March 12, 2017
Second Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM



First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at First Lutheran Church welcome all into the fullness of God's love. **We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life.** We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our God-given differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

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WORSHIP

+ Please sign the white card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher on your way forward for Holy Communion.
+ The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymn book.
+ Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
+ Our expectation is that children will be in worship. We understand, though, that there are times when your wiggly ones need a distraction. There is a "Pray Space" under the stairs in the inner narthex with soft toys and books. If you desire the nursery ask an usher for directions.
+ Public Wi-Fi password: MartyLuther.
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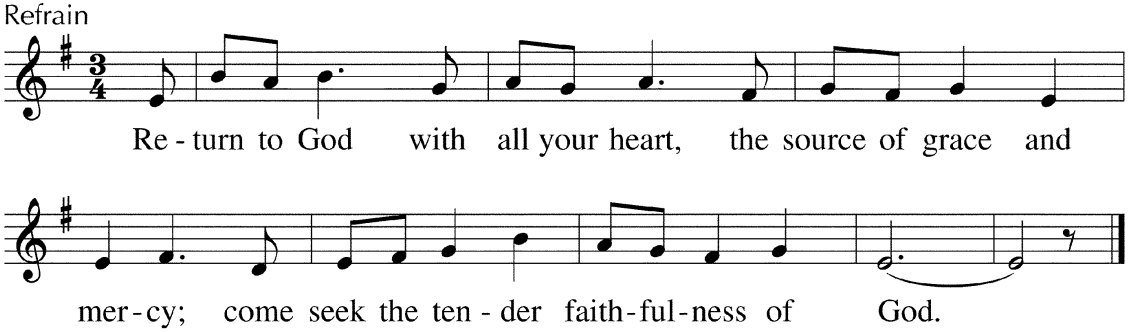
GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: ***The King Of Love, My Shepherd Is (St. Columba)***

WELCOME

MEDITATION SONG: ***Return to God***



Verses

1. Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.

2. I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.

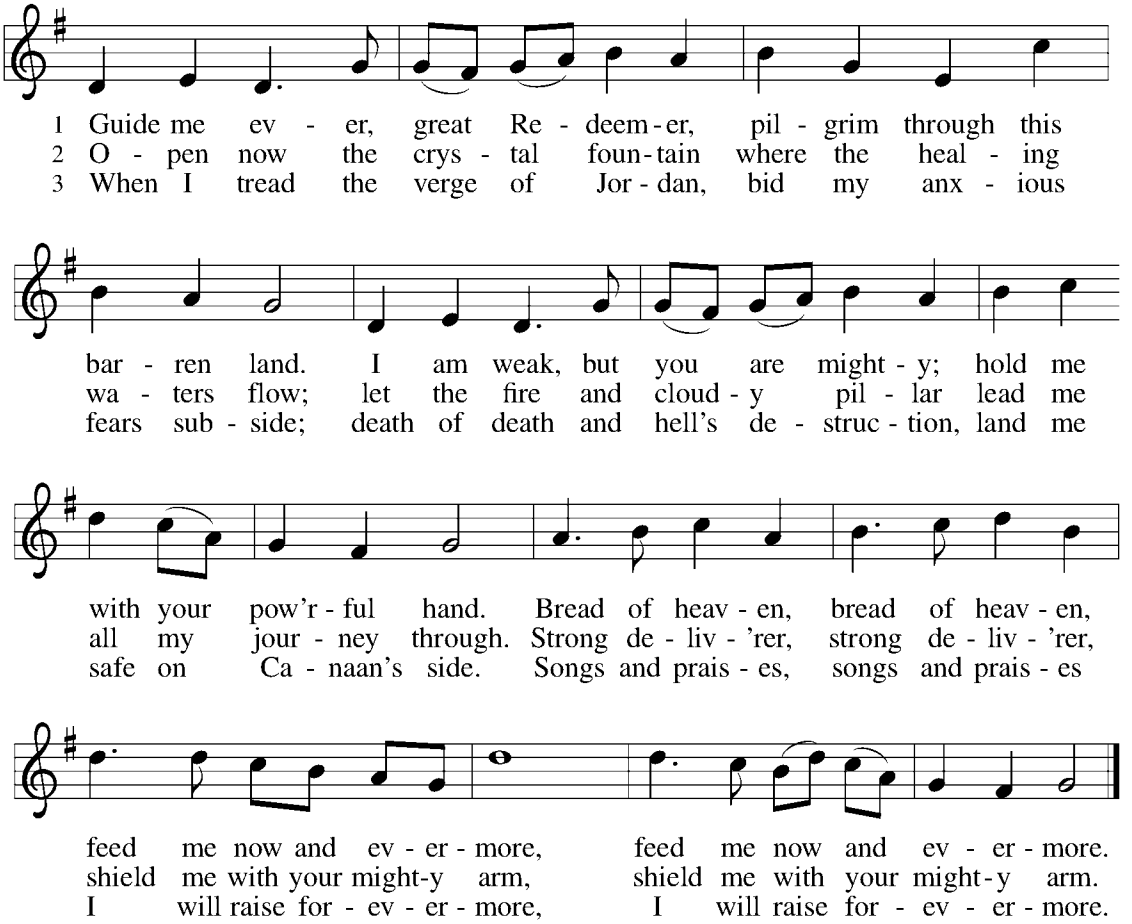
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence for self-reflection.

Merciful God,
you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.
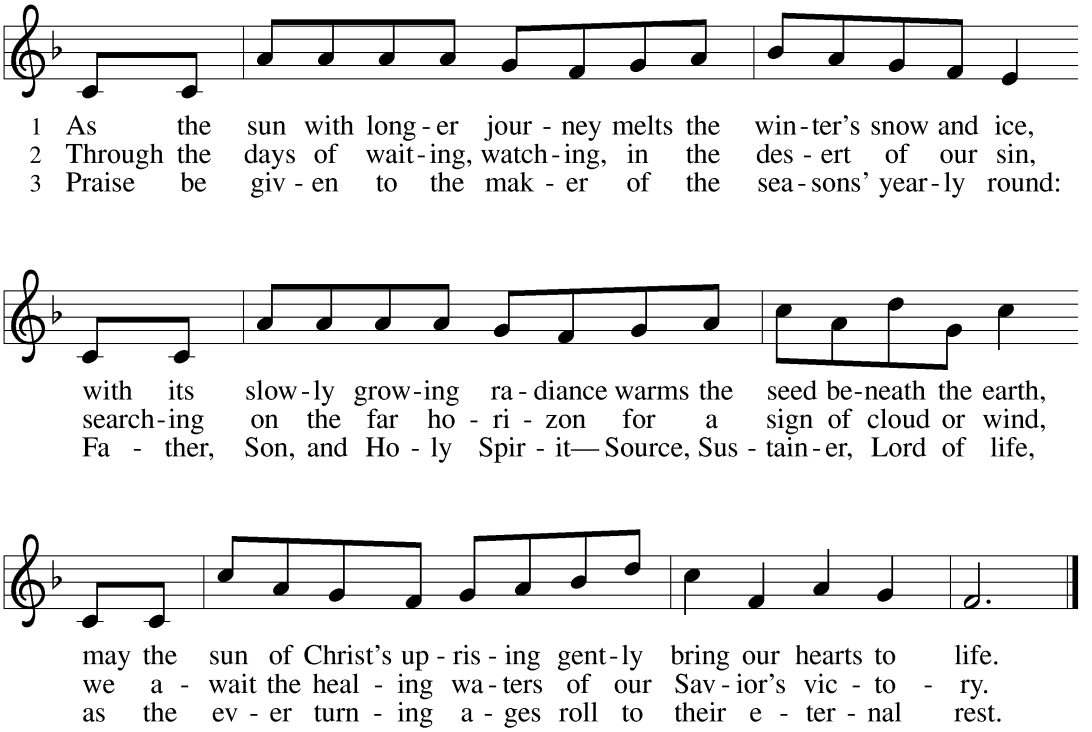
GATHERING SONG: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (ELW 618)



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray.
Holy One of mighty power, your word is powerfully dangerous. Your word casts out demons. Your word heals incurable diseases. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *As the Sun with Longer Journey* (ELW 329)

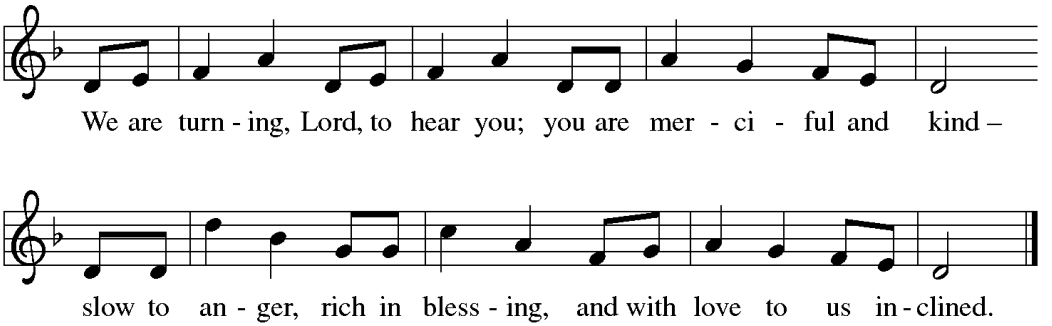


ANTHEM: *I have Loved You (M. Joncas)*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE WORD: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

[1]At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans
whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. [2]He asked them, "Do you
think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners
than all other Galileans? [3]No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish
as they did. [4]Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on
them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in
Jerusalem? [5]No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they
did."
[6]Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he
came looking for fruit on it and found none. [7]So he said to the gardener, 'See
here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find
none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' [8]He replied, 'Sir, let it alone
for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. [9]If it bears fruit
next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"
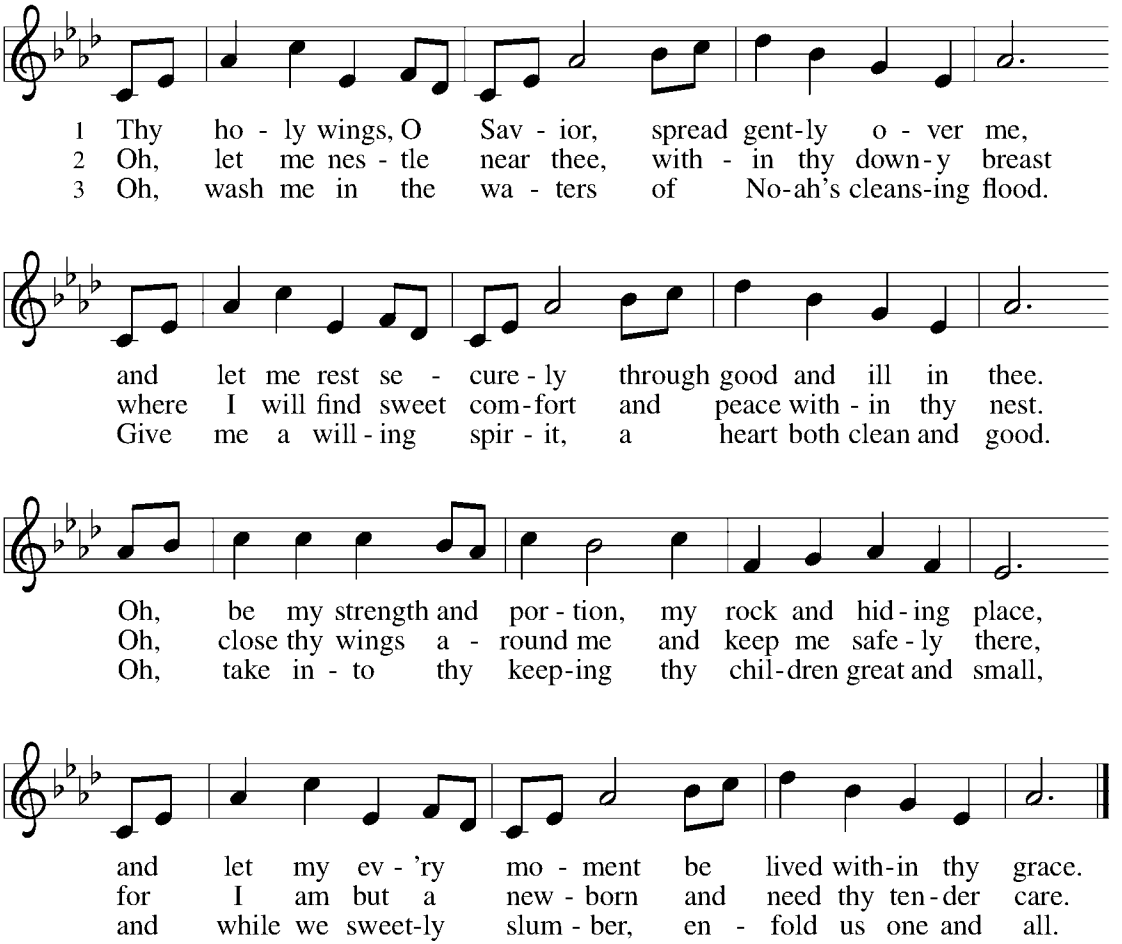
[31]At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here,
for Herod wants to kill you." [32]He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me,
'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and
on the third day I finish my work. [33]Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must
be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of
Jerusalem.' [34]Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones
those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children
together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!
[35]See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time
comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Word of God,
word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Roger Steinke,
Director of REACH Ministries

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ***Thy Holy Wings*** **(ELW 613)**



A CONFESSION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of all earth's families, bless your church to be a blessing and bestow your grace to a hurting world. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

O God, you love the entire cosmos. Help us to love all of the creatures and life within it. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

O God, our help is in you. Keep the nations, their governments, and their people from all evil. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

O God, your promises ease our pain and sorrow. Grant comfort, healing, and joy to all who are in need. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

O God, lead this assembly in its Lenten journey toward faith, works of love, and prayer. Let those gathered here be fed and nourished by your word. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

For whom do the people pray?

O God, we give thanks for the faithful departed who have joined your saints in light. Let their lives be guides to our own. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

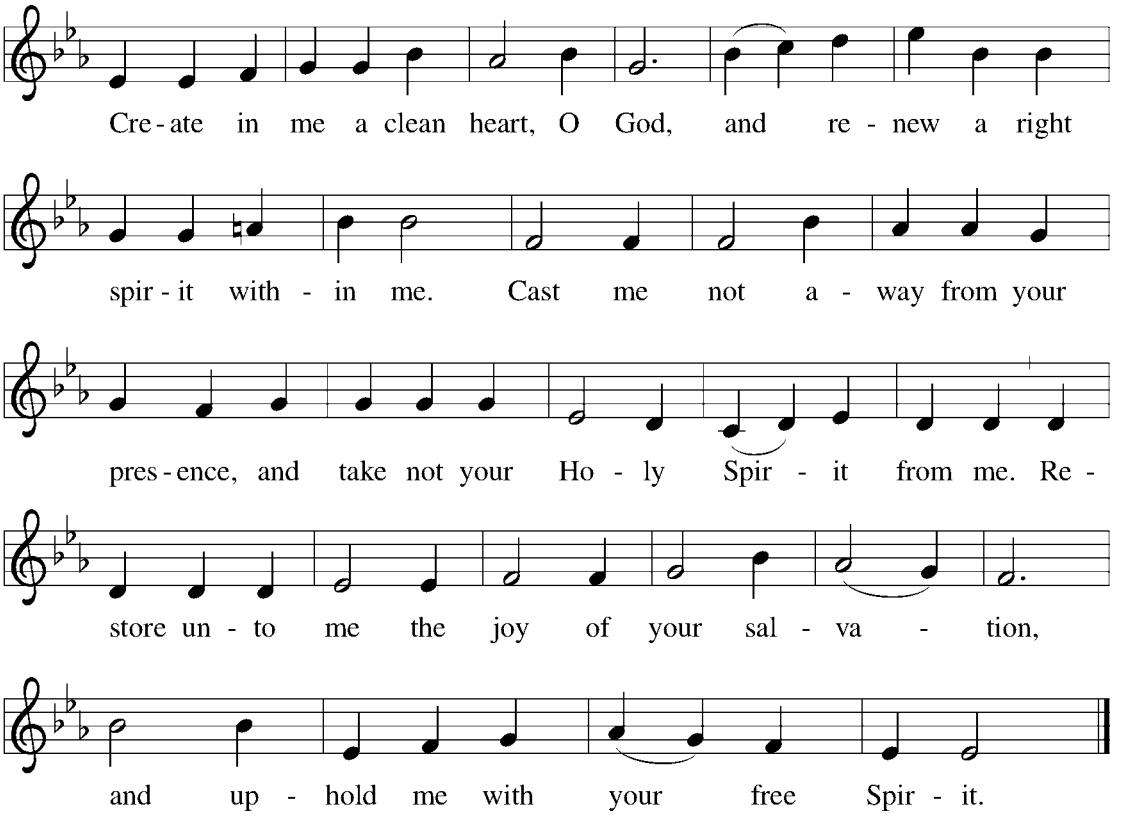
PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: ***A Song of Unity (D. Jahn)***

OFFERING: ***Create in Me a Clean Heart (anonymous)***

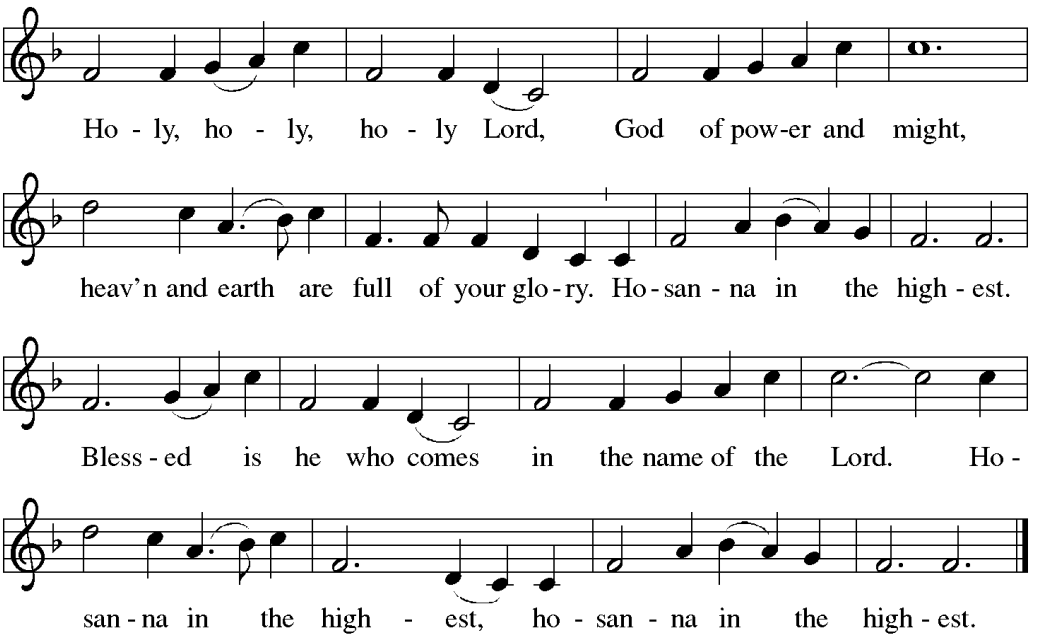


OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

PREFACE
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. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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.

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.

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 the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Bless our Eucharistic Ministers who will take this meal to our sisters and brothers who cannot be with us this day. May this good work strengthen and sustain them.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
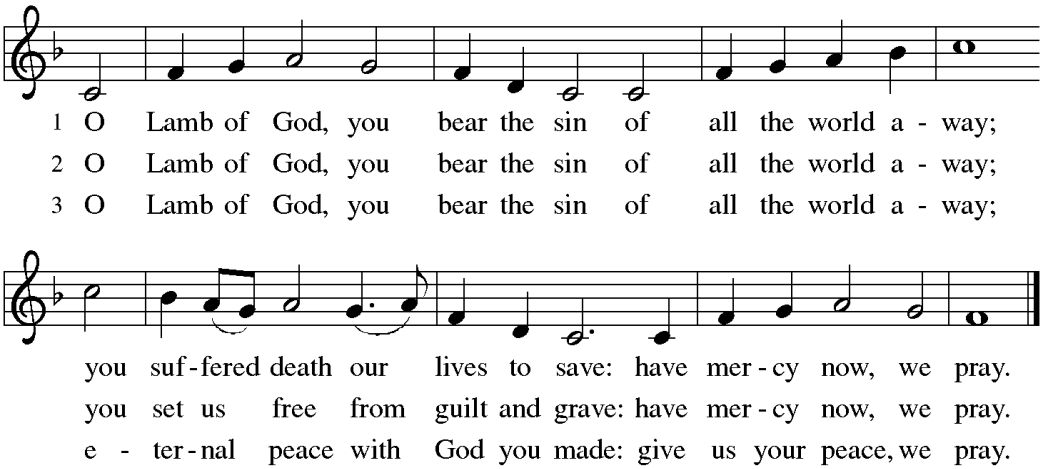
Return to God with all your heart.
Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

COMMUNION: *We will receive the body of Christ as gluten-free bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar words: The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

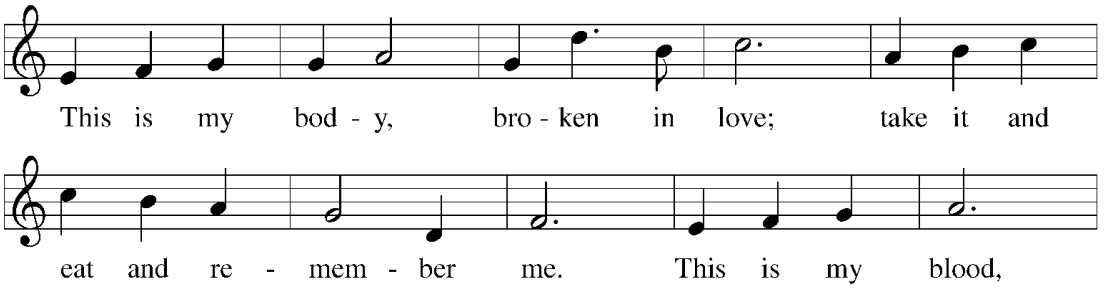
WHO MAY COMMUNE? *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion assistants.*

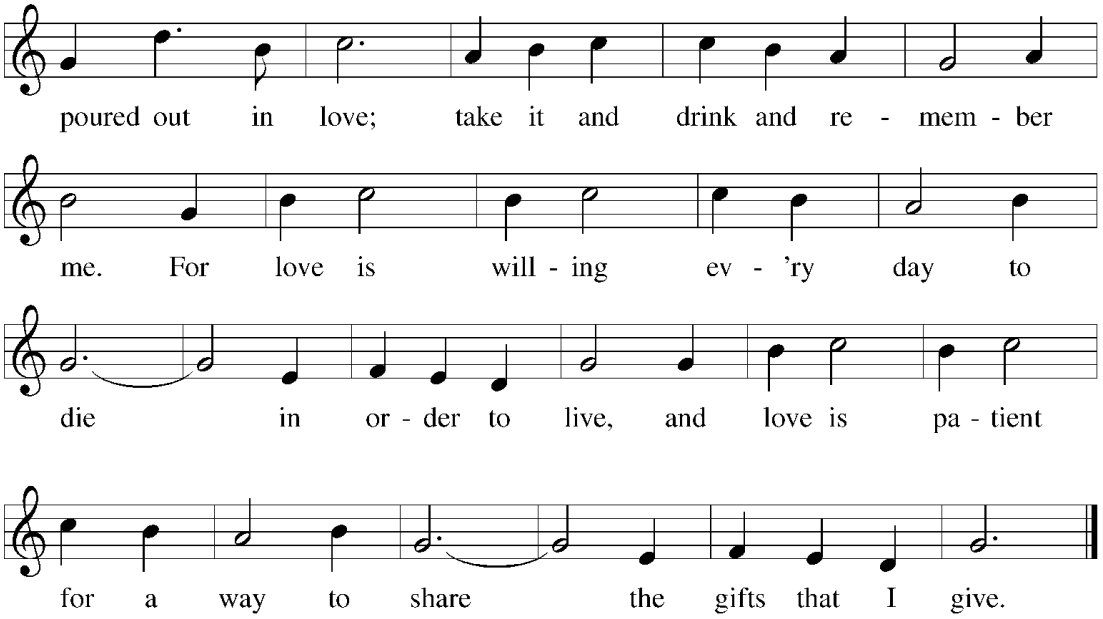
DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION: *Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.*

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMNS:
Broken in Love





***Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (ELW 779)**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING
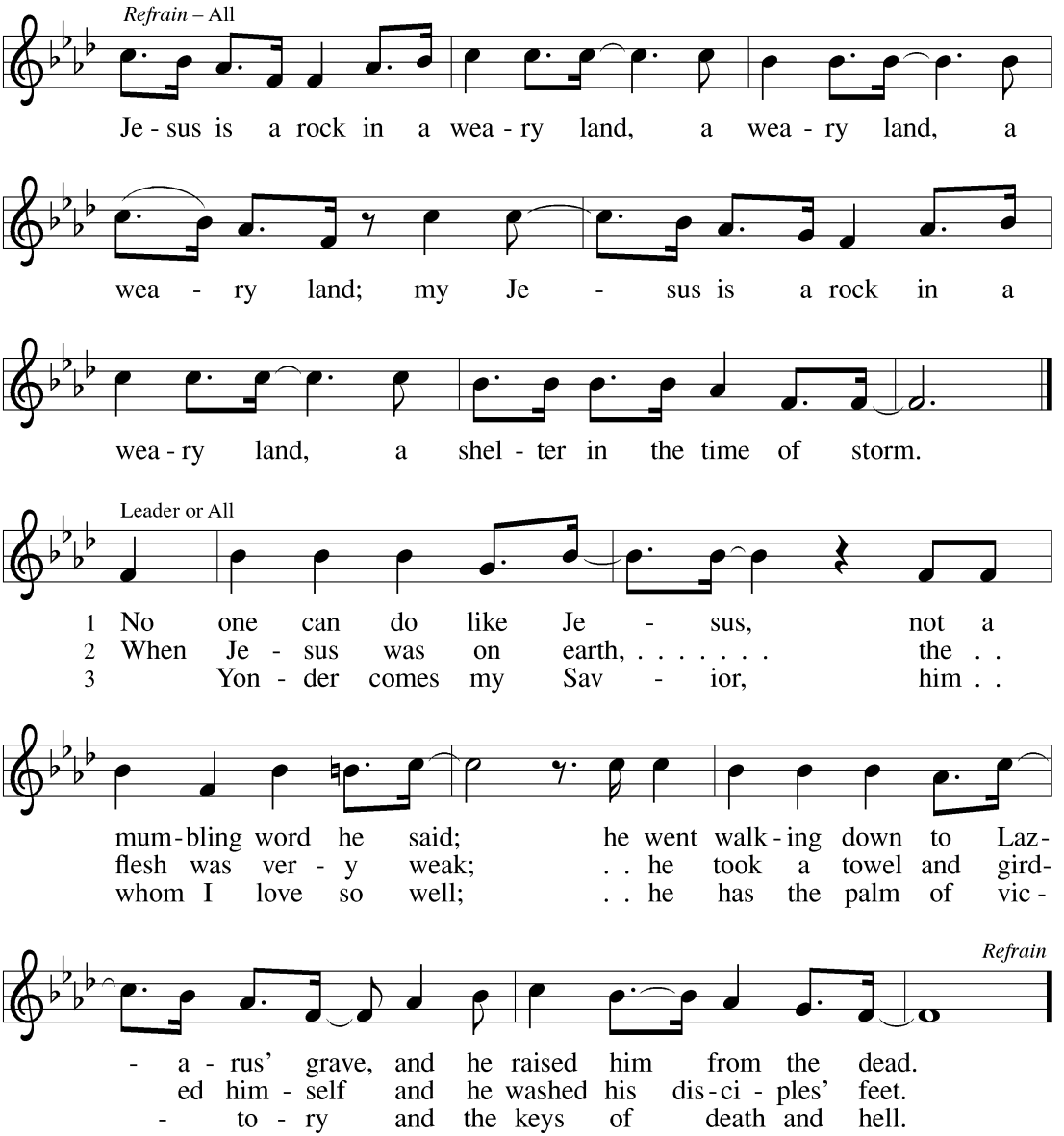
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you ✢ peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: ***Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*** **(ELW 333)**



DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Ministry Partners:
Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church, Lutheran Disaster Response, People of Allepo, Syria, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services and Texas-Louisianna Gulf Coast Synod—Flooding

Those living with cancer:
Paul Aldrich (Lageson Family friend), **Carol Angello** (Bob & Phyllis Watters' friend), **Michele Berger** (Karey Coble's friend), **Danna** (Cathy Tanner's friend), **Neal Beachinor** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Owen Carter** (Lisa Hamilton's friend), **Lynn Crutcher** (Busch family friend), **Joyce Daily** (David Osborne's aunt), **Janice Davidson** (Sandy Flying Cloud's friend), **Pam Davis** (Phelps family friend), **Patricia Dwonch** (Stephanie Almeida's aunt), **Mason Gordon** (Curcio Family friend), **Jan Gregersen** (Nicole Thomas' friend),), **Cami Grillo** (member), **Phyllis Hoefer** (Marlis Pehling's friend), **Tao Hong** (Joy Fu's husband), **Bernie Jenkins** (Jane King's friend), **Lee Larson** (Beth Phelps' cousin), **Marcella** (Benson family friend), **Tom McMaster** (Dawn Bastin's father), **Mark Nesse** (Darci Desilet's stepfather), **Bruce Niermeyer** (Cook family friend), **Marvin Richter** (Renee Markert's father), **Catherine Roseberry** (Geri Crawford's friend), **Bill Schenk** (Melanie Veazey's cousin), **Audrey Sheffler** (Sherrill Baker's friend), **Heather Smith** (Cami Grillo's niece), **Sylvia Stevens** (wife of Steve Stevens and Bob Berg's friend), **Dan Thomson** (Jane King's friend), **Roger Tuck** (Michelle Tuck's brother-in-law), **Kip Van Alstine** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Joanne Wejak** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law) and **Michael Wilson** (Vicki Kastning's friend).

Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:
Jay Arndtson (member), **Margie Benson** (member), **Vivian Carlton** (member), **Isabel de Jesus Congdon** (Sue Toyoda's friend), **Jacquie & Dick Craft** (Thieme family friends), **Cathy Edwards** (member),), **Sherri Gordon** (regular visitor), **Marge Gonyea** (member), **Jeff** (Amanda Sanders' friend), **Keith Hood** (member), **Bernard (Buck) Kelly** (Betty Kelly's husband), **Steve Keltner** (Jennifer Keltner's husband), **Mary Lou** (Evelyn Fischer's niece), **Melissa** (Judy Richards' friend), **John Peterson** (Val Cole's father), **Shirley Peterson** (Haley LaFord's grandmother), **Michael Preston** (Tanya Preston's husband), **Mary Riley** (Donella Robbins' friend), **Ryan & Sarah** (Cathy Edwards' grandchildren), **Mona Shogren** (member), **Karishma Skjonsby** (member), **Joyce Sullivan** (member), **Gordon Tibbetts** (Sherrill Baker's friend), **Darlene Toycen** (Anne & Tom Larsen's friend), **Heidi Van Doren** (member), **Jeff Ward** (Melanie Veazey's brother-in-law), and **Phyllis Watters** (member).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:
Perdy Carlson (member), **Claire** (Sue Ebert's mother), **Phyllis Enger** (member), **Ardyce Johnson** (member), **Carol Nelson** (member), **Erik Olson** (member), **Lillian & Lawrence Romaniuk** (Leon Romaniuk's parents), **Fran Tazuma** (member), **Helen Young** (member) and **Roger Zimmerman** (Connie Wolter's brother)

Special Prayers:
the **Granroth** family (Amanda Sanders' friends), **Larry and Marci Clure** (Sandy and Dan Hendricks' friends) and **Dan Kennedy, Susan Truong & Gina Yarwood** (Ian Anderson's friends)

Please remember to pray for peace in these war torn areas:
Israel/Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

Those Serving Our Country:
AIR FORCE: Tyler Ripley (Jeanne Koruga's nephew) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)
ARMY: Lucas Peters (Jim & Vernita Steege's grandson)
MARINES: James Bacon (Jeanne Koruga's friend) and **Olav Wampler** (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)
NAVY: Karl Krueger (Karin Ulvin's husband), **Toby Pickens** (Jean Pickens' grandson), **Kelsey Schunk** (Jack Schunk's granddaughter)

Prayer shawls are available upon request.

E-Giving Offering cards are available for you to drop in the plate if you give electronically. To give now, scan here.

March 19, 2017 Third Sunday in Lent

Luke 15:1-32 **Lost Sheep, Coin, Son**

Weekly Financial Report

March 5, 2017 Attendance: 194

General Offerings: $10,296 **Mortgage Fund: $1,408**

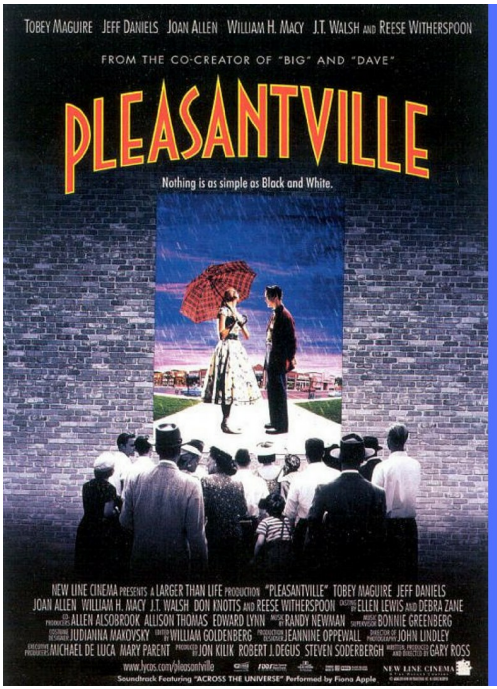
Amount needed per Sunday:

General Offerings: $9,038 **Mortgage Fund:** $1,098

Assisting With Today's Service:

Piano	**June Condra**	**Ushers**	**Lloyd Condra & Walt Stoll**
Ensemble Leader	Richard Edmonds	Communion Assistants	Pat Daane & Janet Jorve
Lector	Tim Jorve	Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps
Acolyte	Karishma Skjonsby	Greeter	Jacquie Stoll
Violin	Alexia Payne	Percussion	Trent DeVerter

Ensemble: Scott Eiler, Sigrun Payne, Doug Peterson, , Donella Robbins, Robyn Rydzak, Johannes Skjonsby and Elizabeth & Randall Wampler.



Wednesdays in Lent

Soup Supper 6 pm
Lenten Vespers 7 pm

Our Lenten Vespers focus will be a return to the Garden of Eden as told through the movie Pleasantville.

Eucharistic Ministry

Every Sunday there are several wood boxes on the altar. These boxes are our communion kits for our Eucharistic Ministry Team. This team is made up of members of the congregation who take Holy Communion to our shut-ins, those in the hospital and others upon request. They go out two by two, just as Jesus sent his disciples out. They pray and bring comfort to those who cannot be with their worshipping community of faith.

What is the "Offering?"

"Offerings" in the church service is understood to consist of the bread and the wine for the Lord's Supper. Offerings have grown to include the goods and the money we give to the Church to assist in its mission and to provide for the assistance of the needy. The act of bringing our gifts of money to the altar helps keep us mindful that we are now sharing in the work of bringing God's redeeming love to all people.

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, March 12 Second Sunday in Lent

8:30 am	Worship
9:45 am	Education Hour
	FLC's 131st Anniversary Celebration ***in the church library.***
11:00 am	Worship
12:30 pm	Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship

Monday, March 13

Pastor Berg's Sabbath

10:00 am	Friends Supporting Friends—***Widows support group meets in the Library. Please join us!***

Tuesday, March 14

9:30 am	Lectionary—***Meet in the library to study next Sunday's Bible text. All are welcome!***
10:00 am	Living Truth Fellowship Bible Study
11:00 am	Staff Meeting
4:15 pm	Library Committee
5:30 pm	Christian Education Committee
6:30 pm	Youth Committee
7:00 pm	Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 15

10:00 am	Rebecca Circle
	Peace by Piece Sewing
6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm	Lenten Vespers

Thursday, March 16

9:00 am	Quilters
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir

Friday, March 17

12:00 pm	All Seasons Lunch
4:00 pm	Lutherwood Elementary Retreat—***FUN at Camp Lutherwood!***
6:00 pm	Pasta with Pastor (Sign up is full)

Saturday, March 18

9:00 am	Men's Breakfast—***Food for the body (Gordy Phelps' delicious breakfast) and food for the soul (Bible study with Pastor Berg)! Please join us!***
8:00 pm	Lutherwood Retreat returns!

Sunday, March 19 Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 am	Worship
9:45 am	Education Hour
11:00 am	Worship with Holy Baptism of Bryce Aaron Winkler
12:30 pm	Living Truth Chinese Lutheran Church Worship

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SERMON NOTES

Interesting things I heard:

My favorite quote:

Main message:

Freed in Christ & RENEWED

500 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.