

March 9th, 2025
First Sunday in Lent
10:30am



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HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Jacob Wilson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Congregational responses are in bold print.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

You are invited to kneel or remain seated. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

We confess we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The pastor announces God's forgiveness.

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ my live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

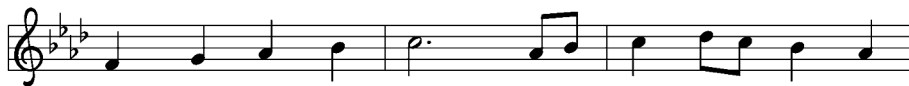
You are invited to stand as able.

GATHERING SONG ELW#319

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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.

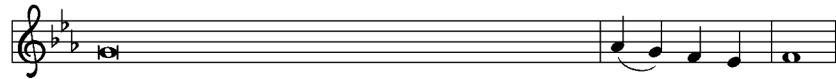
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



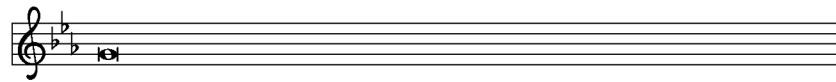
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



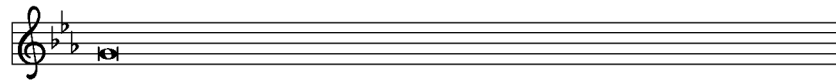
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my strong
hold, my God in whom I put my trust.”**
⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**
¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
t o guard you in all your ways.
¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

Continues.....

- 14 I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
- 15** They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Lamb Of God
With Soloist - *Karen Linfor*

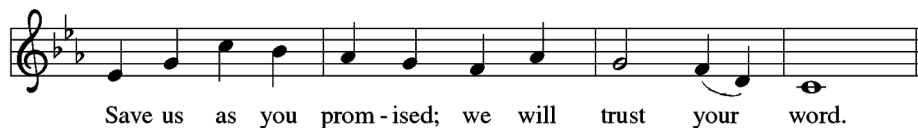
CHILDREN'S TIME

You are invited to stand as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 4:1-13

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

You are invited to stand as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW #322 v. 1-4**

Oh, Love, How Deep



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends:

God, in your mercy
receive our prayer

The prayers conclude:

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. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
and may say "peace be with you," or similar words.*

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is received for the mission of the church.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jacob Wilson

OFFERING SONG

You are invited to stand as able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER 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. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." (Staff 1), "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." (Staff 2), "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." (Staff 3), and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." (Staff 4).

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and 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 fest, 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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; The 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 death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

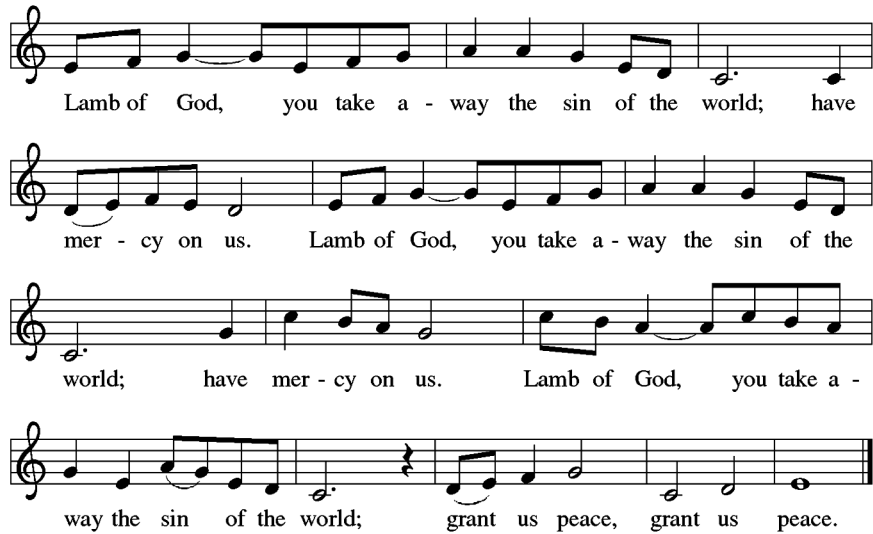
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COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Come forward by the center aisle at the usher's invitation. Those not yet communing will receive a blessing. Bread will be placed in your open hands. Grape juice is in the pink glasses in the center of the tray encircled by wine in clear glasses. Individual communion packets are available near the entrance for those who prefer them.

COMMUNION SONG

You are invited to stand as able.



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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 commu-
nities, that your liberating love might nourish the world
into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW#618

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



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
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on 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

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jane Fanucci

Worship Assistants

Altar Care:	Connie Reule
Announcements:	Laura Tice
Communion Assistants:	Peggy Moser, Rosabella Lydia, & Shirley Prouty
Prayer Leader:	Faith Thomas
Psalm Leader:	Benjamin Iniguez
Reader:	Christiana Wilson
Refreshments:	Ed & Kirsten Ireton
Song Leader:	Karen Linfor
Usher:	Bill Myers

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

March 9th – 15th 2025

Today	Holy Communion	10:30a.m.
Monday	Soul Sisters—Room 4	12:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study on Zoom	10:00 a.m.
	Finance Board on Zoom	7:00p.m.
Wednesday	Soup Supper - Shultz Hall	6:00p.m.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Wednesday, March 12th Hosted by:

Community Concerns and Evangelism

The soup supper will begin at 6:00pm with service following at 6:45pm. They will both be in Schultz Hall.



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

If you have prayer requests, please send
them to Pastor Rob at
pastorrob@slelca.org



100th Anniversary Pictorial Directory

The Congregational Event Committee would like to put together an updated Anniversary Pictorial Directory. We would like every Congregation Household represented in the Directory for our 100th year Anniversary.

The next Date for the Photo's is **Sunday, March 23** after Church Service. The times will be **12:00 to 5:00**.

We have a Sign Up Sheet in the Narthex. Please sign the sheet for which time slot that best works for you.

Thank you, *Carole Vance, Congregational Events 916-421-9172*