



Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent
10:30 AM Worship Service



Fourth SUNDAY IN LENT

Mission Statement

SOW. The Gospel of Jesus the Christ to all generations

GROW. His followers into spiritually mature disciples

GO. Back into the world to serve others in His name

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to join with us today as we gather in worship to give thanks to our gracious and loving God. If you have particular needs and/or questions please speak with an usher. Again, thanks for spending a little time with us.

Nursery Care is available for younger children downstairs in the room across from the Coffee Corner.

THIS WEEK AT JERUSALEM

Sunday, March 15	9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation Class Single worship service with live stream and Mustard Seed Presentation and First Communion event
Monday, March 16	10:00 AM	Book Club Meeting (OP)
Tuesday, March 17	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Teen Time (YC) Council Meeting (SH)
Wednesday, March 18	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Lenten Soup Suppers & Devotions AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, March 19	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Care Team Meeting (YC) Steepleringers Rehearsal Asaph Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 21	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, March 22	9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation Class Single worship service with live stream

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PRELUDE “*Brother James’ Air*” Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** “*Whom Shall I Fear*”

1. You hear me when I call.
You are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night,
it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear?
You crush the enemy
underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield,
though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?

CHORUS:

I know Who goes before me,
I know Who stands behind;
The God of Angel Armies
is always by my side!
The One who reigns forever,
He is a friend of mine.
The God of Angel Armies
is always by my side!

2. My strength is in Your name,
for You alone can save.
You will deliver me.
Yours is the victory.
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

CHORUS.

And nothing formed
against me shall stand!
You hold the whole world
in Your hands.
I’m holding on to Your promises;
You are faithful, You are faithful.

Nothing formed
against me shall stand!
You hold the whole world
in Your hands.
I’m holding on to Your promises;
You are faithful, You are faithful,
You are faithful.

CHORUS, twice.

The God of Angel Armies
is always by my side!

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“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” (#611)

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
and He had made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

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3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 “I am this dark world’s light;
 look unto Me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright.

I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in Him my Star, my Sun;
 and in that Light of life I’ll walk
 till trav’ling days are done.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
 and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
 Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
 Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,
 and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
 and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,
 and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
 Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
 and for disregarding Christ’s call to come forth to life:
 Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God’s steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
 Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
 In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
 The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God’s love
 into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

***GREETING**

P: 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 (SUNG)**

Lord, have mer - cy. A - - - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “*Blessed Be Your Name*” Tree63 **Mustard Seed Puppeteers**

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR: Jesus says, I am the light of the world;
 whoever follows me will have the light of life.

ALL: Repeat acclamation above.

GOSPEL John 9:1-41

The holy gospel according to John, the ninth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹ He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹² They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰ His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

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²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”* (#779:1, 2, 3, 4)

1. Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart
to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils,
and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be
as long as life endures.

***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 THE CHURCH**

Each portion of the prayer ends: A: Lord, in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all! **And also with you.**

OFFERING MUSIC

Asaph Choir

"Still Waters (Psalm 23)" Crawford, Gamble and Richards

If desired to make an online offering donation or to set-up automatic recurring payments, please scan the attached QR code on the back of the bulletin.

***OFFERING PRAYER (UNISON)**

Let us pray...

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation.

You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.

Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING (SPOKEN)**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

LAMB OF GOD - *English*

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do:
 O Lamb of . . . God, you . . . take a-way the sin of the world; . . .

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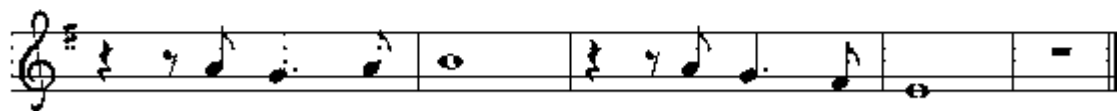


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da - nos tu paz,
grant us your peace,

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grant us your peace.

DISTRIBUTION - CONTINUOUS LINE DOWN THE AISLE

Please come forward down the center aisle, receive a cup from the usher, receive communion bread from the Pastor, and then receive wine from the Communion Assistant. Gluten-free wafers are available in the container on the small table. You may take the wafer for yourself. Grape juice is available from the ushers for those who do not take wine.

COMMUNION HYMNS #780, #768

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:
a light to lead the nations unto your holy hill,
the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, **✠** bless you now and always. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN “Christ, the Life of All the Living” (#339)**

1. Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, Yourself for me once giving
to the darkest depths of woe:
through Your suff'ring, death,
and merit life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto You.

2. You have suffered great affliction
and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me;

for You chose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto You.

3. Then, for all that bought my pardon,
for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden,
I will thank You evermore;
thank You for the groaning, sighing,
for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry,
praise You evermore on high.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Grand Choœur” Franck / arr. Lorenz

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Bill & Janet Luyben

Acolyte: Ryan Englehart

Cantor: Dylan Dice

Worship Assistant: Robin Schlichter

Nursery Assistant: Sarah Englehart

Counters: Linda Kehs & Ardie Musselman
Altar Guild: Rose Koehler & Louise Hunsicker
Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

*Altar flowers are presented by Janet & Bill Luyben,
 in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary.*

*Chancel flowers are presented by Janet Luyben,
 in honor of this year's First Communion participants.*

PARTICIPANTS IN FIRST COMMUNION:

Ryan Bullard & Isaac Freer

We welcome this year's children to the Lord's table as they make their First Holy Communion. May God continue to bless them and their families.

*Mustard Seed Puppeteers Participants:
 Reagan & Ryan Bullard, Adelina & Isaac Freer*

PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Tanner Antlilosky, Martin Conte, Dice Family, Debbie Feitchthaler,
 Margaret Fisher, Anne Fisher, Gene & Pat Miesse, Bev O'Brien, Daniela Rivera,
 Don Peters, Linda Petruccelli, Joseph Russella, Mary Ann Schofield, Joseph Schmitt,
 Jennifer Sone, Savoeun Touch, Gail Wetzel, & Bobbie Willis.

ONGOING PRAYERS

Susie Barker, Jeanne Bullard, Babs deFrenes, Audrey Englehart, Betty Erwin,
 Effa Hunt, Donnie Grosick, Nellie Ann Kodoziejewski, Leslie Leben,
 John Markley, Sharon Morgan, George Miller, Janet Neumann, Noel Pumphrey,
 Robert Schirk, Shawn Schlichter, Carol Sprainer, & Marie Wolfe.

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