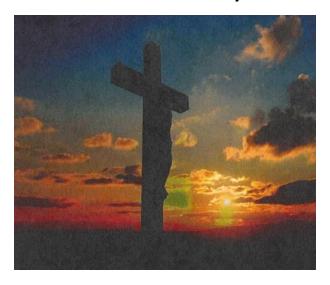


Second Sunday in Lent March 15 and 16, 2025



Our Mission: To know Christ and to make Christ known.

Our Vision: To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.

All are welcome!

We are so glad you are here today to celebrate with us the day of the Lord!

Please respect those who seek time for quiet reflection before worship begins and while listening to the prelude. Our sanctuary is a sacred place for all to prepare for worship in meditation and prayer. We encourage you to socialize and greet others in the Gathering Hall (entrance hall) and in the Parish Hall.

Guests, friends, and family, please fill out a pew card and take the time to introduce yourself to us. We would like to know you! Let us know how the people of St Luke's can serve you and your family. Be sure to sign our guest book before you leave! Flyers about St. Luke's are available in the entry hall.

Holy Eucharist

March 15 and 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

Announcements

WE GATHER

The Bell

Calls us to Worship

Prelude

Aria for Organ Kay Houser, Organist Camil Van Hulse

Processional Hymn H147 vs 1-3

Now let us all with one accord

147 Lent





Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. Praise the Lord, 1972, alt. Music: Bourbon, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

AII

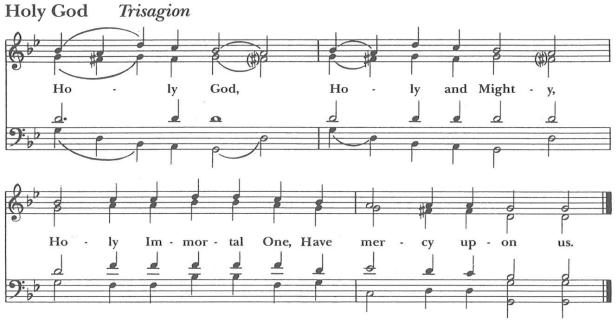
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Trisagion (spoken at 5:30pm & 8am, sung at 10 am)

All Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.
Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.



Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

Lector

Our first lesson is from the Book of Genesis

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." 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?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 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." 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." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He 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." He 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. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On 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."

Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God!

Psalm 27

The Psalm for today is Psalm 27. I invite you to read responsively by half verse.

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear * the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh.*

 it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
 stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, * yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the
 days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord * and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *

 above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
 I will sing and make music to the Lord.

- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
 the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; *

 lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
 for false witnesses have risen up against me, and
 also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord *

in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the Lord.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Lector

Our second lesson is from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 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. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 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. 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.

Lector

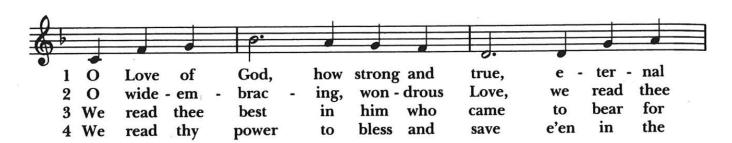
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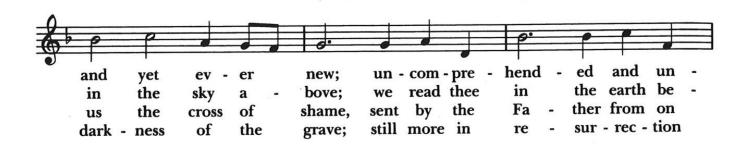
People Thanks be to God!

Gospel Hymn H455 vs 1-2

O love of God

Jesus Christ our Lord







Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Music: Dunedin, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

LM.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 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. 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.' 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! 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.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn H455 v 3

O love of God

Homily

The Rev'd Schubert

Nicene Creed

- We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
- For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven: (Bow)
 by the power of the Holy Spirit he became
 incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made
 man.
- For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again (Rise) in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped(Bow) and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
- We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
 of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead +
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader O God, you are our God; eagerly we seek you, as

in a barren and dry land where there is no water. Guide

us with your mighty hand and outstretched arm.

Jesus Christ, Son of God...

People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

Leader We pray for your church throughout the world.

With Christ as the rock beneath our feet and our citizenship assured in heaven, help us who bear your name to live with integrity, bringing forth

fruit to nourish this hungry world.

Jesus Christ, Son of God...

People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

Leader We pray for this nation and for all the nations of your

world; wherever we are living in righteousness,

strengthen us; wherever we have lost our way, guide us and make us repentant that we may find the way we

should go.

Jesus Christ, Son of God...

People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

Leader We pray for your world that is fractured by greed and

fear, and by privilege and discrimination; through your Christ make us one with yourself, not counting our

trespasses, but grafting us to your gospel of

reconciliation that we, your image bearers, might be

transformed into the righteousness of God.

Jesus Christ, Son of God...

People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love

Leader

We pray for our family, friends and neighbors who are laboring beneath burdens too heavy to bear: for refugees and immigrants, for those without homes or adequate employment, for respectable households concealing domestic violence or addiction; merciful God, join our eyes, our hearts and our hands to yours, that together we may provide them a way out and give them strength to endure.

Jesus Christ, Son of God...

People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

Leader

We pray for all those who have asked us to pray. For whom else shall we pray? (pause) Forge for them a way through the wilderness; be for them a river in the desert.

Jesus Christ, Son of God...

People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

Leader

We pray for those who have died (pause) that all may see your goodness in the land of the living. Jesus Christ, Son of God...

People Guide us in wisdom. Guide us in truth. Guide us in love.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect

Gracious God, our refuge and stronghold, the source of all life and love, guide your people through our Lenten wilderness, have mercy on us and answer when we call. Accept, we pray, the outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from our Lenten alms and gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. All this we ask through Christ our Lord who is generous to everyone who calls upon him. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mission Moment

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Be imitators of God and walk in love as Christ loves us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say James Biery

Presentation Hymn H-380 v.3Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here, below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

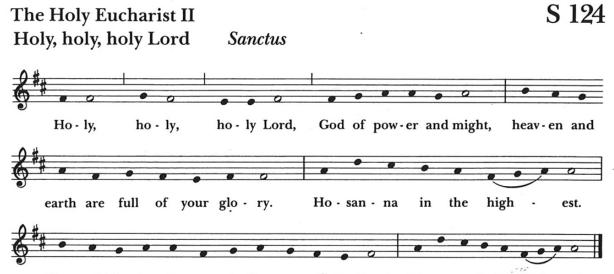
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever (say) (sing) this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san- na in the high - est.

Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

+Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with blessed St. Luke and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

(Fraction Anthem spoken at 5:30pm & 8am, sung at 10 am)

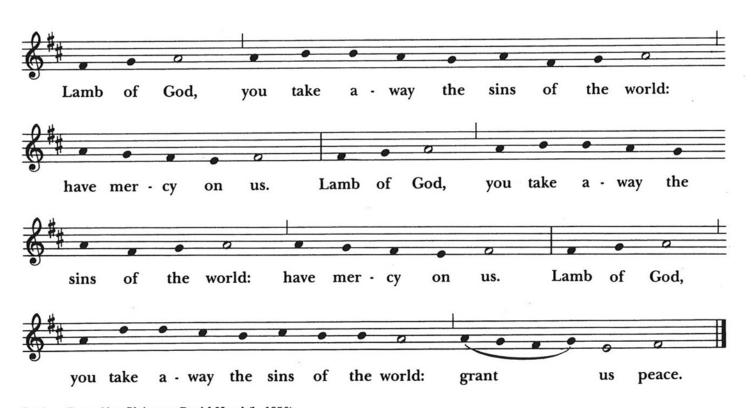
Fraction Anthem S161

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.



Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

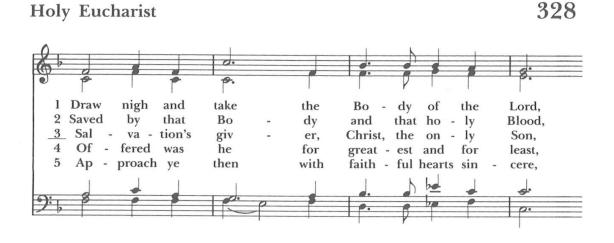
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

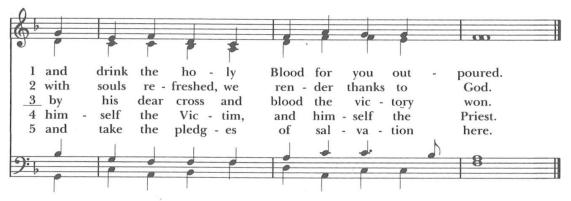
The Communion of the People

The Table is ready and ALL are invited. So, come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet God here. You are welcome to receive just the Body of Christ or to cross your arms in front of you to receive a blessing from the clergy. (Gluten-free option available, just let your server know.)

Communion Hymn H328

Draw nigh and take





- 6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields to all believers life eternal yields;
- 7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow all nations at the doom, is with us now.

Words: Bangor Antiphoner, ca. 690; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Song 46, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

10. 10

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.** The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH TO SERVE

EUCHARIST VISITOR COMMISSIONING

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I send you forth

bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body

and Blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all

share one bread, one cup.

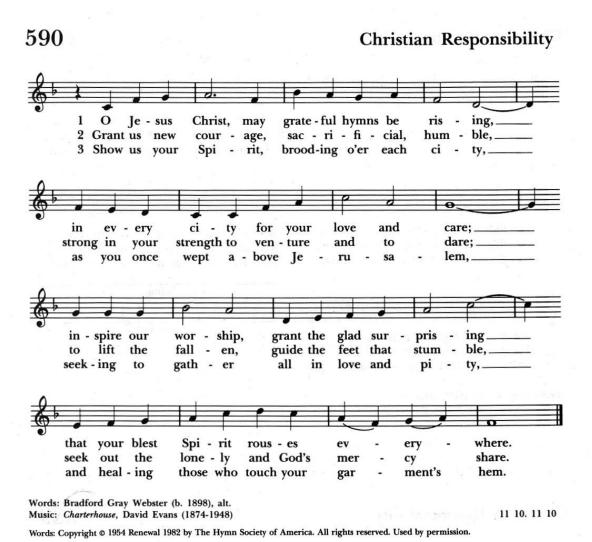
Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing



Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Toccata from Suite Gothique L. Boellmann Kay Houser, Organ