution, please contact Lisa at our church office (859) 277-6096 or email us at [gethluth1@gmail.com](mailto:gethluth1@gmail.com).

**Our lessons for next Sunday, March 29th, will be:**

**Psalm 102:12-17; and  
Mark 13:1-8, 24-37.**

### Worship Service Participants

Rev. Laura Altman ..... Pastor  
Lisa Schmidley ..... Office Administrator  
Kelly Peterson ..... Music Director  
Damien Minarik ..... Assisting Minister  
Jaci & David Williams ..... Special Music  
Jeff Forsyth ..... Sound Technician  
Holly Sherwood ..... Video Technician

### **Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday through Thursday  
from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Flowers on the altar** are given by Denny Roberts in honor of Angela's birthday.

**You may sign-up for flowers** using the sheets posted in the lobby near the sacristy doors. Please write a separate check for \$20 and place in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Celebrations This Week**

#### **Birthdays**

March 22 ~ Angela Roberts  
March 23 ~ Don Altman  
March 23 ~ Ted Latham  
March 24 ~ Dana Messner  
March 25 ~ Jennifer Kohonen  
March 26 ~ Duncan King  
March 26 ~ Kathryn Johnson

#### **Anniversaries**

March 23 ~ Bob & Chris Williams

### **Announcements**

**Please Consider Giving to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund** – As businesses close their doors and people lack work & lose wages, our community's need for special attention will grow. Bills will stack up and pantries will get bare. During this time, Gethsemane Lutheran would like to assist as many neighbors as we can. If you would like to help, please consider contributing to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

**We have chosen to worship online only until Further Notice.** You can access our video stream—live or afterwards—via our Facebook Page, YouTube Channel or website: [www.glclex.org](http://www.glclex.org). You can even participate in Holy Communion if you have a cracker or piece of bread available.

**During this Time of Distance, Do You Need Food & Supplies Delivered?**

In light of the coronavirus, some church members have volunteered to shop and bring necessities to congregants in need. If you are in need of a delivery, please contact Janet Koerner at 859-277-0242. She will reach out to our volunteers and set up a time for delivery. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Barbara Herberner (859-277-8054) or Melanie Eichner (859-806-9966 or [meleichner@gmail.com](mailto:meleichner@gmail.com)).

Due to issues connected with the Coronavirus, **Outreach is suspending the Food Bag Program** for the remainder of this school year. Anyone who wants to continue to support this ministry is invited to make monetary donations to the discretionary fund for the purpose of our giving Kroger gift cards to families in need of food. Questions can be directed to Karen Sorrell, Outreach Chair, or Pastor Laura. A special word of gratitude for the volunteers who have given so much time, talent, and financial support to this important ministry.

**Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars®** – Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31, 2020**, to direct any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars. Help support your congregation. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt. Or you may contact Brittany Lawson at (859) 303-5139. **If you designate Choice Dollars to Gethsemane, contact Lisa Schmidley at the church office or Jaci Williams, our Treasurer. Let them know the deposit amounts and what account should be credited.**

**All Midweek Soup Suppers & Worship Services have been canceled.** We hope to have an interactive, virtual Wednesday evening event for those who would like to have spiritual conversations. More details will be coming. In the meantime, to continue with your own midweek reflection & study, use the link below for a Lenten devotional that follows the narrative lectionary. This devotion was prepared by St. John's Lutheran Church, Bloomington, IL-ELCA. [https://www.stjohnsbloomington.org/download\\_file/view/1448/](https://www.stjohnsbloomington.org/download_file/view/1448/)

**The Youth Committee meeting planned for Thursday, March 26th has been canceled and the group will postpone gathering until further notice.**

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt UPDATE** – Outreach committee announces that the EASTER EGG HUNT 2020 has been CANCELLED due to the current situation surrounding the Coronavirus. Easter Candy that has been donated will be kept for a future event which will be planned for the children after this public health situation is over. Thank you for your understanding.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Marilyn Roe and her family, as she has been hospitalized for dehydration and low blood sugar. Prayers as the family decides how to proceed;
- Shannon Tally, that she may get settled after her move & get access to landline phone service in her new home;
- Katie Thompson (*Steven DeWitte's girlfriend*), as her open heart surgery revealed significant damage to both her aortic and mitral valves (both replaced) as well as an abscess in her left ventricle. Praise she woke up from surgery. Continued prayers for tube removal after her lungs are drained of fluid and for wisdom on treatment for her heart issues;
- The church – our congregation, IK Synod, ELCA, and Bishops Bill Gafkjen & Elizabeth Easton;

- Our congregational council, committees, and Pastor Laura, as well as our following members, friends, and family:

Page Anderson;	Beth Janecek;	Denny Roberts;
Lea Arenas;	Janet Koerner;	Delia Schoepfer;
Don Blevins;	Dana Messner;	Jill Selzer;
Geoffrey Buhlig;	Family of Teresa Ogden;	Tony State;
Craig Cook;	Greg Omvig;	Shirley Stevenson;
DeAnne Olsen Cravaritis;	Gail Pederson;	Michele Taylor;
Tom & Ruth Dooling;	Eunice Quast;	Mackenzie Webb;
Bailey Ford;	Shane & Blaire Riley;	Rochelle Williams;
El Frantsvog;	Angela Roberts;	Kara Wilson;
Jim Greathouse;		

- Those who struggle to or are unable to attend services, including:

Carla Greathouse;            Toni Steinke;  
Ray & Marilyn Roe;

*Please remember to pray daily for the families listed on Gethsemane's monthly newsletter calendar, those who are serving in the military; for all those wishing to return to the work force; for the countries in conflict; and for all those whose needs are known only to God.*

## How to Connect With Us



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**Check out GLC's Website!** Please see our webpage at <http://glclex.org/> for our updated information on ways we connect to the community and see the great things GLC is doing. Please contact the church office with any questions.



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**Pastor Laura** works out of her church office Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and works from home Monday afternoons and Saturdays. An up-to-date schedule is posted outside her door. Her Sabbath time includes Monday mornings and Fridays. For any emergencies, please use her cell phone: (859) 230-5735.

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