

March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent
8:30 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 NOTES

- + Please sign the white card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate with your offering before 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.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. www.flcbothell.org
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Assisting With Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Tor K. Berg
Music Director: Lucy Kay Osborne
Children's Message: Beth Bowers

Greeter	Paul Desilet	Sound Tech	Roger Wolter
Ushers	Allen Glenn Dave Richards	Communion Assistants	Paul Desilet Christy Freriks
Lector	Susan Berg	Camera Tech	Ian Anderson
Acolyte	Trey Desilet	Pew Angel	Marcus Hodges

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* (J. S. Bach)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✠ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: *God, Whose Almighty Word* (ELW 673)



1	God, whose al -	might - y	word	cha - os	and	dark - ness	heard
2	Christ, who once	came to	bring,	on your re -	deem - ing	wing,	
3	Spir - it of	truth and	love,	life - giv - ing,	ho - ly	dove,	
4	Ho - ly and	bless - ed	three,	glo - ri - ous	Trin - i - ty,		



and took their	flight:	hear us,	we	hum - bly	pray, and	where the
heal - ing and	sight;	health to	the	trou - bled	mind, sight	where il -
speed forth your	flight;	move on	the	wa - ter's	face bear - ing	the
Wis - dom, Love,	Might:	bound - less	as	o - cean's	tide, roll - ing	in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

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.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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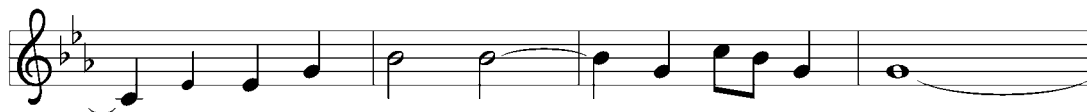
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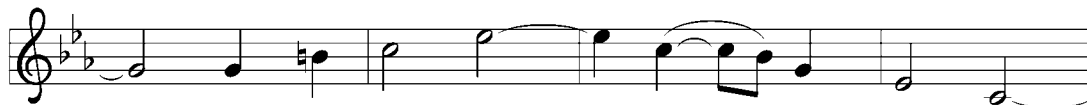
CANTICLE: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (ELW 325)



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

ANTHEM: *Shepherd Me, O God* (M. Haugen)

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 23 (Congregation in unison)

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

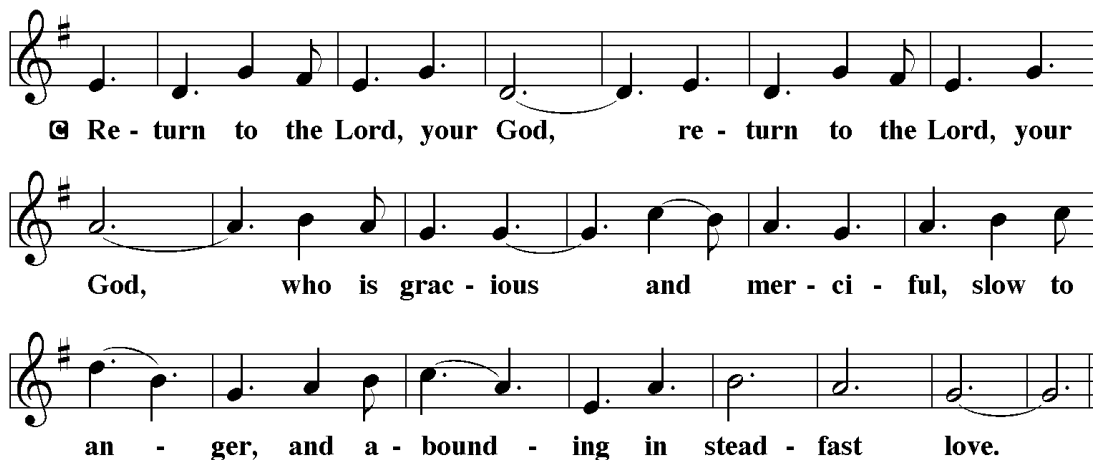
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



☞ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

Narrator: ¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.

Congregation: Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?

Jesus: Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Narrator: ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him,

Jesus: Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.

Narrator: Then the Blind Man went and washed and came back able to see.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask,

Window Side: *Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?*

Piano Side: It is he.

Window Side: *No, but it is someone like him.*

The Man: I am the man.

Congregation: Then how were your eyes opened?

The Man: The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight.

Congregation: Where is he?

The Man: I do not know.

Narrator: ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight.

The Man: He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.

Pharisee: This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.

Congregation: How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?

Narrator: And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man,

Pharisee: What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The Man: He is a prophet.

Narrator: ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, Pharisee: Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?

Parent: We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.

Narrator: ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind.

Pharisee: Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.”

The Man: I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.

Pharisee: What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?

The Man: I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?

Pharisee: You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.

³⁰The man: Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.

Pharisee: You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?”

Narrator: The leader they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, he sought after him.

Jesus: Do you believe in the Son of Man?

The Man: And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.

Jesus: You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.

The Man: Lord, I believe.

Narrator: The man then worshiped Jesus.

³⁹Jesus: I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.

Narrator: ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him,

Pharisee: Surely we are not blind, are we?

Jesus: If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

Word of God

Word of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: *Tacky The Penguin* read by Beth Bowers

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lead Me, Guide Me* (ELW 768) (Red Hymnal)

APOSTLES' CREED

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

THE PRAYERS

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Creating God, by your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials especially President Biden, President Zelenskyy, President Xi, President Steinmeyer, Prime Minister Sunak, and Prime Minister Lapid. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For whom do the people pray?

God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (M. Sedio)*

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (ELW 814)*



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.**

COMMUNION: *We will receive the body of Christ as bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. If you desire gluten-free bread, this option is available. 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

C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG: *Here Is Bread* (ELW 483) (Red Hymnal)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, the giver of love, ✚ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision* (ELW 793)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Have No Fear, Little Flock (W. Pelz)*

INFORMATION For the Week!

Sunday, March 19

8:30 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
9:45 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Education
11:00 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
3:00 pm Movie Review— *The Swimmers* All are welcome!

Monday, March 20

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool
12:00 pm Staff Meeting
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool

Tuesday, March 21

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
9:30 am Lectionary
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
12:30 pm Preschool Chapel
3:30 pm Weekly News Submission Deadline
7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, March 22

9:00 am 4 Year old Preschool
10:00 am Peace by Piece
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool
6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper—All are welcome!
7:00 pm Lenten Vespers

Thursday, March 23

9:00 am 3 Year old Preschool
 FLC Quilters
9:15 am Preschool Chapel
9:30 am Personnel Committee
12:15 pm 4 & 5 Year old Preschool
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 24

Church Office Closed
9:00 am 3 Year old Preschool

Saturday, March 25

Sunday, March 26

8:30 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
9:45 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Education
11:00 am **Worship w/Holy Communion**
12:15 pm Youth to Fun Center!
4:00 pm Lyric Arts Ensemble—*Amo, Amas, Amant: Music of Love and Things Lovely*
 All are welcome!

In Our Prayers

Prayers of sympathy for Ken Smith and family in the death of his brother, Ron.

Our Ministry Partners:

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief and Northwest Washington Synod.

Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), **Sonja** (Stephanie Almeida's friend), **Mark** (Dick Boyce's son), **Marianne** (Emily Curcio's friend), **Jocelyn Carberry** (Ken & Kristin Smith's friend), **Lisa** (Steve Coble's sister), **Dan** (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), **Edith Holbrook** (member), **Tracee** (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), **Jessica Hockstedler** (member), **Evelyn** (Marilyn Iverson's friend), **Dana** (Barb & Tim Theime's friend), **Michael** (Jeff Kosman's friend), **Jana** (Renee & Mike Markert's friend), **Richard** (Ruth Neitzel's brother), **Linda** (Kristi & Katie Pyne's sister-in-law and aunt), **Ted** (Sue Toyoda's friend), **Kip** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Jim** (Hendricks' family friend), **Joanne** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), **Diane Mackey** (Del Benson's friend), **Chris & family** (Dan & Sandy Hendricks' friends), **Karen** (Nora Strothman's cousin).

Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:

Bonnie Ahlstedt (member), **Kathy** (Almeida family friend), **Jan Anderson** (member), **Rene Baker** (member), **Doug** (Ho Brown's brother-in-law), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Randy** (Chris Martin's friend), **Leanne** (Krista Daniels' sister), **Geri Crawford** (member), **Elizabeth** (Jane King's friend), **Nancy Davis** (member), **Carol Jo** (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), **Cathy** (Paul Desilet's mother), **Jess Faubion** (member), **Ruby** (Christy Freriks' grandmother), **Rachael** (Stephanie Almeida's friend), **Steve** (Del Benson's friend), **Amy** (Nancy McGee's friend), **Axton** (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), **Richard Keltner** (member), **Jane King** (member), **Karl Kloster** (member), **Renee Markert** (member), **Albert** (Chris Martin's friend), **David** (Nancy McGee's cousin), **Jeanne** (Justin LaFord's mother), **Larry Nelson** (member), **Emma** (Leon Romaniuk's daughter), **Andy** (Vickie Shanks' friend), **Donnabel** (Derrick StaRosa's sister), **Hildur O'Connor** (member), **Lola** (Bob Berg's aunt), **Ron** (Beth Phelps' brother), **Sandy Sailand** (member), **David Shogren** (member), **Don & Marilyn** (David Shogren's brother and sister-in-law), **Christopher** (Karen & Ray Thomas' friend).

Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

Valerie (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), **Larry Baker** (member), **Mavis Carlson** (member), **Trudy Eichelsdoerfer** (member), **Marge Gonyea** (member), **Marlys Helgeland** (member), **Jane King** (member), **Greta Nelson** (member), **Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's father), **Jacque Stoll** (member), **Sigrid** (Carsten Thode's mother).

Those Serving Our Country:

AIR FORCE: **Mason Land** (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

NAVY: **Christopher Whipple** (Carolyn Whipple's son)

We are honored to be able to pray for your family members in need. Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.

March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 130; John 11:1-45 Lazarus

Weekly Financial Report

March 12, 2023 Attendance in Person: 92 Zoom: 35

March 12, 2023 General Offerings: \$9,132 Capital Improvement: \$284

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,510

SERMON NOTES

What caught my attention:

What did I hear that I am eager to share with another person?

I think the title of the sermon should be:

From Pain to Possibility

ADULT ED DURING LENT

Join us on Sundays at 10am

Lent offers a way of grappling with the unintelligibility of pain; it invites us to look at our lives and our deepest longings for healing, restoration, and fulfillment.

March 5 - Committee Fair

March 12 - Giving Voice to Pain

March 19 - Unmasking the Scapegoat

March 26 - The Possibility of Wounds

April 2 - Sitting with the Wounded

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT



Join us on Wednesdays during Lent for a Soup Supper at 6:00 pm and then share in singing Vespers at 7:00pm. This year we will be using the movie *Secondhand Lions* to talk about our relationship with God and our neighbor. Starting March 1.

If you would like to provide soup, sign up in the Narthex



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