



“But I say to you that listen,

Love
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do good

to those who hate you,

bless

those who curse you,

pray

for those who abuse you.”

Luke 6:27-28, NRSV

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*Our Mission: Created, saved and strengthened through God's grace,
we give, share, love and care for all people.*



Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Please stand as able

Confession and forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

Hymn

All Creatures, Worship God Most High

ELW 835

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.

Prayer of the Day

Response: Amen.

Word

Please be seated

First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11,15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have

borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able at the introduction

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

Please be seated through the Offering

Homily

Response to the Word

Hymn of the Day

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

ELW 605

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

*With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, ..God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*... We entrust our prayers to you, O God, .. that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.***

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.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Greet those near you.

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Offering

Please stand as able through the Holy, Holy

Offering Response

We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord from thee.

Offering Prayer

Response: Amen

Great Thanksgiving

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 *join their unending hymn... (4 measure intro)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

Please be seated

Thanksgiving at the Table

Invitation to Communion

The joy of the Lord is our strength. **Come, eat this meal of gladness.**

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

(All take the wafer located in the bottom of the chalice)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

(All drink from the top of the chalice)

Prayer After Communion

Blessing

Response: Amen

Sending

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Worship Assistants

Homilist

Lei Fahrner

Lector

Neil Carlson

Ushers

Cindy & Howard Leasure

Greeter

Bill Toy

Main Camera/Production

Carl & Anne Fahrner

Pianist/Organist

Pat Hoffman



*Today's altar flowers are given
by Pat Hoffman to the glory of
God and in honor of family
birthdays of Kelsey and Julian.*



Next Sunday
March 2nd
Rite for the Burning of the Palms

We will burn last year's Palm branches in the parking lot in preparation for Ash Wednesday. This will happen right after the service but before Sunday school.



Sunday, March 16th
St. Patrick's Day Brunch
Immediately after service

Enjoy some great food and fellowship right after the service. Please sign up on the back of your attendance card if you plan to attend.

February Concern of the Month



Monetary Donations for the California Wildfires

As we all know, wildfires in California are devastating communities, leaving families in urgent need of help. Homes, schools, businesses and churches have been destroyed, with entire neighborhoods reduced to ashes.

Monetary donations to Lutheran World Relief help provide hot meals, essential household supplies and support for transportation costs, so residents can travel out of harm's way.

Best of all, 100% of donations aid the residents in need!!



Good Shepherd
Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, March 5th
Noon
Imposition of Ashes and Communion



There are still sign up spaces available for altar flowers. When you sign up for flowers, please fill out one of the blue papers so I know what dedication you would like printed in the bulletin. Thank you in advance for your help! -Lei

Also...

Pastor Eli would like to express his "heart's joy of thanks for the flowers this past Sunday."



Looking Ahead...

Lenten Bible Study Series

Join Pastor Eli on **Tuesdays March 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th, and 15th at 6:30 pm** in the chapel for the Lent Series by Max Lucado: *In The Footsteps of the Savior*. **Books are \$9 each and are in the office. Please pay Pat Hoffman.**



Have you ever wondered what the Holy Land might have looked like through Jesus's eyes? Max Lucado takes you on an unforgettable journey following Jesus through his life on earth, giving you a chance to see the Holy Land and God's heart for humanity in a brand-new light.

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Worship Assistants



Date	Usher	Lector	Greeter	Flower Wrapper	Pew Racks	Opening
2/23	Cindy & Howard Leasure	Neil Carlson	Bill Toy	Judy Flading	Sandi Self	Davenport
3/2	Donna Jakmides/Bill Toy	Jen Lowry	Pat Hoffman	Jill & Bill Toy	Gloria Kohl	Miller
3/5 AW	Linda Burgess/Judy Baum	Gale Nagel	Gary Miller	Jill & Bill Toy	Gloria Kohl	Hoffman
3/9	Karen & Chuck Pressler	Rod Swartz	Linda Lautenschlager	Jill & Bill Toy	Gloria Kohl	Burgess
3/16	Lorelei & Rod Lopick	Linda Burgess	Gay Rankin	Kathy Schmidt	Gloria Kohl	Robinson
3/23	Kathy & Dave Schmidt	Gale Nagel	Linda Miller	Kathy Schmidt	Gloria Kohl	Davenport
3/30	Jan & Neil Carlson	Judy Flading	Pat Long	Linda Lautenschlager	Gloria Kohl	Hoffman
4/6	Alan Fahrner/Pat Long	Anne Fahrner	Sandi Self	Linda Lautenschlager	Linda Neal	Miller
4/13	Jill & Bill Toy	Rod Swartz	Annick Schrader	Gay Rankin	Linda Neal	Burgess
4/17 MT	Judy & Wil Baum	TJ Miller	Nancy Miller	Karen Pressler	Linda Neal	Hoffman
4/18 GF	Linda & Gary Miller	Cindy Leasure	Pat Hoffman	Karen Pressler	Linda Neal	Hoffman
4/20	Nancy & TJ Miller	Jen Lowry	Gloria Kohl	Gay Rankin	Linda Neal	Robinson
4/27	Rod Swartz/Judy Flading	Pat Long	Chuck Pressler	Karen Pressler	Linda Neal	Davenport

February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a	3	4	5 AA 7p	6 Yoga 10a	7 Quilting 10a	8
9 Pr. Eli Here Worship 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a	10	11	12 Council 7p AA 7p	13 Yoga 10a	14 Crafts & Conversations 10a 	15
16 Pr. Eli Here Worship 9:15a No Sunday School	17	18	19 AA 7p	20 Yoga 10a	21 Quilting 10a	22
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