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Third Sunday in Lent



A Lutheran Mass - Setting by Thomas Mosbo
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

ELW page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *As the Deer Runs to the River* ELW # 331

* Greeting *ELW page 138*

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 *Lord, Have Mercy*

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison. **C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Readings

First Reading: *Exodus 17:1-7*

L: A reading from Exodus.

17 All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. [2] Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" [3] But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" [4] So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." [5] And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. [6] Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. [7] And he called the name of the place Massah (Testing) and Meribah, (Quarreling) because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?" *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm: *95*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 95.

[1] Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

[2] **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

[3] For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

[4] **In his hand are the depths of the earth;**
the heights of the mountains are his also.

[5] The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

[6] **Oh come, let us worship and bow down;**
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

[7] For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
Today, if you hear his voice,

[8] **do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,**
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

[9] when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

[10] **For forty years I loathed that generation**
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways."

[11] Therefore I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter my rest." *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Romans 5:1-11*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. [2] Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. [3] Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, [4] and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, [5] and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

[6] For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7] For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— [8] but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [9] Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. [10] For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. [11] More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

C: Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.

* Gospel: *John 4:5-42*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

5 [Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that
Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus,
wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was
about the sixth hour.
7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give
me a drink." 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy
food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jude-
an, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Judeans have
no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the
gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you
would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11
The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and
the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater
than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself,
as did his sons and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who
drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the wa-
ter that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will
give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be
thirsty or have to come here to draw water."
16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The
woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are
right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands,
and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is
true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.
20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusa-
lem is the place where people ought to worship."

[21] Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. [22] You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Judeans. [23] But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. [24] God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” [25] The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” [26] Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

[27] Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” [28] So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, [29] “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” [30] They went out of the town and were coming to him.

[31] Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” [32] But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” [33] So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” [34] Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. [35] Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. [36] Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. [37] For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ [38] I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

[39] Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” [40] So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. [41] And many more believed because of his word. [42] They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.” *[ESV, modified]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon Pastor Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*** **ELW # 658**

*** Nicene Creed** *ELW page 104*

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Installation of the Church Council

P: The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

The offices and names of those who are to be installed are read.
They come forward and face the presiding minister.

P: A reading from First Corinthians: “There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

You have been *elected* to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Council Members: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Those being installed face the assembly.

P: People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Those being installed face the presiding minister.

P: I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

C: Amen.

Choir Anthem ***Such Is the Love of God***

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession *ELW page 143*

L: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs :

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader andChristine S. . Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the family and friends of Rachel Collins and Deanna Jordan.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *ELW page 145*

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

Blessing *ELW page 146*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* **ELW # 777**

* Dismissal *ELW page 146*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

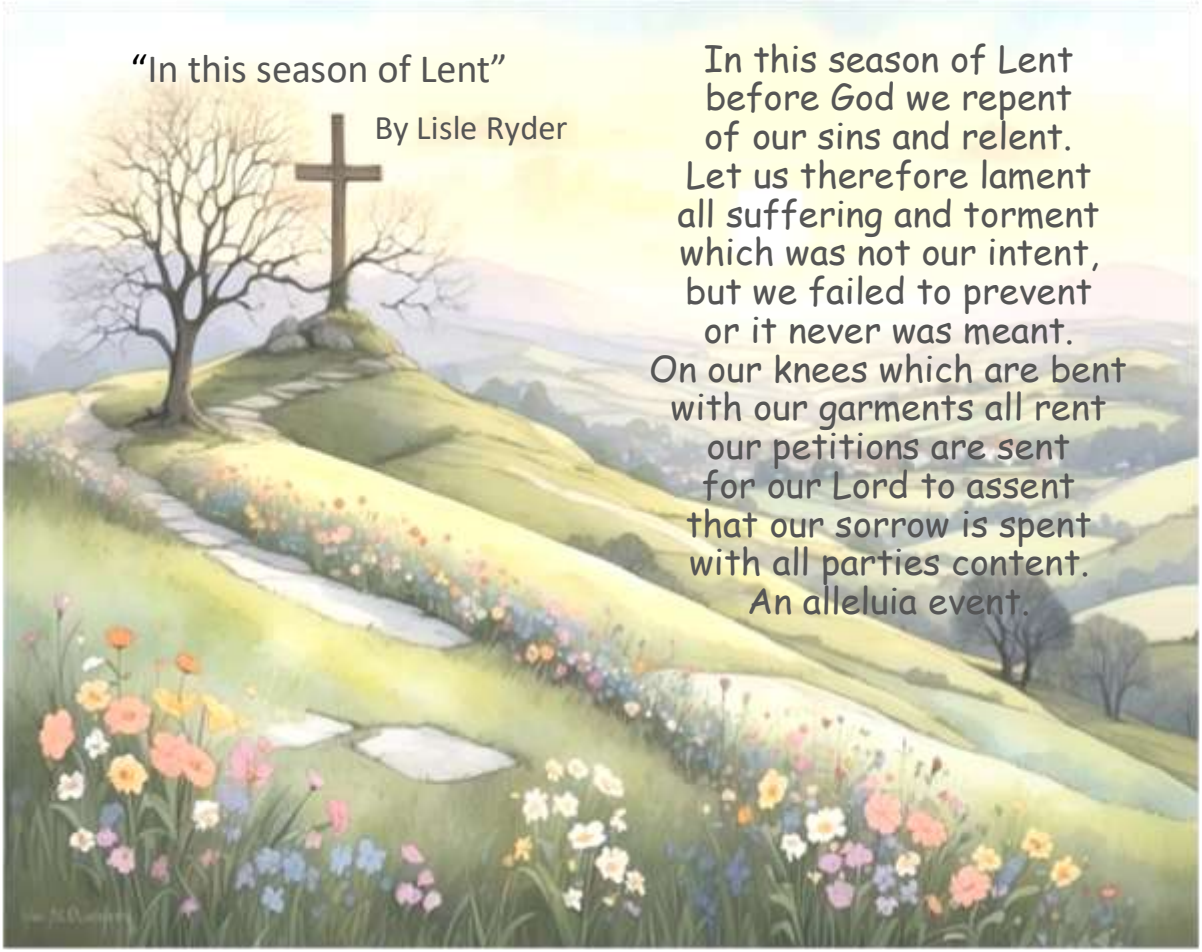
Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday

from 8am-11:30am in



Each year, Good Shepherd's chancel is decorated with Easter Lilies for the Easter Season. You may order the lilies in the memory of or in honor of a loved or in the celebration of the Easter Season!

Orders must be placed by March 15th.

Lilies will be $16.00 this year.

Orders can be place by using the flower envelopes provided.

Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office.

Join us each Wednesday

At Evangelical Free Church of Lena during Lent at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate with music!

March 11th	Gone Fishin'
March 18th	Steve Scheffey
March 25th	Ray Nicholas
April 1st	Will Mueller

Service will be 45-60 minutes long.

Attendance February 22nd

In-person 25, Online - 61

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2026

- 29 March, 9:30 am - *Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion* - Sunday worship with procession of palms and a reading of the Passion according to Matthew
- 2 April, 7:00 pm - *Maundy Thursday* - Communion service
- 3 April, 7:00 pm - *Good Friday* - Tenebrae service
- 5 April, 7:00 am - *Easter Morning* - Sunrise service
- 5 April, 9:30 am - *Easter Day* - Festive celebration with Holy Communion



Easter Breakfast

The Good Shepherd will be serving Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

Menu includes: Egg Casserole, Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee, Juice and Milk.

Sign up sheet for food donations by entrance to Fellowship Hall.

A freewill donation would be welcome to cover expenses for ham, cheese and other needed supplies would be appreciated. Anything donated above expenses would be donated to the church.

Easter Breakfast Reservation Form

Please fill out this reservation form and drop if off at the church office.

Name:_____

Phone:_____

Number of people attending_____