

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 23, 2025

10 AM



Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

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**Masking is optional but recommended while indoors.**

**PRELUDE**

Prélude Modal

Jean Langlais

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

***Please stand and face the baptismal font  
near the entrance of the church.***

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's  
abiding love.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

P Compassionate One,

**C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

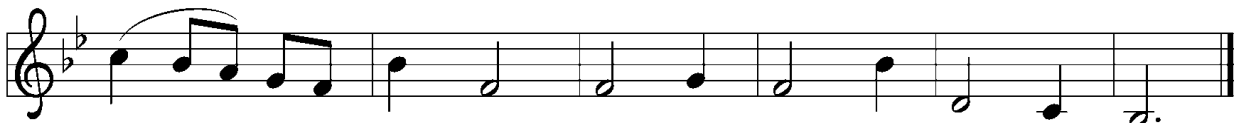
**C Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN***In the Cross of Christ I Glory***LBW 104**

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

**THE GREETING**

**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****Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved****LBW 96****Cantor sings "Leader" Parts; Congregation sings "All".**

Leader



*Očie nebeský, Svoritel' u sveta, Bo - že, zmi - luj sa nad na - mi.*  
 1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

All



*Vie - me to, Pa - ne Bo - že náš, že sa na*  
 Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry  
 Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of  
 O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren



*nás hrieš - nych hne - váš, sved - či o tom smrt'*  
 e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -  
 death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the  
 that your word has made. Now make us grow and



*ne - vin - ná Tvoj - ho je - di - né - ho Sy - na.*  
 sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.  
 Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.  
 help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.

Text: Jiří Tranovský, 1591–1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919  
 Music: ZŇAME TŇ, PANE BOŇE NÁŠ, *Tranoscius*, 1636  
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**PRAYER OF THE DAY****P** The Lord be with you.**C** **And also with you.****P** Let us pray.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Please be seated.**

**FIRST READING    Isaiah 55:1-9**

*To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.*

A      A reading from Isaiah, the 55<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
    come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
    come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
    without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
    and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
    and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
    listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
    my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
    a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
    and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
    for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
    call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
    and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
    and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
    nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
    so are my ways higher than your ways  
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.

A      The Word of God. The Word of life.

**C      Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 63:1-8

- <sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you,  
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- <sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- <sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.
- <sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**
- <sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- <sup>6</sup>**when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- <sup>7</sup>For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- <sup>8</sup>**My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

## SECOND READING      1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.*

A reading from 1 Corinthians, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

**A**      The Word of God. The Word of life.

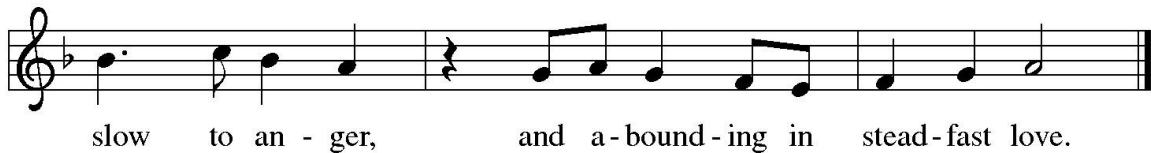
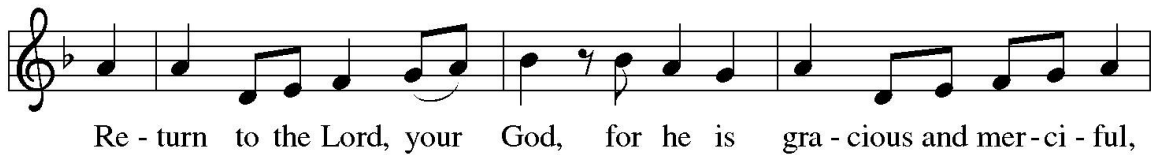
**C:**      **Thanks be to God.**

**Please stand.**

**LENTEN ACCLAMATION**

**SUNG BY ALL**

**ELW Setting 4**



**GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9**

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?<sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>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? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Please be seated**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Peggy Niederer**

**Silence for Meditation**

**Please stand.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**As the Deer Runs to the River**

**ELW 331**

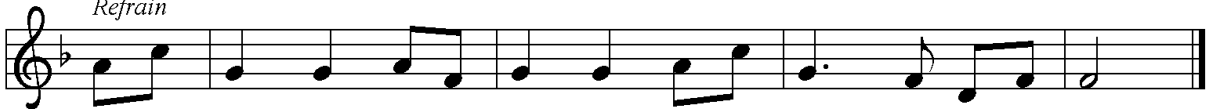


- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.

*Refrain*



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: JULION, David Hurd, b. 1950

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## **NICENE CREED**

**A** Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the Nicene Creed.

**C** **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Kaitlin Shinholster*

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

### ***A brief silence.***

We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our partners in ministry, called to preach and proclaim God's message of hope here in *Teaneck, in the Meadowlands Cluster, the Northern Mission District, the New Jersey Synod, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the wider Christian community, our friends from the Light & Peace Mission in Haiti*, and people of faith everywhere as they live out their callings to serve.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life may flourish on the planet that is our shared home.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion and healing, including those we pray for in silence or aloud (*pause*). Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict. Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your Gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended. May their witness inspire our own.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C **Amen.**

**PEACE**      *Stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.*

**P**      The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C**      **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**      *Please place your offering in the plate located on the table at the back of the sanctuary before or after Worship.*

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**                      *Create in Me a Clean Heart*                      **WOV 732**



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 un - to me the



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

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

*Please stand.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A**      Let us pray.  
          Gracious Provider,  
          you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the  
          world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our  
          commitment to sharing those treasures with others,  
          through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C**      **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you,  
C **And also with you.**

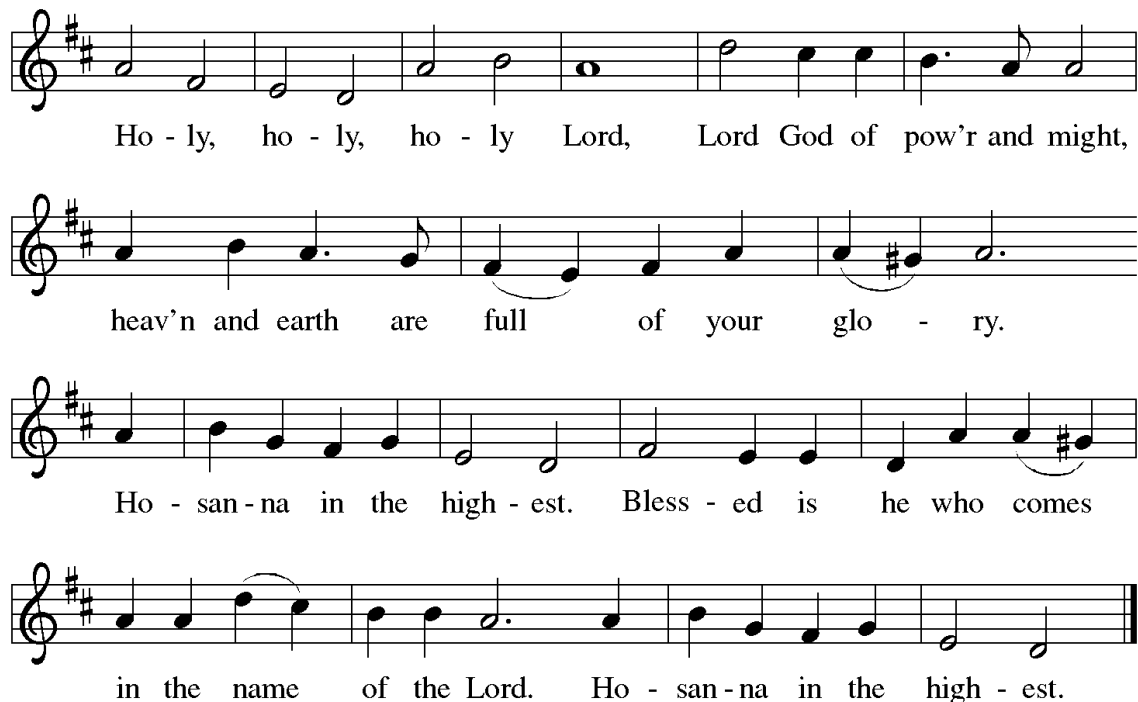
P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord.  
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE PREFACE

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. 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:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Please kneel or sit.***

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you,  
O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we say the prayer Jesus has taught us:

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is 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:

P All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of God's grace is ready.  
Come to the table where all are welcome.

## AGNUS DEI *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God* LBW 103

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,  
have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -  
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!  
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,  
grant us thy peace! A - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown  
Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528



## CONTINUOUS COMMUNION

*Please come forward for Communion, beginning with those in the back pews, from alternating sides, leaving adequate space between you and the person in front of you.*

*Masking is optional but recommended as you come forward to receive the wafer & cup until you step away from the communion tray.*

*A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.  
The center contains purple grape juice.  
White wine is in the remainder of the tray.*

*After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.*

*Baptized Christians who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life are welcome to receive communion. If you have not yet been baptized or have never before received Holy Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Fold your arms across your chest to let the Pastor know you wish to receive a blessing.*

*Please stand.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P     May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in Christ's grace.  
C     Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
and will be for - ev - er. A - men

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray:  
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.



**BLESSING:**

**P** May God our tender parent, God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit, ✚ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand.*

**SENDING HYMN**

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

**LBW 343**



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:**

Toccatà in C Major

Johann Pachelbel

**OUR SPECIAL THANKS TODAY  
TO**

Karen Bartholomew, Guest Organist

Donna Maxwell, Greeter

Jack Martinez, Crucifer

Julie Buckingham, Liturgical Cantor

Janet Thalmann, Liturgist & Reader

Kaitlin Shinholster, Prayers of Intercession

Janet Thalmann and Lynn Buckingham, Altar Guild



*Lent Devotionals & Ashes are available  
on the table near the entrance of the church.*



**Coffee & Conversation Following Mass Today**  
In the Memorial Room



Wednesday  
*Lenten Services*

**Shared Weekly Lent Worship at Noon  
Wednesdays**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
167 Palisade Avenue  
Bogota, NJ

**Theme: Jesus as Savior, Servant, Friend.**  
***Light luncheon following Mass.***



**Via Zoom**

**Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at Noon**

**Joshua 5:9-12**

*Israel eats bread and grain, the produce of the land*

**Psalm 32**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD. (Ps. 32:11)

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

*The mystery and ministry of reconciliation*

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

*The parable of the prodigal father and the repentant son*  
*Connection link will be emailed*



## PRAYERS

**Joan Costello** (Jackie's mother-in-law & Kaitlin's & Lindsay's grandmother); **Doris Baumann, Dale Lambson, and Family** as they grieve the loss of Carol; **Darla Lambson** (leukemia); **Brad Gohmann** (cancer); Zulema's friends and family: **Donald Lazlear** and his family, **Katie and Surella Borowski**; **Rose Davis** (cancer); **Marc & Bella Yaffe** and **Leslyn Cooke**; **Susan Bethke** (Lynn's cousin undergoing chemo and other treatment for a brain tumor); **Marion Soohoo** (Will's Mother-in-law recovering from surgery); Sue Papera's friends and family: **Arlene Rizzo** (cancer) and Arlene's family; **Chris Palmer** (health concerns); **Caleb** (mental health issues); **Jenny L.** (health issues); **Carol Mulvaney** (breast cancer); **Michael Mulvaney** (prostate cancer); **Edward Foley** (back surgery); Janet's family and friends: **Jason and Paul Thalmann**; **Beverly Philip** (severe dementia), **Kathy O'Brien**, **Bert Maltz** (health concerns), **Michele Rusciano**; **Al & Mark Crovatto**; **Anita & Harold Bontekoe** (health concerns), Mary Ellen's family and friends: **Susan Beever**; **Dominick Capalba** (6 year old with brain cancer); **Patty Fitzgerald** (terminal lung cancer); Kay Roseen's family: **Jessica and Casey O'Neil** (Kay Roseen's daughter and son-in-law who work for the State Department); **Marcia & Chuck Hendron** (Kay's parents – memory care); **John Steffen** (Lorli's brother with health concerns); **Tammy** (Lorli's niece with an immune disorder); **Judy Letwink** (Lorli's nephew's Mother-in-law recovering from a stroke); **James Ilgenfritz** (Erika's son); **Peter Schelbli** (Erika's nephew with cancer); Friends of the congregation: **Kevin** (cancer), **Arouss Darpinian** (health concerns); **Chris Niederer** (Pastor's son with immune system disorder); **Nancy Barbee** (Pastor's friend with lung cancer); Dennis **Keohane** (Catherine's uncle); **Willi Lewis' Aunt Kelly** (health concerns); **Donna Maxwell**, **James Mingo** (Donna's grandson - health concerns); **Hana Kim** (health concerns); **Mary Sue Kaplow** (health concerns); (baby) **Chris** (Ruth DiCicco's daughter) & **Bob Wheeler**; **Ha Na Kim** (Anita & Harold's daughter); **Jeanne H.** (Lorli's sister with health issues); **Erika Ilgenfritz** (health concerns); the hostages in Gaza; Christians under persecution and all experiencing violence, captivity, or war: the people of Israel, Gaza, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Sudan and organizations and individuals who are providing resources and care for refugees; front line workers, medical researchers; health care workers; national and regional relief workers and firefighters and all affected by natural disasters and wildfires.

***Let Lynn or Pastor know of changes needed on the prayer list.***



## **COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980**

**Monday, March 24, 2025**

Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.

**Annunciation of Our Lord**

**Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

**Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824**

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

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