



If you are worshiping with us for the first time, welcome!

Our worship service follows a basic order: We gather and center ourselves with song, praise, and prayer. We hear God's Word, from scripture and through preaching and hymns. We celebrate Christ's holy meal, where we are assured of God's love for us, and we are sent by God's spirit back out into the world, fed and forgiven.

Our worship throughout Lent is pared down with more space for silence, reflection, and prayer. We add the pleas from the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy) and the image of the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

If you'd like to learn more about Adoration, please sign the guest register by the entrance doors and introduce yourself to our Pastor, Matt Schlake-Kruse!

Introduction to the Day

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

The 2nd Sunday in Lent

Today's worship service uses the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, found in the pews.

Prelude

Barb Regent

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Chimes

Gathering

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

You are invited to stand.

Gathering Hymn

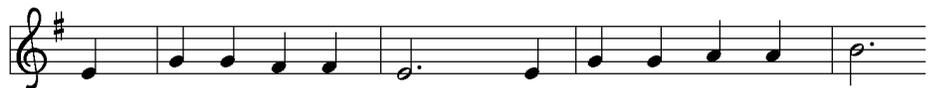
ELW #344, *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery Verses 1, 2, 3, and Lent 2*

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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **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**

Please be seated.

Word

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

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from Genesis.

¹After 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.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But 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.” ⁵He 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.” ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Having heard of God's covenant with Abram, we respond by joining in Psalm 27. Although God is the light of fire, we are not afraid. We join with Abram in a sacrifice of praise. We need shelter in the hidden places of God: so we are ready to receive the gospel of God's protecting wings. Robert Alter notes that even if parental love would fail, "God will be both mother and father to [us] in the most dire straits."

Psalm 27 (sung)



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¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴One thing I ask of the Lord; one 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 in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

⁷Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."
Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the Lord and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the Lord!

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.

Young people are called forward for an age-specific reflection.

As we "bury the Alleluia," our Lenten acclamation uses the theme of God's character as described in the Hebrew Bible—"Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

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

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He 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. ⁴¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Children's Time

You are invited to stand.

Gospel Acclamation



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -

slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He 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. ³³Yet 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.'

³⁴Jerusalem, 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! ³⁵See, 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.'

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

“If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ with them all.” So said Moravian Peter Böhler to Charles Wesley, inspiring the first line of this hymn. The fourth stanza speaks of new life upon hearing the voice of the Risen Christ, a helpful reminder of how Sundays in Lent remain “Little Easters.”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW #886

Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing, verses 1—4

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

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

After each petition is read, name your specific prayers for the petition aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

We pray for the church:

Add your prayers for its leaders, mission, and unity.

Turn our hearts toward our neighbors in love and toward the world in mercy. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray for the earth:

Name your prayers for creation.

Bring new life from decay and repair what has been damaged from misuse or neglect.

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

We lift up in our prayers:
*Ukraine and our world
 amidst the continuing
 global conflict and
 aggression from Russia;
 All who work for peace
 and to help the vulnerable
 find safety.*

*Dick Kaquatosh (Evelyn
 Kaquatosh's father); John
 Imp; Sandy Ringwall; Jan
 Rinderle; Lindsay Pelaez
 (niece of Tim and Katie
 Schmidt); Betty Wing;
 Joani Bettin; Joyce
 Weinert;
 Darlene Witkowiak; Bob
 Bauer; Keith (Sandy
 Eigner's brother-
 in-law); Bill (friend of the
 Lazaris family); Jeremy
 (nephew of Tom
 Nowakowski); Karen
 (Sandy
 Ringwall's sister); Susan
 (daughter of Darlene
 Witkowiak); Caroline
 (daughter of Jill
 Lindberg); Scott and
 Debbie (family of
 Margaret Duris); Jerry
 Pritcher (friend of Crystal
 Januchowski); Shelby
 (friend of Crystal); and
 the Daniels family,
 specifically Taylor.*

We pray for the nations:

Name your prayers for countries and conflicts and peoples.

Heal all lands afflicted by sins of greed, pride, and violence, that your ways of peacemaking and unity may prevail throughout the world.

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

We pray for all who are in need, especially those we love.

Name your prayers for healing and wholeness

Send your compassion to those who are weighed down by sickness, grief, or guilt, that they might receive new life and the encouragement of your steadfast love.

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

We pray for this assembly:

Name your prayers for Adoration and the faith of our partners and community.

Guide us through this time of Lent, that all we do would spring from your mercy, revealing the treasure of your presence.

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

With thanksgiving we remember all those who have died in your mercy.

Name those saints who have recently died and those important to our faith and lives.

Strengthen us to face our mortality with humility, and to trust in your promise of resurrection.

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

O loving God, you know the needs of all the world.

By your Spirit, grant that we—having turned to you in prayer—now might turn to one another in peace. Help us tend and keep what you have made, and love our neighbor with the love of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Preparation Prayer

Let us pray. **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

Words of Institution

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.



Children are welcome to come forward, either to receive a blessing or to receive Holy Communion.

All are welcome at Christ's table, and at Adoration!

Jesus himself welcomes all to the Lord's Supper.

Here at Adoration, we practice "Open Communion," which means we welcome anyone to receive bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, the grace-filled gift of God. Jesus loves everyone and welcomes everyone to his table of grace and peace.

We come forward to receive the elements today. Bring your offering and place it in the basket near the baptismal font. Please receive the elements and take them back to your pew before eating and drinking.

Refuse may be placed in the baskets as you depart worship.

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

Please wait to come forward for Holy Communion until we have completed singing the "Lamb of God."



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion

Communion Music (*Background Music Only*)

ELW #500 Now We Remain

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: May our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Sending

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

Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Kathy Wakefield

Ushers: Bill & Kathy
Wakefield

Altar Guild: Deanna Posig

Flowers: Sharon Anderson

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Join us for Midweek Lenten worship each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. as we hear the story of God through Daniel Erlander's Manna and Mercy!

Benediction

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW #754 Jesus, the Very Thought of You

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Adoration is a Reconciling in Christ congregation, open and affirming to people of "all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions" or "LGBTQIA+." We strive that this can be a safe church space, especially for those who have been harmed by religion.