



**You Shall Be a  
Watered Garden**

# Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

## Holy Communion

### Gathering

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

Prelude 8:15

*Prelude*  
Handbell Choir

Don McAfee

10:45     *Canzetta from Concerto in D Major*     Pyotr Tchaikovsky  
David Mickens, violin

Entrance Hymn     *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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*Stand.*

*All are welcome in the many ways we inhabit bodies, minds, and spirits. Throughout the liturgy, the assembly is encouraged to participate as needed in gesture, posture, and movement. Children are, of course, invited to be children, bringing their own joy, sound, and movement to worship.*

### Greeting

*The assembly greets the presiding minister in response. And also with you.*

### Prayer of the Day

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Let the Children Come

*Sit.*

# Word

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

## Prayer for Hearing God's Word

*We read texts passed down to us from our ancestors, a record of their experience of God, and we trust that their writing still speaks to us today. Lutherans consider Scripture to be one of the primary ways we experience the living voice of Jesus. Throughout Lent, we take a moment to quiet the racing mind, and the anxiety within. We breathe deeply and center ourselves in God's loving care. After singing a chant, with words from the Wendell Berry poem, The Wild Geese, we pray for the reader, the preacher, and for ourselves as listeners. **What we need is here.***

### First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-6

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 27

*The cantor/choir sings the refrain; the assembly repeats the refrain.*



In the day of trou - ble, God will give me shel - ter.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then <sup>1</sup> shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I <sup>1</sup> be afraid?

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one <sup>1</sup> thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God <sup>1</sup> in the temple. R**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will <sup>1</sup> give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up - <sup>1</sup> on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies<sup>1</sup> who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music<sup>1</sup> to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> when I call;  
have mercy on me and<sup>1</sup> answer me.

<sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message—<sup>1</sup> “Seek my face.”**

**Your face, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> I will seek. R**

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser-<sup>1</sup> vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of<sup>1</sup> my salvation.

<sup>10</sup> **Though my father and my moth-<sup>1</sup> er forsake me,  
the LORD will<sup>1</sup> take me in.**

<sup>13</sup> This I believe—that I will see the goodness<sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
in the land<sup>1</sup> of the living!

<sup>14</sup> **Wait for the LORD<sup>1</sup> and be strong.**

**Take heart and wait<sup>1</sup> for the LORD! R**

## Second Lesson

Philippians 3:17–4:1

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken.*

*Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

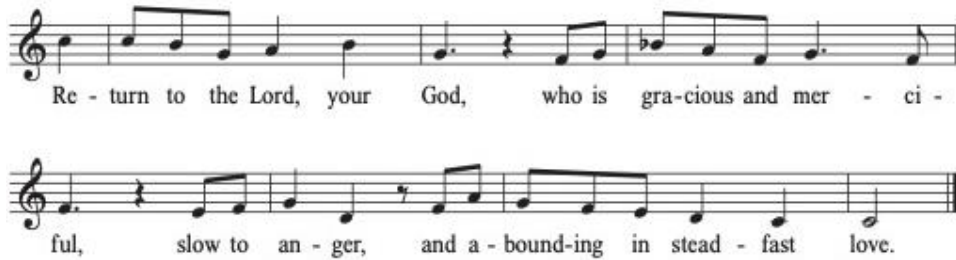
Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Stand.*

*Sung by cantor, then by assembly.*



## Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

*After the Gospel is announced the assembly responds: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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.’ <sup>34</sup> 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! <sup>35</sup> 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.’”

*After the Gospel has been read the assembly responds: **Praise to you, O Christ***

## Sermon

*Sit.*

## Hymn of the Day

*When Twilight Comes*

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*Stand.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*The assembly faces the cross as it moves to the baptismal font, with the prayer response:*

**We pray: May your mercy be like cleansing water.**

*In the prayers for intercession, we pray for all those who cry out for healing and justice. During Lent, these prayers include confession for the ways we have not lived into the baptismal life of love for God, others, and self. Placed before the sharing of the peace and the offering of gifts, we are reminded of Jesus' words to reconcile with one another first before coming to the table of grace.*

## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### Peace

*The assembly may greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.*

*We practice living a life that offers its hand in healing peace. People may say, "Peace be with you," as well as shake hands, or place two hands together over the heart, or bow, or by sitting and praying for peace. We recognize that the people of God carry different stories about touch, medical risk, or mental and physical vulnerability. This one, holy body has many gestures. Take care of one another.*

### Offering

*Sit.*

*The offering is an act of worship, responding with our gifts of talent, time, and money in thanksgiving for God's love made known in Christ. All have gifts that build up the body of Christ. Passing the plate is a sign of sharing in ministry together. The green papers in the bulletin are a way of participating if you give electronically.*

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Text

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8:15

*There Is a Balm in Gilead.*

arr. Michael Helman

10:45

*The Ground from Sunrise Mass*  
Chancel Choir  
*Sung in Latin*

Ola Gjeilo

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
Grant us peace.*

## Setting the Table

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

*The assembly stands as gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward.*

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

## 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.**

Holy God,

Creator of clean water and abundant life,

You led your people through the sea,

over the Jordan,

and beside still waters.

We praise you for Christ, the Living Water,  
nourishing us in the wilderness of fear and suffering.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all the baptized assembled in these forty days.  
Nourish us to be a community of witness,  
embodying the peace, mercy, and compassion of Christ.

In the Crucified One, we glimpse your glory,  
glory that is in, with, and under all things.  
With praise and thanksgiving, let the church say, **Amen.**  
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Mother,  
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

At this table of mercy, all are welcome.  
Come, taste the forgiveness of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Sit.*

## Communion

*Lutherans trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. Welcome.*

*To receive communion:*

*Receive a cup from the usher.*

*Come first to the bread station. If you need gluten free bread, please tell the server.*

*Receive the wine from the silver chalice or juice from the pottery chalice.*

*Place the cup in the basket and return to your seat.*

*If you are unable to come forward to for communion, please inform an usher. Communion may be brought to your seat.*

## Healing Prayers in Chapel

*If you would like to light a candle for yourself or for someone who needs healing prayer, you may do so in the chapel after you have received communion. If you would like someone to pray with you, a team is available for prayer and anointing.*

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.

Hymn

*Thy Holy Wings*

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Hymn

*Eat This Bread*

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*The cantor sings verses; the assembly sings the refrain.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Stand.*



## Sending

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

### Blessing

### Sending Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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*The assembly faces the cross as it is sent into the world.*

### Dismissal

*A few announcements for serving the church and our neighbors precede the dismissal.*

Go in peace. Love enfolds you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Walter Pelz

## In Worship Today

|                      | <b>8:15 a.m. Service</b>   | <b>10:45 a.m. Service</b>  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Presiding Minister   | Pastor Jodi Houge  | Pastor Jodi Houge  |
| Preacher             | Pastor Lois Pallmeyer  | Pastor Lois Pallmeyer  |
| Assisting Minister   | Sonja Nodland  | Travis Waymon  |
| Lector               | Barb Veath   | John Barnicle  |
| Communion Assistants | Annetta Gardner, John Henrich,<br>Lucette LaLiberte, Ingrid Nodland,<br>Kristine Oberg, Mary Ann Teske | Amelie Fladeboe, Ashley<br>Greenwood, Maija Kain-Malmberg,<br>Claire Kruger, Grant Owens, Jenni<br>Raeder-Devens |
| Acolytes             | Madeline Bowring, Reese<br>Ronneberg   | Jackson Kruger, Alexandra Ishaq  |
| Hospitality Team     | Brad Nodland, Eden Burger<br>Sanchez, Kaisa Nodland, Fred<br>Quivik, Charlie Ronneberg                 | Miles Renaas, Carole Arwidson,<br>Eva Owens, Nina West, Ty West  |
| Sacristan            | Mark Bergaas   | Mark Bergaas   |
| Altar Service        | Amy Hinrichs, Peter Hinrichs   | Mark Christianson, Sara Kimm   |
| Audio/Visual -Video  |  | Thor Carlson   |
| Audio/Visual-Audio   | John Teipel  | Andy Wilkowske   |
| Audio/Visual-Titles  |  | Steve Teipel   |
| Organist             | Timothy Strand   | Timothy Strand   |
| Pianist              | Dennis Friesen-Carper  | Dennis Friesen-Carper  |
| Alb Washing          |  | Carla Gillespie  |
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