



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 23, 2025

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Rev. Tammy Bull, Pastor

*Our mission: Sharing our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.*

### GATHERING

Gathering Music: *The Old Rugged Cross* (1913) George Bennard/arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Meditation from Thais*  
*Jennifer Smith, viola*

Jules Massenet

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

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

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

Gathering Song: Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW #777

1. "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.  
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."  
REFRAIN: Jesus, ever-flowing fountain, give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.
2. "Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest.  
Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest." (refrain)
3. "Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.  
Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face."
4. "Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.  
Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name." (refrain)
5. "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend.  
Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." (refrain)
6. "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam.  
Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." (refrain)

L: 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.**

**Refrain: Kyrie... eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie... eleison, ev'ry day.**

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
For life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)
4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)

L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day:

**C: 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. Amen.**

WORD

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading from Psalm 63

L: O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;

**C: my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

L: Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

**C: For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.**

L: So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

**C: My spirit is content as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.**

L: For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**C: My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Response:

ELW p. 189

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

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

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 1-9

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

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

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: God Bestows on Every Sense

ACS #1069

1. God bestows on ev'ry sense beauty as hope's evidence:  
Signs of what the earth will be just beyond what we can see.
2. Catch a fleeting glimpse of grace in an unexpected place:  
Just a taste, the smallest crumb of the banquet yet to come.
3. Vibrant pictures in our dreams, brushed with crystal color schemes,  
Vanish from a waking mind, leaving just a trace behind.
4. In a burnt and blackened field broken ground begins to yield  
Tiny, fragile sprouts of green: hints of forests yet unseen.
5. God makes all creation new, turning back what people do,  
Building up what we destroy, singing sorrow into joy.

Apostles' Creed

ELW p. 105

**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 the People (petitions end "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through our local partnerships with the Helping Hands food ministry, and Family Promise of Great Falls. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online - we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

William Bradbury/arr. Mark Hayes

Offering Response: Spirit, Open My Heart (refrain only)

ACS #1043

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

Offertory Prayer: **C: 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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**  
L: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**  
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
L: It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy ELW p. 190  
Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna,  
hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Lamb of God ELW p.191  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Hymn during Communion: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness ELW #488

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.  
Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;  
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.  
There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking,  
Open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:  
"Come, and leave your loved one never; dwell within my heart forever."
3. Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;  
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.

Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.

4. Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;  
Worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: 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. Amen.**

### SENDING

L: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Jesus, Still Lead On

ELW #624

1. Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;  
and although the way be cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless;  
guide us by your hand to the promised land.
2. If the way be drear, if the foe be near,  
let no faithless fears o'ertake us, let not faith and hope forsake us;  
safely past the foe to our home we go.
3. When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,  
when temptations come alluring make us patient and enduring;  
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
4. Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;  
heav'nly leader, still direct us, still support, console, protect us,  
till we safely stand in the promised land.

L: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Pisgah*

J.C. Lawry/arr. Mark Hayes

Accompanist: James Rickley    Cantor: Jodie Tooley    Acolyte:  
Reader: Dona Shehan                      Communion Asst: Dona Shehan  
Fellowship: Dona Shehan                      Altar Care: Gaynell Tempel & Michelle Yoder

**THANK YOU...** to Jennifer Smith for today's special music!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of March 23:

- Mon. 3/24: Abigail Bible Study meets from noon – 2 pm in the Library.  
Wed. 3/26: Lent Soup Supper and worship. Soup at 6 pm; worship from 6:30 – 7:15 pm in the Social Hall.  
Thu. 3/27: GF Community Band rehearses 7 pm in the Fireside Room.  
Sat. 3/29: GF Music Teachers' Assn. Spring Festival (adjudication for strings)

**Keeping in Prayer...** Larry; Jeff & family; Tommi; Pam; Christina; Chase; Mari; Beth; Jean; Connor; Kameron & family; Carol; Bud & Linda; Susan; Jane; Barbara & Jerry; Sumner; Sue; Dee; Triston; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Arvin; Beth; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Sandy; Dorothy; Toni; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine.

**Lent Mid-week Soup Suppers** – We still have opportunities for people to sign up to bring your favorite soup!

**March Special Offering:** Month-long **Toilet Paper** Collection for Helping Hands  
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