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**Third Sunday in Lent † March 24, 2019**

**LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship    WOV-With One Voice**

**\* Please stand as you are able**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELL

**PRELUDE** *Prayer of Penitence* -Tchaikowsky

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

**C Amen.**

**P** In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins,

**C We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

**P** Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of Christ, leading you from death into life.

**C Amen.**

## HYMN LBW # 249 *God Himself Is Present*

### GREETING

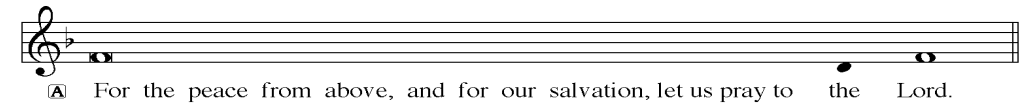
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

### KYRIE



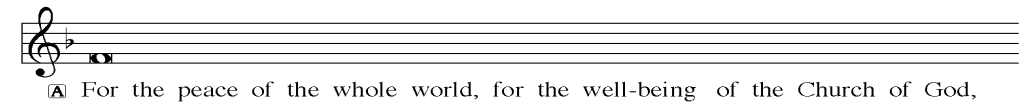
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.




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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



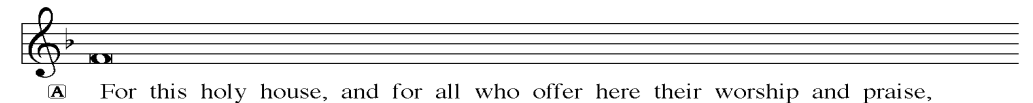
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



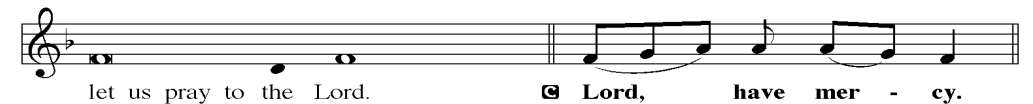
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



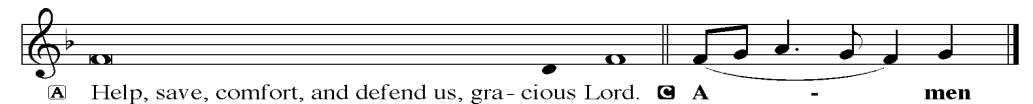
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC *He Touched Me* -Bell Choir

## FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-9

<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 the Lord.

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 <sup>1</sup> is no water.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your <sup>1</sup> holy place,  
that I might behold your power <sup>1</sup> and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than <sup>1</sup> life itself;  
my lips shall <sup>1</sup> give you praise.

<sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long <sup>1</sup> as I live  
and lift up my hands <sup>1</sup> in your name.**

<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with <sup>1</sup> joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup>**when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in <sup>1</sup> the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have <sup>1</sup> been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I <sup>1</sup> will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup>**My whole being <sup>1</sup> clings to you;  
your right hand <sup>1</sup> holds me fast.**

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

<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 the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(please stand as you are able)*

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\* GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9** *(please stand as you are able)*

Glo - ry 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.'"

Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**HYMN LBW # 532** *How Great Thou Art*

**SERMON**

**HYMN** *Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers* *(you may remain seated)*

Spring has now unwrapped the flow'rs, day is fast reviving,  
Life in all her growing pow'rs toward the light is striving;  
All the world with beauty fills, gold the green enhancing;  
Flow'rs are glad among the hills, sets the meadows dancing.

Through each wonder of fair days, God himself expresses;  
Beauty follows all his ways, as the world he blesses;  
So as he renews the earth, artist without rival,  
In his grace of glad new birth we must seek revival.

Praise the Maker, all you saints; he with glory clothed you,  
He who skies and meadows paints, fashioned all your virtue;  
Praise him, prophets, heroes, kings, heralds of perfection;  
Let all praise him for he brings, all to resurrection.

**\* APOSTLES' CREED** (please stand as you are able)

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** *Because He Lives* -Bell Choir

**OFFERTORY** (you may remain seated)



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.

**PRAYERS** (you may remain seated)

**A** Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Holy God, build up the body of Christ and cause the gifts of your Spirit to grow among us. Lead us to recognize your saving work through the spiritual practices you encourage. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** Water the earth with gentle rains and melting snow. Provide clean water for drinking, washing, and nourishing plants that will bear fruit for your creatures. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** Uphold people who speak your righteousness in the face of religious or political persecution. Receive martyrs into your everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** Provide relief for those suffering and in pain. Grant wisdom to health care workers who seek to diagnose ailments, and bring healing to patients. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** Promote unity within your church and among the nations. Uncover the common threads in our shared humanity, and keep us from making hasty judgments about others. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** Knit together the communion of saints, and bind us to Christ, our head. Through the diversity of gifts present in our communities, help us to overcome our limitations and increase our understanding of ourselves and others. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**\* LORD'S PRAYER** (please stand as you are able)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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**

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN** *This Train* -Bell Choir (words provided for reference only)

This train is bound for glory, this train.  
This train is bound for glory, this train.  
This train is bound for glory  
Don't carry nothing but the righteous and the holy.  
This train is bound for glory, this train.

**POSTLUDE** *Concertato* -Purcell

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**Annunciation of Our Lord (Monday, March 25)**

Nine months before Christmas the church celebrates the annunciation, when the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will give birth to the Son of God. Ancient scholars believed that March 25 was also the day on which creation began and was the date of Jesus' death on the cross. From the sixth to eighth centuries, March 25 was observed as New Year's Day in much of Christian Europe.

**Altar Flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Brian & Dea Plummer in loving memory of Deb Graver.

**Lenten Worship**

Please join us on Wednesday at 7 p.m. as we gather to worship.

**Lenten Offerings**

Our 5 Wednesday Lenten offerings have been designated for: World Hunger, Henry County Transportation Network, PiLLars of Success, Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives, and Genacross Lutheran Home.

**Devotionals**

*Portals of Prayer* and *Christ In Our Home* are available at both entrances. There are both regular and large print editions.

**Bell Choir Songs**

The songs the Bell Choir will be playing today are being played in honor and remembrance of Lester Kruse. Les never missed an opportunity to tell us how nice we sounded and how much he enjoyed hearing our music. We miss hearing Les sing Gospel songs for the church. We would like to remember Les today by playing two Bill Gaither tunes, "Because He Lives" and "He Touched Me" and also an old folk tune "This Train".

**We pray for people having birthdays this week ...** Carol Kopke, Kylie Vajen, Brennan Jenkins, Michael Smith, Jon Hoops, Elijah Wolf, Julie Yunker, Sara Bost, Sam Elling, Kathy Kolodziejczyk, Dennis Ehlers, Shirley Bunke, Gretchen Wesche, Kari Zachrich. **and wedding anniversaries ...** Matt & Andrea Van Gilder. **and for all the military...**

**Subs needed for Sunday School**

Please give your sincere and prayerful consideration to serving our Sunday School by volunteering to substitute teach as needed. Please contact Amanda Dilbone at 419-377-0754 or Joleen Brubaker at 419-966-3529 if you would be interested.

**Caring Corner for March** — PathStone Migrant Rest Center *-priority items....*

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| Pillows and pillow cases                           | Dishes and silverware                            |
| Blankets and bedding sets for twin beds            | Light bulbs                                      |
| Towels (bath and kitchen)                          | Bleach, dish and laundry soap (powder preferred) |
| Shower curtains                                    | Disinfectant spray cleaners                      |
| Toiletries (excluding toothpaste and toothbrushes) | Disposable gloves                                |
| Pots/pans and other cooking supplies               |  |

**Maumee Valley Conference Spring Assembly**

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Deshler is sponsoring this year’s Spring Assembly on Saturday, March 30. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$8.00 with a love offering going toward Cherry Street Mission in Toledo. More information is on the bulletin board by Maxine’s office.

**Coming Alive 2019**

Coming Alive forms can be picked up by the church office bulletin board or from Judy Hoffman. They must be returned by April 3. Coming Alive runs from April 22 through May 19 this year.

**Statistics**

3/13 (92) Offerings: \$948

3/17 (142)

Offerings: \$4629 (\$120 Bldg Fd; \$5 Endow Fd; \$29 Sun Sch)

Simply Giving 3/15-3/18: \$450 Gen Fd; \$120 Bldg Fd

**This Week**

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Call Committee
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sewing
	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:15 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
	8:00 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	<b>NO</b>	Bible Study

**Serving Today**

- Officiating - Pastor Beth Westphal
- Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
- Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
- Lay Assistant - Joan Collier
- Sound Board - Joe Kohout
- Acolytes - Rudi Dachenhaus & Adara Hildebrandt
- Ushers - Norm Bostelman, Casey Callaway, Julie Callaway
- Altar Guild - Phyllis Kloos & Laura Ellis-Kruse
- Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582) or phyllis\_kloos@yahoo.com

**Volunteers needed**

Please consider volunteering as lay assistant, sound board operator, or usher for our worship services. You can sign up for one week or for a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Ronnie Rohrs or Melinda Dachenhaus to volunteer. WE NEED YOU!!!

**Activity Bags**

Activity/Busy/Church bags are available on the coat trees at each entryway and in the balcony. Please feel free to take one for your child to enjoy during the worship service, and then return it to the tree afterward. All are welcome to our service, as “it is better to have a child wiggle in church than to wiggle out of it.”

**Thought for Lent**

God gave us life that we might be born into His eternity.

God gave us prayer that we might know the way in which our souls should grow.

God gave us Christ that we might see invisible reality.

—Jeanne Birrell