Psalm 63: 1-8

¹You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, ²will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." ³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; 4he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. ⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, ⁶or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. ⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. ⁸You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. ⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, ¹⁰no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. ¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to quard you in all your ways. ¹²On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. ¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. ¹⁴Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. ¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

> Sunday, March 24, 2019 Third Sunday of Lent Holy Communion



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March 24, 2019 • 7:45, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. 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!

Prelude Pavane Fauré

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection. The assembly may stand or kneel.

God at the margins, We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again.

Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows.

Amen.

Like a hen who gathers her chicks,
God embraces you in tender care.
Like manna in the desert,
God feeds you with surprising mercy.
Like a loving parent,
God runs to meet you again this day,
forgiving your sins for the sake of + Christ,
leading you from death into life.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

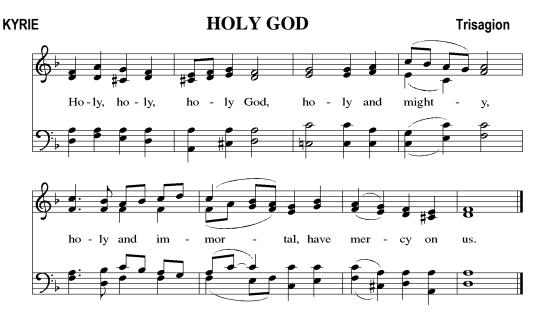
Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

ELW 333

GRFFTING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

(Please turn to page 760 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible).

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 the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

(Please turn to page 180 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

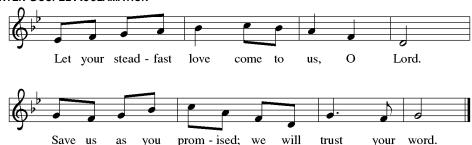
Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

(Please turn to page 77 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

The holy gospel according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

THE SERMON Pastor Steven Wigdahl

HYMN OF THE DAY Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (verses 1, 2) ELW 335

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 into hell.
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.

Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation. *Hear us, O God,* **Your mercy is great.**

Congregational refrain: "Bless the Lord, My Soul"



We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch.

(Names from our congregation...)

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational refrain: ""Bless the Lord, My Soul""

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.

OFFERING

(7:45, 11:00) (9:30) Emmanuel Choir When in Thy Mercies Hear Me Now, O Lord Lorraine Wistrom, clarinetist G. F. Handel Jay Althouse

Hear me now, O Lord. I come with reverence to You. Hear me now, O Lord, I come with questions for You. When my days are like the shadows of evening, filled with darkness and despair, then I know that in Your love and compassion, You will counsel me; You will care. Hear me now, O Lord, I come with reverence to You. Hear me now, O Lord, I ask for guidance from You. When my heart is like a tree without water, anguished and in need of prayer, then I hunger and I thirst for Your wisdom. You will nourish me, You will care. Hear me now, O Lord, I come with reverence to You. Hear me now, O Lord, I come, I come to You.

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God.

you feed us with the harvest of the land,

and you provide for our every need.

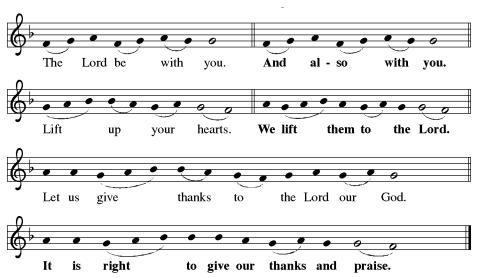
Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all.

in Jesus Christ, our host and our quest.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

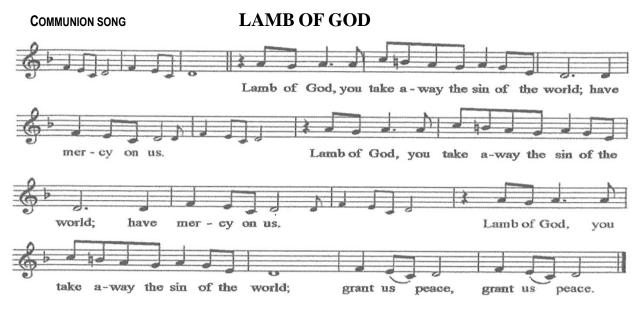
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has prepared the feast.

Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond Amen.



Setting by D&S Denisen

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (verses 3,4) Lamb of God You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ELW 335 ELW 336

ELW 484

The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy.
Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, + bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW 618

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Jesus, Still Lead On arr. Young

7:45 Service

Greeters: George & Jean Dumouchel

Assisting Minister: *Jim Klinke* Lector: *Marilyn Thomack* Acolyte: *Barry Borman*

Ushers: Gary & Marcia Piipponen, Rosy Myers, Marilyn Thomack

Altar Guild: Joyce O'Neill

AV: Alex Lyberg, Zack Faust, Colleen Ziegelmaier, Jayden Wampler (helper)

Hospitality: Pat Goodyear and Pat Marlett



Greeters: Dan & Amy Lyberg
Assisting Minister: Frine Donadelli
Lector: Dwight & Ann Ericcson

Acolyte: Ana Cabrera

Ushers: David & Janet Pedersen, John & Marit Granskog

Altar Guild: Bruce & Cheryl Carlson

AV: Alex Lyberg, Zack Faust, Colleen Ziegelmaier, Patricia Day (camera), Jayden Wampler (helper)

Hospitality: Pat Goodyear and Pat Marlett

11:00 Service

Greeters: Carol Hartman Assisting Minister: Rick Boe

Lector: Kathy Worley Acolyte: Maridee Boe

Ushers: Dick & Vera Hynes, Tom & Norine Petruzelli

Altar Guild: Diedre Milligan

AV: Alex Lyberg, Zack Faust, Colleen Ziegelmaier, Jayden Wampler (helper)

Hospitality: Pat Goodyear and Pat Marlett





ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

The Emmanuel Choir will be singing for the 9:30 service today. The anthem, *Hear Me Now O Lord*, is written by Jay Althouse. The text is based upon Psalm 65: "O God, who hears our prayer, to you belong all reverence and praise."

Many thanks to Lorraine Wistrom, an Emmanuel Choir member and very accomplished clarinetist, for her beautiful obbligato on today's anthem.