



## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

March 17, 2024

## **9:15 am Worship Service**



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## Gathering in Worship

*Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)*

Robert Robinson, Shane Barnard

Welcome

## Message

*Children invited forward to light the Gospel*

Scripture Reading

John 12:20-33

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Children dismissed to Children's Church*

Sermon

Prayers for Healing – *Heal us, Lord and renew our lives.* Marty Haugen

Community Prayer

*Interspersed between refrains, we offer healing prayers for individuals and the world.*

## Offering

*To Be Like You*

Matt Crocker

## Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance

The Meal

*Shepherd*

Amanda Cook

Table Talk

Marsha Swantz,  
Memory Café Coordinator

Blessing

*Our God*

Matt Redman

## Thank you for joining us in worship!

If you are new or visiting today, welcome! We invite you to fill out our visitor card located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you are here.

Hearing assistance is available – please see an usher.

### Today's Worship:

**Presider:** Pastor Beth Brashear, **Preacher:** Pastor Patti Welch

**Table Talk:** Marsha Swantz, Memory Café Coordinator

**Readers:** 9:15am: Lisa Knudsen  
10:30am: Karyn O'Bryant, Walt Brickwedel

**Music:** 9:15am: Modern Worship Team  
10:30am: Rejoice Choir; Stephanie Schoap, soloist

**Ushers:** 9:15am: Dan and Janet Swan  
10:30am: Dean Gustafson, Kirsten Kyllingstad

## Worship

**In Holy Communion**, Christ enters our lives anew: all who hunger to grow in connection with God are welcome to partake. **Communion is via intinction only:** Ushers will invite you forward via the center aisle to receive Communion wafer.

Wine (red) and grape juice (clear) are in the chalices (cups) held by the Communion Assistants.

**Please bring your wafer to the chalices and dip it into the wine or grape juice before consuming your wafer.**

- Gluten-free wafers are available: simply ask a pastor.
- If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, come forward and cross your arms over your chest.
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**St. Luke's Nursery:** The nursery is open offering care to children ages birth – 5 years every Sunday during the second service (10:15-11:45am).

**Prayers for the Departed:** **Lesley Bertram**; **Tim Curran** (Michael Curran's brother); **Ed Mattingly**; **Marie F. Leighton** (cousin of Dan Gott); **Dennis Simpson** (neighbor and friend of Joan Frazer); **Gina Paulson** (daughter-in-law's sister of Bill and Lori Loehr); **John Jackson**; **Dave Reynolds**; **Esther Petersen** (mother of Kris Roley).

**Prayer List:** **Jon Tennant**; **Susan G. Knodell Humprey**; **Fran Daniels** (broken hip and hand); **Fraser Rasmussen** (pneumonia); **Fay Brown** (awaiting wrist surgery); **Kathy Darby** (Sarah Johnson's mother); **Gloria Miniszewski**; **Elmer Skurdahl** (fractured pelvis); **Georgann Dustan** (gallbladder surgery); **Anne Bender** (broken back); **Evelyn Kausch** (Jane Chan's mother); **Arllys Chesnutt** (hospitalization); **Cindy Gibbon** (cancer treatment); **Sybil Tremper** (lymphoma); **John Chesnutt** (post-hospitalization); **Barb Dahlgren** (surgery); **Bill Loehr** (surgery); **Sue Seiffert** (stage 1 breast cancer); **Carter West** (neurological disease); **Rev. Myrin Bentz** (hospice/Senior Pastor of St. Luke from 1969 – 1998); **Lorna Beckley** (brain cancer surgery #2); **Tim Spofford** (strokes/Cathy Spofford's brother-in-law); **Dave Simmons** (cancer); **Bev Westlund** (knee surgery); **Sandra Hamari** (metastatic cancer); **Michael Butler** (cancer and surgery); **Elaine Woodward** (stroke); **John Jessen**; **Dee Mills**; **Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

## Connect

**Final Midweek Lenten Service - Holden Prayer Around the Cross:** Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All are welcome to this lovely midweek healing Lenten service. The service will also be livestreamed.

**St. Luke Recycles!** Today from 8:30-11am. All are invited to bring various non-curb-side items to the Shalom Center driveway at St. Luke. Items must be clean and sorted by category: styrofoam or packing peanuts (no foam rubber); cork; small appliances; batteries sorted into alkaline, rechargeable or button; and CFL lightbulbs (no fluorescent tubes).

**Benson Family Foundation Scholarships:** To obtain more information about the scholarship application process, the Trust Fund Committee will be holding a Zoom presentation on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Scan the QR code for the Zoom link. For more information contact Earl Cahoe: earl.cahoe@gmail.com

**Table Talk with Rev. Dr. Mark Bocker:** Following Martin Luther's example, we gather and discuss topics pertaining to life and faith. Join us in the discussion of "Politics from the Pulpit?" Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm on Zoom and Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am in Upper Shalom. For more information scan the QR code. Meeting ID: 815 3502 6421 Passcode:738081

**F.A.B. (Fifty and Beyond) Coffee Hour:** March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear St. Luke member, Dan Gott, give a humorous presentation with sketches on the positive and negative aspects of scuba diving. Come learn about what it takes to go beneath the surface in the Pacific NW waters.

**St. Luke's Library:** Calling all children! Come check out the newly arranged children's section of the library. The librarians have made it easier for you to find your favorite Berenstain and picture books.

## Serve

**Church Council Meeting:** Today at 11:45am in the Conference Room.

**All Church Cleanup Work Party!** Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30am to 12pm rain or shine! For more information contact Dan Gott: three\_dot\_dan@hotmail.com

**SW Hope:** We are raising food and funds to support the Neighborhood House Free Food Market. Monetary donations are also highly encouraged. We are still collecting non-perishables. Scan the QR code for more information or to join St. Luke's 5k team for April 6<sup>th</sup>!

**2 additional readers needed! Palm Sunday Passion Narrative – Gospel of Mark:** Tell the story of Jesus on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>! This Sunday we share the Passion Narrative, where each character in the story of Jesus' final days has a voice. Sign up to read the voice part of Jesus, a disciple, or an enemy, and help to bring the story to life. We rehearse from 10-11am on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and then share the story in worship on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30am service. Scan the QR code for the signup and scripts!





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**Gathering**

Prelude

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Timothy Flynn

Welcome and Announcements

Table Talk

Marsha Swantz,  
Memory Cafe Coordinator

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

*Restore in Us, O God*

#328

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

#152

Prayer of the Day

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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.**

## Word

First Reading      Jeremiah 31:31-34

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading      Hebrews 5:5-10

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

#177

Gospel Reading      John 12:20-33

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Sermon Response      *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast* vs. 1, 3, 4

#516

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Passing of the Peace

## The Offering

Offertory Music      *Wondrous Love*

Arr. by Paul Christiansen

Offertory Prayer

Jesus, **you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

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, Holy, Holy

#190

Thanksgiving at the Table

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Rite of First Communion for Elliot Chin, Andrew & Charlotte Palmer, and Calla Snowden

Jesus, Lamb of God #199

Communion Hymns

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* #611

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* #484

Post-Communion Prayer

Generous God, **at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

### Sending

Choral Benediction *Christ Be With Me* K. Lee Scott

Sending Hymn *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* #545

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Olivet* Karl Osterland