



***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.*

***Introduction to the Day***

*The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness:*

*"Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live."*

*The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!*

***Today we welcome Pastor***

***Chris Manke, Executive Director of Outreach for Hope, who leads us in worship today. Outreach for Hope supports life-giving ministries that serve with the people of low income communities in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA.***

***Welcome Pastor Chris!***

***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent***

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

**Prelude**

Barb Regent

**Welcome and Announcements**

Ted Lazaris

**Ringling of the Chimes**

**Gathering**

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

*Please remain seated.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for confession and self-examination.*

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you:**

**we have not trusted your promises,**

**we have ignored your prophets in our own day,**

**we have squandered our inheritance of grace,**

**we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again**

**of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love.

In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen**

*You are invited to stand.*

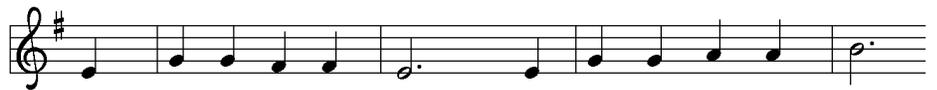
## Gathering Hymn

**ELW #334 *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery***  
(Verses 1, 2, 3, and Lent 3)

## 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!

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

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

### First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

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.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

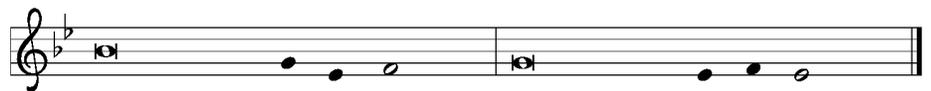
*To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life.*

*God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.*

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
 and delight yourselves in rich food.  
 ¶ 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.  
 ¶ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
 a leader and commander for the peoples.  
 ¶ 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.  
 ¶ Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
 call upon him while he is near;  
 ¶ 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.  
 ¶ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
 nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
 ¶ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
 so are my ways higher than your ways  
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

**Psalm 63:1-8 (sung)**



Psalm tone reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.  
 May be reproduced by permission for local use only.

¶ O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;  
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry  
 and weary land where there | is no water.  
<sup>2</sup>Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,  
 that I might behold your power | and your glory.  
<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;  
 my lips shall | give you praise.  
<sup>4</sup>So will I bless you as long | as I live  
 and lift up my hands | in your name.

*Having heard Isaiah's poem  
 calling us to the divine  
 waters, we respond by  
 singing Psalm 63:1-8.  
 In the metaphors of  
 this poem, we are thirsty, the  
 land is dry.  
 Yet we anticipate the  
 richest of foods that God  
 provides.  
 We are helped by God to  
 search for God.*

*Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.*

<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,  
**<sup>6</sup>when I remember you up- | on my bed,  
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**  
<sup>7</sup>For you have | been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.  
**<sup>8</sup>My whole being | clings to you;  
your right hand | holds me fast.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

<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.

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

*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.

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.*

**Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory 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.’”

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Chris Manke, Outreach for Hope

**Hymnwriter Fred  
Kaan (1929-2009)**

*Was born in the Netherlands  
to a non-churched family.  
As you note the words of this  
hymn, Kaan's life context  
informs this song.  
Kaan lived through the Nazi  
occupation of his country,  
saw three of his  
grandparents die of  
starvation, and witnessed his  
parents deep  
involvement in the resistance  
movement, taking in a  
number of refugees.  
He began attending church  
in his teens and was later  
ordained a pastor, where he  
wrote hymns throughout his  
ministry.*

**Hymn of the Day ELW #603  
God, When Human Bonds are Broken**

**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 prayer:***

*For all in crisis as Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues; For those wrestling with Long Covid, for Covid researchers, for all those preparing now for the rise of future variants; For our Jewish siblings, recently having celebrated Purim.*

*Dick Voegeli; Kathy Imp; Dick Kaquatosh; John Imp; Jan Rinderle; Pat (cousin of Donna Babilus); Lindsay Pelaez (niece of Tim and Katie Schmidt); Betty Wing; Joani Bettin; Joyce Weinert; <sup>SEP</sup>Darlene Witkowiak; Bob Bauer; <sup>SEP</sup>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 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.**

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

*Jesus himself welcomes all  
to the Lord's Supper.*



## ***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.**

*The Lamb of God, or Agnus Dei, comes from references in John 1:29 and the book of Revelation. In scripture, Jesus is often described as a young lamb not out of affection, but for the sacrificial and atoning nature of Christ's death. Christ's "Lamb Power" also stands in opposition to the "Lion" of the Roman Empire, who will crucify him.*

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

*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.*

### **Benediction**

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

**Amen.**

**Today's Lay Leaders**

*Lector: George Becker*

*Ushers: George & Gloria  
Becker*

*Altar Guild: Deanna Posig*

*Flowers: Deanna Posig – In  
loving memory of  
grandmother, Nora Kraft,  
father, James Theken and in  
honor of brother, James  
Theken's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday*

*All copyrighted materials  
listed above are reprinted by  
permission  
under Augsburg Fortress  
Liturgies Annual License  
#SAS017715 & amp;  
printed  
and/or podcast/streamed by  
permission of  
OneLicense.net  
License #A-709652, CCLI  
Christian Copyright  
Licensing  
International # 3162482,  
and CCLI Christian  
Copyright Streaming  
License #CSPL190517.  
Liturgy elements from  
sundaysandseasons.com.  
Hymn history from  
hymnary.org  
Copyright © 2022 Augsburg  
Fortress. All rights reserved.*

***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!***

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 #329 *As the Sun with Longer Journey*****Dismissal**

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

**Postlude*****Adoration Lutheran Church***

*A Congregation of the*

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

3840 West Edgerton Avenue - Greenfield, WI 53221

Phone: 414.281.0414 [www.adorationlc.com](http://www.adorationlc.com)

[adorationlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:adorationlutheran@gmail.com)

The Rev. Matthew Schlake-Kruse, Pastor

Cell: (920) 484-8050 [pastormattadoration@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattadoration@gmail.com)

Barbara Regent, Worship Coordinator

Crystal A. Januchowski, Office Manager

**Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

\*If you have a need that falls outside of these days/hours,  
please send an email or call the main number.\*

**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.**